

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	21 st	2100 Online Compline
Tuesday	22 nd	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	23 rd	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1030 Coffee for All 2000 PCC Meeting 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	24 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 2100 Online Compline
Friday	25 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	26 th	
Sunday	27 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1800 Choral Evensong

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who brought in used stamps for the Lesotho Diocesan Association over the last few weeks. They have now been sorted and sent off to be sold to boost the funds of the Mantsonyane Hospital and other urgent work in Lesotho. Please keep the stamps coming in – all used and unused stamps are welcome, special issue and unusual value ones raising more money. If you have an old stamp album that is no longer wanted please speak to Anthony Packer.

REMINDER:

* **Keep your masks on whilst on the premises!** * **One way entry/exit**

News

Please bring your old palm crosses and place in the box at the back of the church, ready for burning to provide the Ashes for Ash Wed.

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

Please write your names on the Sign

up sheet located in the Parish Notice Board in the porch.

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.

* **Use hand sanitiser gel upon entry and exit**

Welcome

Sunday 20th February 2022

2nd 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 current Govt's COVID-19 guidelines.

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

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

Years 5 to 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: Leighton in D

Byrd - If ye love me

Monetary Collection during the Offertory hymn has resumed.

This week we pray for all who live and work in Farm Close and Lanefield Walk.

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Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.'

At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald.

Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads.

Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Luke 8: 22-25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.

They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm.

He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

Next Sunday: Exodus 34: 29-35; 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2; Luke 9: 28-36