

Services & Diary Dates

Monday of Holy Week	11 th	2100 Online Compline
Tuesday of Holy Week	12 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday of Holy Week	13 th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All
Maundy Thursday	14 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 1515 Easter Garden Storytime & Workshop 2000 Sung Eucharist with the Washing of Feet followed by The Watch in church until midnight
Good Friday	15 th	0800 Liturgy of The Watch 1000 Choir Practice 1200 Choral Service with Readings
Holy Saturday 16 th		
Easter Sunday	17 th	1000 Family Communion starting outside with the Easter Fire & ending with Egg Hunt

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HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2022:

Monday @ 9pm Online Compline

Tuesday @7:30pm Said Eucharist

Wednesday @10:30am Said Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 14th Apr:

@3:15pm Easter Garden Storytime and Workshop (materials & refreshments included) For more details, contact: 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 15th Apr:

@8am Liturgy of the Watch

@11am Churches Together joint service in the Town Centre

@12 noon Choral Service with Readings

Easter Sunday 17th 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

Fri 22nd Apr@2pm After a private interment of ashes service, the **family of Judith Chope are hosting a thanksgiving celebratory tea in the Hall.** They welcome all her friends to join them as Judith's funeral took place under lockdown restrictions in 2021.

Next rota for Sunday morning Parish Coffee teams available from Mary Coxon.

Welcome

Sunday 10th April 2022

Palm Sunday

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)

No older groups this Sunday.

Hymns: 128 (omit *verses) 109 112 127

Music *Volunteer Choir:*

Oldroyd - Missa Ave Jesu

Tallis - If ye love me

10:45am INTERMENT OF ASHES - Ernest Noel SMITH

This week we pray for all who live and work in Lytton Gardens and The Cloisters.

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

Next week, Easter Sunday: 10am Family Communion service only.

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

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The **Electoral Roll** is now closed and will re-open after the **APCM on Sunday, 24th Apr.**

PCC Vacancies - There are 6 vacancies to be filled 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 8th May @9:15am Parish Communion with Confirmations

Sunday 10 April 2022
Palm Sunday

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 50: 4-9a

The servant of the Lord said:

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 23:1-49 (Passion reading)

The Passion Reading starts:

The assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so. Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

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It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Note: Congregation sits and listens to Passion reading, due to the length it is not printed here.

Readings for Easter Sunday 10AM service:

Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18

The Funeral Service for Mary Gregory will be held on Monday 25th April at 12.30pm at St Mary's Church, Welwyn