

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	16 th	2100 Online Compline
Tuesday	17 th	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	18 th	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	19 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 2100 Online Compline
Friday	20 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	21 st	1100 Interment of Ashes - John Kirby
Sunday	22 nd	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1030 Joint Interment of Ashes - Derek and Jackie Glendinning 1800 Choral Evensong

The flowers in church this week has been donated by Mandy Kirk Good and family in loving memory of her mother, Bridgette Hadfield.

We have won a Bronze Eco Church Award from A Rocha! More details on the award is displayed on the porch noticeboard.

News

Today: From 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.

Saturday 21st May @7:30pm

Welwyn Garden Concert Club

presents the prize- winning Fitzroy Quartet playing pieces from Mozart, Sally Beamish and Schubert. Tickets from the door or in advance from: www.wgconcertclub.org.uk

Sunday 5th June:

10am Pentecost Sunday - Family Communion Service followed by **11am Platinum Jubilee Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch & Celebrations**

More details on the porch noticeboard.

Saturday 18th June: Summer Fete from 12 noon to 3pm

featuring lots of Stalls, BBQ, Pimms, Tombola, Crafts & Activities, Cream Teas, Raffle, etc. We need volunteers to sign up on our sign-up lists from next week onwards (including various appeals for donations and loan of gazebos).

Welcome

Sunday 15th May 2022

Fifth 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: 538 284 253 311

Music

Choir: Willan - Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Vaughan Williams - The Call

This week we pray for all who live and work in Barleycroft Road.



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Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 11: 1-18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.

So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?'

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,

'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.

As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.

I also heard a voice saying to me, *Get up, Peter; kill and eat.*

But I replied, *By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.*

But a second time the voice answered from heaven, *What God has made clean, you must not call profane.*

This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, *Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.*

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, *John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.*

If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?'

When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Revelation 21: 1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'

John 13: 31-35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, *Where I am going, you cannot come.*

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

**Next Readings: Acts: 16: 9-15; Revelation 21: 10, 22 - 22: 5;
John 14:23-29**