

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	7 th	2100 Online Compline
Tuesday	8 th	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	9 th	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1030 Coffee for All 2000 Lent 2022 - Living in Love and Faith
Thursday	10 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting 2100 Online Compline
Friday	11 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	12 th	
Sunday	13 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

UKRAINE APPEAL

Extract of a Message from Bishop Alan: ... Many are rightly seeking ways to support those fleeing the conflict and supply aid to those who cannot leave. 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 20th Mar to 9th Apr.

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

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

Lent 2022 - Living in Love and Faith (LLF) Course:

Write your name on the Sign-up sheet on the main 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

Confirmation Service - Sunday, 8th May @9:15am

Welcome

Sunday 6th March 2022

First 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: 496 767 95 538

Music

(Upper Voices)
Choir: Sumsion in F
Mendelssohn Lift thine eyes

Monetary Collection during the Offertory hymn has resumed.
This week we pray for all who live and work in Hobbs Way and Scotts View.

Special Retiring Collection for UKRAINE

please donate - thank you.

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Sunday 6 March 2022
First Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, *Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.*

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: *A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.*

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.

You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.

Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Romans 10: 8b-13

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.'

Jesus answered him, 'It is written, *One does not live by bread alone.*'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.

If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'

Jesus answered him, 'It is written, *Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.*'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, *He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you, and On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.*'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, *Do not put the Lord your God to the test.*' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Next Sunday: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3: 17-4: 1;
Luke 13: 31-35**