

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2100 Online Compline</b> 1400 Interment of Ashes - Peter Jenkins
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	1000 Baby Group <b>1930 Said Eucharist</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	1000 Toddletime Playgroup <b>1030 Said Eucharist</b> 1030 Coffee for All
<i>@8pm Lent 2022 - Living in Love and Faith Course is held at St Mary Magdalene Church, Hollybush Lane, WGC AL7 4JS</i>		
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Thursday Lunches <b>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</b> <b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>0800 Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Parish Communion</b>

## UKRAINE APPEAL

Extract of a Message from Bishop Alan: ... May I commend to you the appeals led by the **(DEC) Disasters Emergency Committee, Christian Aid and Oxfam**. Links are provided below:

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal>

<https://www.oxfam.org.uk/oxfam-in-action/current-emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal/>

## News

**The Electoral Roll will be revised from 20<sup>th</sup> Mar to 9<sup>th</sup> Apr.**

If you are not on this Roll and wish to be added, please complete an Electoral Roll Application form and insert it in the box provided (see lists and box at back of church).

Queries to Richard Blanch: 01707 322166, [richardblanch@aol.com](mailto:richardblanch@aol.com)

**Lent 2022 - Living in Love and Faith: Not too late-do join us! Add your name(s) to the Sign-up sheet on the main Parish Notice Board.**

Don't miss out on this journey of learning, discipleship and discussions - exploring how questions about identity, sexuality, relationships & marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ. All sessions are on Wed: 8 to 9:30pm.

The venues alternate between St Francis and St Mary Magdalene, Hollybush Lane, WGC AL7 4JS.

**16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March @ St Mary Magdalene Church**

23<sup>rd</sup> March & 6<sup>th</sup> April @ St Francis

**27<sup>th</sup> Mar Mothering Sunday:**  
10am Family Communion & 6pm Choral Evensong

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May @9:15am Confirmation Service**

## Welcome

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## Second Sunday of Lent

### Services Today

**8am SAID EUCHARIST**  
**9:15am PARISH COMMUNION**

*Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - All are 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 to 7 - Song School**  
**Year 8 upwards in the Cellar**

**Hymns: 368 480 502 (omit \*verses) 598 (1<sup>st</sup> tune)**

**Music** Choir: Cook in E minor  
Purcell Thou knowest Lord

***We congratulate Maia Day, Helena Dunstan, David Fennell, Eloise Jasko and Matthew Porter who have completed the next stage of their chorister training and will be wearing a dark blue ribbon for the first time today.***

This week we pray for all who live and work in Little Youngs and Youngs Rise.

**Special Retiring Collection for UKRAINE continues  
please donate - thank you.**

St Francis of Assisi, CoE  
Church Road, WGC, AL8 6QJ  
Church open (M-F): 0930 - 1200

Charity No: 1129849

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### OPENING HOURS (0930 - 1200):

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**Sunday 13 March 2022**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Collect**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.'

But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'

And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.'

But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'

He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'

And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.'

But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?'

He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

**Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.

For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears.

Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Luke 13: 31-35**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.'

He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, *Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.*

*Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.*

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**Next Sunday: Isaiah 55: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9**