

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	28 th	2100 Online Compline
Tuesday	1 st	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist
Ash Wednesday	2 nd	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Thursday	3 rd	1200 Thursday Lunches 2100 Online Compline
Friday	4 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	5 th	
Sunday	6th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

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.

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.
Wed 2nd Feb @10:30am & 8pm Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

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 (Add 'Zoom' after your name if joining in via Zoom).

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.

Welcome

Sunday 27th February 2022

Sunday next before Lent

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST
9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - all welcome.

Youth & Children's 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

Hymns: 392 248 523 299

Music
Congregational setting: Tambling
Choir: Darke - Collegium Regale
Lloyd - View me, Lord

6pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Choir: *Introit* Farrant - Hide not thou thy face *Responses* Byrd
Psalm 89 verses 1-18 *Canticles* Walmisley in D minor
Anthem Bruckner - Christus factus est
Hymns 491 (1st version) 386 *Dismissal* Leighton/Harrison

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

St Francis of Assisi, CoE
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Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 34: 29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as

though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Luke 9: 28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said.

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'

When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

(Monetary Collection during the Offertory hymn has resumed)

Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13