

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	3 rd	
Tuesday	4 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	5 th	1000 Toddle Time playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	6 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	7 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	8 th	
Sunday	9 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

COACH Sign-up list for Sunday 30th July @11:15 Sung Eucharist Service in St Paul's Cathedral:

Please pay deposits to Pui San (Parish Office) promptly. Departure time: 9am, please arrive in good time.

Coach: 70 seats, cost: £15 with return to WGC after the am service. **DEPART: 9am from church.** You are very welcome to remain in London and also attend the later 3pm Evensong service, however the cost remains £15, without return. **£5 (non-refundable) cash deposit is required** on sign-up to secure a place - contact Parish Administrator. Balance £10 needs to be paid by 16th July.

News

Don't forget: Frankie's @5 Worship service with a difference!

**Sundays from 18th Jun to 6th Aug
2-4pm Bishop's OPEN GARDEN
Bishop Alan warmly invites all to visit his open garden in aid of The Herts & Beds Historic Churches Trust. Tickets: £4 Adult, Children: free entry, dogs on leads.
Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans, AL3 4HD**

SUMMER FETE 2023

THANK YOU to Nikki who led a huge team of volunteers as we welcomed visitors yesterday whilst raising much needed funds. A huge thanks to all who have contributed so generously: bottles, raffle prizes, etc; goods, services and especially your precious Saturday!

Farewell to Revd Rachel Wakefield:

her last service is @5pm today . Please join us for celebratory refreshments in the Hall after the 9:15am service as we send her off with our best wishes to her new post in St. Mary's Redbourn.

The flowers in church have been donated by Jan Nafzger and family in loving memory of Don Lawson (100th birthday).

Welcome

Sunday 2nd July 2023

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

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

Youth & Children's Church (YACC) *YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups:*
Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 - Hall
Younger ones incl. babies who are accompanied are very welcome. **Years 5 & above - Meet in the Cellar**

Under 2 ½ - Activity bags provided by sides person

Congregational setting: Tambling

Hymns: 507 432 262 376

Music
Choir: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena
(Trebles Sunday off)

5pm FRANKIE'S @5

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

St Francis of Assisi, CoE
Church Road, WGC, AL8 6QJ
Church open (M-F): 0930 - 1200

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Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 28: 5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles.

But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms.

As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

Romans 6: 12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.

No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were

entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10: 40-42

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple - truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Next Readings: Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30