

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	14 th	2100 Online Compline
Tuesday	15 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	16 th	1030 Said Eucharist 1030 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	17 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 2100 Online Compline
Friday	18 th	
Saturday	19 th	
Sunday	20 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

Message from Robin Coxon:

“Thank you to all who signed and wrote kind messages on that great card and generously contributed to the gift of a wonderful £400 cheque. I am hoping that Mary and I can arrange a weekend in a Cathedral City in warmer weather during the summer term. As Organ Emeritus I hope to continue to make the occasional contribution from the organ bench to services here.”

REMINDER:

Keep your masks on whilst on the premises!

Use hand sanitiser gel upon entry & exit

One way entry/exit

News

Join us for Lent 2022 - Living in Love and Faith Course:

We explore how questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ.

All are welcome. All sessions are on Wednesdays: 8 to 9:30pm. Note: The venues alternate between our church and St Mary Magdalene, Hollybush Lane, WGC.

9th March @ St Francis

16th March @ St Mary Magdalene

23rd March @ St Francis

30th March @ St Mary Magdalene

6th April @ St Francis

There will be a **Confirmation Service** on Sunday 8th May @ 9:15am. If anyone is interested in being confirmed, please speak to the Vicar before the end of January.

Amanda and Abigail Williams have successfully completed their Thames Winter Challenge Walk in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust and BEAT UK's Eating Disorder respectively. They have posted an update on our main noticeboard. Please support their efforts by donating to their Justgiving pages directly. Thank you.

Welcome

Sunday 13th February 2022

3rd Sunday before Lent

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - All are welcome.

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

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

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

No older age groups today (start of half-term).

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

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Choir: (Men's /Voices & Altos)

Edwards - The Highgate Service

Orlando Gibbons - O Lord, I lift my heart to thee

Monetary Collection during the Offertory hymn has resumed.

This week we pray for all who live and work in Russellcroft Road.

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Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green, in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Luke 6: 17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you^[a] on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Next Sunday: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25; Revelation 4; Luke 8: 22-25

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