

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	28 th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	29 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	30 th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	31 st	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	1 st	
Saturday	2 nd	
Sunday	3 rd	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion



QUIZ NIGHT!

Saturday 30th Sep 5:30 to 8pm

Get your teams ready!

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

Monday 4th Sep @7:30pm

Car share/pool & Attendance List

Rev'd Rachel Wakefield's Licensing

Service at St Mary's Redbourn

Churchwarden Carol 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. Please carpool together as parking is limited in the village. Full detailed map of church & car parks available from Pui San, Parish Office.

Sundays:

3rd Sep @5pm Frankie's at 5

10th Sep @3pm Wild Church

24th Sep @10am Harvest - Family

Communion for All AND

@6pm Choral Evensong



Christmas Tree Festival 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 27th August 2023

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

Congregational Setting: Lloyd

Music **Hymns: 523 426 393 277**

Choir on holiday

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

St Francis of Assisi, CoE
Church Road, WGC, AL8 6QJ
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OPENING HOURS (0930 - 1200):

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 51: 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought

to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Next Readings: Jeremiah 15: 15-21; Romans 12: 9-21;
Matthew 16: 21-28**