

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	26 th	Stephen
Tuesday	27 th	John, Apostle & Evangelist
Wednesday	28th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	29 th	
Friday	30 th	
Saturday	31 st	
New Year	1st	0915 Parish Communion

No Said Eucharist on Tue, 27th Dec.

1st January 2023

9:15am Parish Communion service only

Christmas to New Year: The church will only be open for regular weekday Eucharist and Sunday services.

A huge **Thank You** to all Leaders and their team volunteers including numerous unsung (anonymous) heroes who so warmly and generously serve this Church and our community throughout the year. We appreciate and give thanks for your time, efforts and talents. We couldn't do it without you.

For contactless ad hoc Donations to Church, please scan this QR code. Thank you.

News

The flowers at the back of church have been kindly donated by: Anne Woolmington in memory of mother, Vera Taylor and Janet Turnbull for beloved husband, Bill.

The Flower Team thank all who have donated generously towards the wonderful Christmas displays.

Reminder:

Wednesday Coffee for All (after the weekly 10:30am Eucharist) will be open on 28th December.

No Thursday Lunches on 22nd & 29th Dec. Resumes on 5th Jan 2023.

Parish Office is closed from 23rd Dec to Wed 5th Jan 2023.

Funeral Service of Marion Wiles is on Thur, 5th Jan @2pm with wake in the Parish Room.

Memorial Service of Jenny Gaydon is on Sat, 14th Jan @ 11am with wake in the Hall.



Welcome

Sunday 25th December 2022

CHRISTMAS

Services Today

10am FAMILY 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.*

Congregational setting: Lloyd

Hymns: 53, 67, 76, 61 (omit verses 3 & 4)

Music Choir: Oldroyd Missa Ave Jesu
Warlock - Bethlehem Down
Charles Wood - Once as I remember

This week we pray for all who live and work in Stanborough Green and all members of St Francis Church who reside outside the parish.

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Sunday 25th December 2022
Christmas

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Titus 2: 11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might

redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Luke 2: 1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Next Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12