

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	21 st	
Tuesday	22 nd	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	23 rd	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	24 th	1200 Thursday Lunches Bartholomew the Apostle
Friday	25 th	
Saturday	26 th	1130 Interment of Ashes - R. Jackson
Sunday	27 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion



COMING SOON!

QUIZ NIGHT Sat 30th Sep: 5:30 –8pm

This is an all age fundraiser and fun night as we raise monies for church and Christian Aid. All are welcome. (BYO) Bring your own food and drink! Adults: £5, Children: free entry.

6 persons per team. Please sign up on the special noticeboard in the porch.

News

SIGN UP LIST - Monday 4th Sep
Car share/pool & Attendance List
Revd' Rachel warmly welcomes all to attend her Licensing Service at St Mary's Redbourn (7:30pm).
 Carol J has organised the Sign up list in the porch, so we can confirm a unified reply on attendance numbers as requested by St Mary's Church team.
 We encourage people to carpool together as parking is limited in the village. Full detailed map of church & car parks available upon request from Pui San, Parish Office.

STOP PRESS!

This year is our Silver Jubilee!!
Our 25th Christmas Tree Festival from 9th to 10th December.

Graham and his team are planning for 2023 to be a really special CTF anniversary event.
 Don't miss out, get your tree entry in early!
 Would you like to exhibit or volunteer on one of the stalls?
 Contact Graham Bloye on: **stfranciscf@outlook.com** if you like more details.

Welcome

Sunday 20th August 2023

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

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

Youth & SUMMER:

Children's Church (YACC) During the summer holidays there is a YACC session in the hall for the younger children. Normal YACC groups will return on Sunday 10th September.

Congregational Setting: Lloyd

Music Hymns: 163 188 411 557

Choir on holiday

10:15am INTERMENT OF ASHES - (Bob) Robert Bruce MILLAR

This week we pray for all who live and work in Parkway and Park House Flats.

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OPENING HOURS (0930 - 1200):

[YACC: On Break] Parish Office: Wed to Fri
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20th August 2023
11th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15: 10-28

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.'

Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?'

He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.'

Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding?

Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.

These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'

He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'

He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'

Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith; let it be for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Next Readings: Isaiah 51: 1-6; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20