

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	1000 Toddle Time playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1800 Choral Evensong

CTF2023 is our Silver Jubilee!!



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

2023 is going to be really special, our 25 years anniversary!

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** if you like more details. **If you would like an entry form, please help yourselves to forms available in the porch.**

## News

**CAN YOU HELP? We really need VOLUNTEERS to serve interval refreshments during the Saturday WG Concert Club's concerts. These monies raised goes directly back into our own church funds!** This rota is displayed on the main noticeboard - please speak to either churchwardens Carol or Rob for more details.

Thanks to Rob (Quizmaster) and to Carol and Nikki for organising the Quiz Night, an incredible number of 13 teams of all ages! **Over £300 was raised!**

Funeral Service - Doreen Millar takes place in church on Wed, 18<sup>th</sup> Oct @2pm.

### Early notice:

#### Shoobox Appeal Discontinued:

Thank you to all who have generously supported our traditional Christmas Shoobox Appeal for The Refugee Council in London. In light of increasing logistical difficulties, we are now supporting **Herts Welcomes Refugees**. This network provides practical support to new arrivals and helps them to connect with their communities and adjust to life in the UK. They've indicated a preference for supermarket gift cards so we plan to support them in this way. **More details soon.**

## Welcome

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**18th Sunday after Trinity**

## 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 too.) **Years 5 and above in the Cellar**

Congregational Setting: Tambling

**Hymns: 386 532 112 731**

Music

Choir: Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena  
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**3pm WILD CHURCH**

This week we pray for all who live and work in Birdcroft Road and Parkway Health Clinic

Next Sunday on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct @6pm is Choral Evensong

St Francis of Assisi, CoE  
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**8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Collect**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 25: 1-9**

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Philippians 4: 1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Matthew 22: 1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.

He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet."

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

For many are called, but few are chosen.'

**Next Readings: Isaiah 45: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22**