

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1000 Baby Group <b>1930 Said Eucharist</b>
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1000 Toddle Time playgroup <b>1030 Said Eucharist</b> 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	(All Day) Hall is Open as a Polling Station
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>0800 Said Eucharist</b> <b>0915 Parish Communion</b> <b>1700 Frankie's At 5</b>

**The Flower Team thanks everyone** who has given generously towards the various flower appeals all these years.

They wish to inform (with regret) that there will no longer be fresh displays each week as costs have escalated hugely over the last ten years whilst funds have dwindled. However they are delighted to continue to arrange them for holy Festivals and for personal tributes (named anniversaries, celebrations, etc upon request). Please continue to forward your requests and donations directly to Diane Hemmings. If you like to donate anytime, you are most welcome to do so.

## News

**Thur, 4<sup>th</sup> May The Hall is used as a Polling Station** from 7am to 10pm. No Thursday Lunches nor any other events in the Hall.

**Sat, 1<sup>st</sup> July 12noon SUMMER FETE!**  
**Nikki is leading the organisation of the Fete and would really like some helpers to join her team (Pimms, Raffle, Bottle Tombola, Childrens' Games/Activities) and volunteers for the stalls.**

We are collecting various items based on this schedule—please leave your donations in the labelled crates in the porch:

**Apr: lucky dip- kids party novelties /toys**

May: wrapped sweets & empty (but clean!) jam jars

Jun: raffle prizes & soft toy donations.

Jul: loan of your gazebos (need 10), please.

Finally we are appealing for **monetary donations: Please use yellow envelopes (gift aid if possible) and label 'YACC Summer Fete'** (to buy new face paints).

**The various Stall rotas are now displayed in the porch—please sign up** and later on the donations for Raffle list will go up too.

## Welcome

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**4th Sunday after Easter**

## Services Today

8am	<b>SAID EUCHARIST</b>
9:15am	<b>PARISH COMMUNION with BAPTISM of Hugo David Johnstone</b> Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - All are welcome.
Youth & Children's Church (YACC)	<i>YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups:</i> <b>Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1 &amp; 2, 3 &amp; 4 - Hall</b> Younger ones incl. babies who are accompanied are very welcome. <b>Years 5 &amp; above - Meet in the Cellar</b>
Music	Congregational setting: Tambling <b>Hymns: 467 478 706 453</b> Choir: Darke in F Major

McKie We wait for thy loving kindness O God

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

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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Acts 2: 42-47**

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**1 Peter 2: 19-25**

Brothers and sisters:  
It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.  
If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.  
For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.  
'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'  
When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.  
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.  
For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**John 10: 1-10**

Jesus said to the Pharisees:  
'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.  
The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.  
When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.  
They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.'  
Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.  
All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.  
I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.  
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

**Next Readings: Acts 7: 55-60; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14**