

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1930 Said Eucharist</b>
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1030 Said Eucharist</b> 1100 Coffee for All <b>2000 Lent 2022 - Living in Love and Faith</b>
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	1100 Funeral Service - Jackie Glendinning 1200 Thursday Lunches <b>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</b> <b>2100 Online Compline</b>
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>0800 Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Parish Communion</b> 1045 Interment of Ashes - Ernest Noel Smith

**The revision period for the Electoral Roll ends on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Apr** so, if you are not already on the Roll, this is your last chance to complete an Application. Any queries to Richard Blanch, 01707 322166, [richardblanch@aol.com](mailto:richardblanch@aol.com).

**PCC Vacancies** - There will be a number of vacancies on the PCC from April. Please do think about whether you could contribute to the life of this church by joining. If you would like more information, or to express an interest, please talk to Rev'd Jenny or the wardens.

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

## News

### Summer Fete 2022 is back!

We'd like to hold our Summer Fete on **18<sup>th</sup> June** but we can only do so with a **team of volunteers to organise and run it**. Please sign up on the list in the porch to indicate willingness. Any queries, please speak to Rev'd Jenny.

### HOLY WEEK to EASTER 2022:

**Monday @ 9pm Online Compline**

**Tuesday @7:30pm Said Eucharist**

**Wednesday @10:30am Said Eucharist**

**Maundy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Apr:**

**@3:15pm Easter Garden Storytime and Workshop**

Easter Garden materials, story time and light refreshments provided.

For more details: contact Nikki/ Rachel: [children@stfranciswgc.org.uk](mailto:children@stfranciswgc.org.uk)

**@8pm Sung Eucharist with the washing of feet** followed by **'THE WATCH' until midnight** - We need at least 2 volunteers for each slot. This Sign up list is on the porch.

**Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Apr:**

**@8am Liturgy of the Watch**

*@11am Churches Together joint service in the Town Centre*

**@12 noon Choral Service with Readings**

**Easter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Apr:**

**@10am Family Communion** starting with bonfire outside and ending with Easter Egg Hunt.

**Easter Monday Pilgrimage:**

Meet in the Hall by 9:30am for the Pilgrimage Walk to St Albans Cathedral, in time for the 3pm Service. If interested please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

## Welcome

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

### Fifth 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)* No YACC today but there are resources available in the children's chapel if pre-school children need a break-out area.

**Hymns: 499 (omit \*verses) 385 125 731**

**Music** Tambling congregational setting (*Sanctus & Benedictus only*)  
*Choir on holiday*

This week we pray for all who live and work in Homerfield and Guessens Walk.

2022 Lent Appeal: Special Collection for UKRAINE is on-going through Lent, please donate - thank you.

**The Flower Team would be most grateful for any donations towards the Easter flowers, thank you.**

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Church open (M-F): 0930 - 1200

Charity No: 1129849

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#### OPENING HOURS (0930 - 1200):

[YACC: Mon to Tue] Parish Office: Wed to Fri  
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**Sunday 3 April 2022**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passiontide begins)**

**Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 43: 16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**Philippians 3: 4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**John 12: 1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

**Next Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Luke 23:1-49 (Passion reading)**