

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	6 th	Schools Week in church 2100 Online Compline
Tuesday	7 th	Schools Week in church 1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	8 th	Schools Week in church 1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	9 th	Schools Week in church 1200 Thursday Lunches 1530 CTF Trees Removal 2100 Online Compline
Friday	10 th	0930 CTF Clear Up 1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	11 th	
Sunday	12th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

St Francis Shoebox Appeal 2021

in aid of The Refugee Council (guided by the Red Cross). They need shoeboxes filled with toiletries, long life food & drink and small winter accessories for **30 women, 20 men and some families with young children**. Please bring in your filled shoeboxes by 9:15am Sunday, 19th Dec (latest).

The Flower Team would be most grateful for any donations towards the Christmas flowers.

News

CTF 2021 - FINAL DAY TODAY!

The CTF Team led by Revd Jenny and Churchwardens; Amanda and Rob have worked tirelessly. They

express their grateful thanks to all volunteers this week and for all generous donations. Do help yourselves to our CTF flyers and give them to as many people possible after this service. These flyers also advertise our Advent & Christmas services in church.

TOMBOLA donations - always short of **bottles of wine, chocolates, biscuits,** etc as we need some for the stall today. Bring them in by 12 noon today, please.

CAKE TINS If you have baked us cakes – thank you very much. Please retrieve your cake tins from the stall by today. They have a habit of getting lost if left unclaimed in the Hall for too long.

REMINDER: Social distancing rules still in place! Use hand sanitiser gel upon entry & exit and keep your masks on whilst on the premises!

Welcome

Sunday 5th December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - all welcome.

Youth & Children's YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups within the Govt's COVID-19 guidelines.

Church (YACC) Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1&2, 3 & 4 - Hall

(Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome)

Years 5 –7 Song school; Year 8 upwards in the Cellar

Music Hymns to be sung by the congregation with masks on!

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Choir: Oldroyd - Missa Ave Jesu

Arr. Vaughan Williams - The truth from above

This week we pray for all who live and work in Honeycroft and Parkway Gardens.

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Sunday 28 November 2021
Advent Sunday

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Malachi 3: 1-4

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philippians 1: 3-11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ

for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*'

Next Sunday: Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18