

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	21 st	2100 Online Compline
Tuesday	22nd	1000 Baby Group 1400 Funeral Service - Kathleen Houghton 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	23rd	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Lent 2022 - Living in Love and Faith
Thursday	24 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting 2100 Online Compline
Friday	25 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	26 th	
Mothering Sunday	27th	1000 Family Communion 1130 Interment of Ashes - Peter Pearson 1800 Choral Evensong

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

Funeral Services in church:

22nd Mar @ 2pm: Kathleen Houghton
7th Apr @ 11am: Jackie Glendinning

The Electoral Roll is being revised until 9th Apr. If you 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). **All worshippers are encouraged to be on the Roll.**

Queries to Richard Blanch: 01707 322166, richardblanch@aol.com

Lent 2022 - Living in Love and Faith: Do join us on this exciting journey of learning, discipleship and honest (but confidential) discussions as we explore how questions about identity, sexuality, relationships &

marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Wednesdays: 8 to 9:30pm at alternating venues:

23rd March & 6th April @ St Francis
30th March @ St Mary Mags Church, Hollybush Lane, WGC AL7 4JS

26th Mar @ 7:30pm WGC Orchestra & Chorus Concert in church. For more details, refer to poster in the porch.

27th Mar Mothering Sunday @ 10am Remember (BST) clocks go forward after Saturday midnight!

Welcome

Sunday 20th March 2022

Third 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: 467 383 498 469

Music

Choir: Willan Missa de Sancte Maria
Psalm 63 verses 1 - 9 (sung by the men of the choir during Communion)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Stonehills and Stonebank.

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

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Sunday 20 March 2022
Third Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

Isaiah 55: 1-9

The Lord says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.

Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.'

We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.

And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13: 1-9

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?

No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?

No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

So he said to the gardener, *See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?*

He replied, *Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'*

Next Readings(27th March): Colossians 3: 12-17; John 19: 25-27
(Mothering Sunday @ 10am and Choral Evensong @ 6pm)