

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	8 th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	9 th	1000 Baby Group 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	10 th	1000 Toddler Time playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	11 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	12 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	13 th	0930 Annual Spring Clean
Sunday	14 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

Thank You to our Flower Team for the beautiful floral displays celebrating the Coronation Service of King Charles III this weekend.

They will be exercising their utmost creative ingenuity in the coming months with combinations of green foliage, artificial and/or dried flowers. They welcome anyone who wish to gift surplus homegrown flowers from their gardens but please contact Diane Hemmings before you bring any in.

News

Next Sat, 13th May: 9:30 to 12:00 is our Annual Spring Clean! All helpers welcome even if you cannot stay the whole morning. If you can't come, can you bake and help us to provide sustenance for the workers. Many hands make for an early finish!

Sat, 1st 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.

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 7th May 2023

5th Sunday after Easter

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

Followed by Parish Coffee in the Hall - All are welcome.

Youth & *YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups:*

Children's **Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 - Hall**

Church Younger ones incl. babies who are accompanied are very welcome.

(YACC) **Years 5 & above - Meet in the Cellar**

Congregational setting: Archer

Hymns: 81 386 555 398

Music

Choir: Leighton in D

Wesley Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace

5pm FRANKIE'S AT 5

Having completed their initial training, we are admitting four choristers to full membership of the choir this morning.

Please welcome Isabel, Meira, Ellie and Ruben.

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

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Sunday 7th May 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter (Coronation weekend)

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 7: 55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’

Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation - if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight.

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,’ and

‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14: 1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’

Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’

Next Readings: Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21