

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	29 th	Bank Holiday followed by May half term week
Tuesday	30 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	31 st	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	1 st	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	2 nd	
Saturday	3 rd	
Sunday	4 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1700 Frankie's at 5

**COACH Sign-up list on the noticeboard-
Sunday 30th July @11:15 Sung Eucharist
Service in St Paul's Cathedral (Choir
Week 2023):**

***We warmly welcome everyone who
can, worship and support our choir
singing in such a location!***

We have hired a 70 seater coach, cost:
£15 with return to WGC after the am
service. Pick up: **9am** from church. You
are very welcome to remain in London
and also attend the later 3pm Even-
song service, however the cost re-
mains £15, without return. **£5 (non-
refundable) cash deposit is required**
on sign-up to secure a place - contact

News

**CHRISTIAN AID 2023 - Please
donate to our retiring collection at
the exits, only give what you can,
all donations appreciated.**

Sat, 1st July 12noon SUMMER FETE!

We need **HELPERS** for the various
stalls, do sign up on the rotas.

**Donations of bottles for the
TOMBOLA & RAFFLE Hamper
items – sign up list will go up in
June.**

We are collecting following this
schedule, kindly leave your dona-
tions in the labelled crates in the
porch:

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

Jun: raffle prizes & soft toy donations.

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

Sat 24th Jun Alban Pilgrimage

features 12 ft carnival puppets illus-
trating the story of Britain's first
saint, Alban. Procession starts
@11am from St Peter's Church, 12
noon Pilgrimage Eucharist led by
preacher, The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-
Wilkin, Bishop of Dover, celebra-
tions and refreshments on the
Orchard. This day ends with
Pilgrimage Evensong @5pm.

Welcome

Sunday 28th May 2023

PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)

Services Today

10am FAMILY COMMUNION

Followed by Easter egg hunt and Parish Coffee in the Hall
All are welcome.

YACC

*No Youth And Children's Church sessions today as this is an **All
Age service.***

Congregational setting: Archer

Music

Hymns: As listed in the Order of Service

Choir: Wood in Phrygian Mode

Howells My eyes for beauty pine

This week we pray for all who live and work in Lemsford Lane, The Great
North Road, de Soissons Close, Sefton Court and Amethyst Walk.

Images and sound of our services may be recorded or streamed on the Internet

Receiving of Communion is not filmed

**If you do not wish to be seen please do not sit in the 3 rows nearest the altar in
the main church or in the front row of the children's chapel**

**If you or your children choose to take part in a sermon or all age talk this may be
filmed. If you have any questions, please ask one of the welcomers.**

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Sunday 28th May 2023

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?'

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 20: 19-23

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

**Next Readings: Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13;
Matthew 28: 16-20**