

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	1000 Toddle Time playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	1730 CA Quiz Night
Sunday Patronal	1 <sup>st</sup>	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

### Christian Aid Quiz Nite

Next Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 5:30 to 8pm

All are welcome. (BYO) Bring your own food and drink! Adults: £5, Children: free entry. 6 persons per team. Please sign up on the list in the porch.

### CTF2023 is our Silver Jubilee!!

### Christmas Tree Festival 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

This 2023 is our really special CTF anniversary, 25 years!

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:

[stfrancisctf@outlook.com](mailto:stfrancisctf@outlook.com) if you like more details. If you would like an entry form, please help yourselves to forms available in the porch.

## News

### Today is our Harvest Sunday - Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal Cracking Food Poverty Together

in aid of Mission Direct's work in Kumi, Uganda, by providing materially poor families with chickens. The collection will go to this 'crackingly' good cause! Please give generously if you can.



### CAN YOU HELP? We really need VOLUNTEERS to serve interval refreshments during the WG Concert

Club's new season. The monies raised goes directly back into our own church funds! This rota is displayed on the board—please speak to either churchwardens Carol or Rob for more details.

There are many members of the congregation who regularly visit people who are housebound or perhaps just welcome a friendly face. Thank you! If you are someone who would appreciate a visit from time to time (or know someone who might), or alternatively someone who would like to look after a person by dropping in to see them occasionally, please contact Andrew Watkinson, who has offered [to be an informal coordinator](#). 07913 923364 or [andrewwatkinson@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewwatkinson@btinternet.com)

## Welcome

Sunday 24th September 2023

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

### Services Today

#### 10am FAMILY COMMUNION

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

YACC *No YACC today but there are resources available in the children's chapel if pre-school children need a break-out area.*

Congregational Setting: Archer

**Hymns: 270 768 273 272**

Music

Choir: Sumsion in F

Rutter For the beauty of the earth

6pm

#### CHORAL EVENSONG

Choir: *Introit* Lloyd View me Lord *Responses* Rose

*Psalm* 119 (121-136)

*Canticles* Sumsion in A

Music

*Anthem* Wesley Wash me throughly **Hymns 391 628**

*Dismissal* - Naylor Festal

This week we pray for all who live and work in Attimore Close and The Old Drive.

St Francis of Assisi, CoE  
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#### OPENING HOURS (0930 - 1200):

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**24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

## **Harvest Thanksgiving**

### **Collect**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.

### **2 Corinthians 9: 6-15**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

You will also be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

### **Luke 12: 16-30**

Jesus told the people a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?”

Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”

But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith!

And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.

For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.’

### **Next Readings: Micah 6.6-8, Galatians 6.14-18, Luke 12.22-34**



**Cracking Food**

**Poverty Together**

2023's Harvest Appeal supports [Mission Direct's](#) work in Kumi, Uganda, by providing materially poor families with chickens. These give them a sustainable and low cost food source, and also provides them with a new income stream because they can sell some of their eggs and new chicks that hatch. Their first hatchlings are returned to the project so that another family can benefit. Depending on how much money is raised, some funds might also support other food poverty projects, like planting orchards for schools to supplement the diets of their pupils.