

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	2 nd	Bank Holiday 2100 Online Compline
Phillip & James, Apostles		
Tuesday	3 rd	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	4 th	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	5 th	Hall in use as POLLING STATION 2100 Online Compline
Friday	6 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	7 th	
Sunday	8 th	0915 Parish Communion with Confirmation

Sat 15th May 1 to 5pm St Francis Garden Clear-up

Please come and join us. We need more help! Refreshments will be provided. The Sign up sheet is on the porch.

Sun 5th June:

10am Pentecost Sunday - Family Communion Service for all

11:30am Platinum Jubilee Bring & Share Lunch (more details soon)

Sat 18th June: Summer Fete (TBC)

News

Thur 5th May The Hall is in use as a Polling Station from 7am to 10pm. No Thursday lunches or any other events in the Hall.

Sat 7th May @7:30pm Hertfordshire Concert Band presents a concert 'At the Movies' of film movie classics, raising funds for Ukraine. Please come, enjoy music from popular movies and support this worthwhile cause.

Next Sunday 8th May:

The 8am Said Eucharist is not held in order to enable everyone to come and support all our Confirmation candidates during the 9:15am service (with the Bishop of St Albans, the Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith).

Celebratory refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

@9:15am Parish Communion with Confirmation All are welcome.

We have won a Bronze Eco Church Award from A Rocha (which celebrate the ways in which church communities engage in caring for the earth as a key part of our Christian faith). More details on the porch noticeboard.

Welcome

Sunday 1st May 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Congregational setting: Archer

Hymns: 468 150 162 563

Music

Upper Voices

Choir: Edwards - The Highgate Service

Hurford – Litany to the Holy Spirit

This week we pray for all who live and work in The Quadrangle and Handside Green.



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Sunday 1 May 2022
Third Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

Acts 9: 1-6

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Revelation 5: 11-14

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!'

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

John 21: 1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.'

He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.

But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'

So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'

A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'

He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?'

And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Next Readings: To be chosen by The Bishop of St Albans