

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	13 th	
Tuesday	14 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	15 th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting
Thursday	16 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	17 th	
Saturday	18 th	
Sunday	19 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

CAN YOU HELP?

We need the following number of **VOLUNTEERS** to serve interval refreshments for the 2024 season of **WG Concert Club** concerts; **2 persons each for 27th Jan, 9th Mar, 20th Apr and 3 persons for 18th May.**

Did you know? All the monies raised from drinks sales goes directly back into our own church funds!

The rota is displayed on the main noticeboard - please speak to either churchwardens Carol or Rob for more details. All supplies will be furnished by the Parish Office. All you need to do is just turn up!

News

Christmas Tree Festival 9th & 10th December

Sign up sheets are in the foyer for the various jobs/stalls. **Donations needed (Fairtrade products are especially encouraged):**

RAFFLE HAMPER (Carol Jager & Cathy Bloye) see list of items advertised in the foyer.

TOMBOLA goods (Montse Day) (not bric-a-brac or jumble, please)

Kindly leave your donations in the named boxes at the back of church.

To our homebakers & crafters (handicrafts, knit, crochet, etc), **HANDICRAFTS Stall is led by Alison Paterson)** and **HOMEMADE CAKES by Fiona Burke.**

We will be supporting the **New Zion Food Bank** again with **The Giving Tree** - more details in the foyer.

Loan of artificial Christmas Tree?

This year we have many more new first time exhibitors wanting to hire trees — **we need a few more c1.5m trees on loan for 2 weeks.**

As ever, please speak to **Graham Bloye: stfranciscctf@outlook.com** if you like more details.



Welcome

Sunday 12th November 2023

Remembrance Sunday

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: Lloyd

Hymns: 368 553 384 362

Music

Choir: Darke in F major

Hurford Litany to the Holy Spirit

This week we pray for all who live and work in Springfields.

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12th November 2023
Remembrance Sunday

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amos 5: 18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever.

Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you."

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

The following lines is part of The Ode of Remembrance, itself from the longer poem "For the fallen" by Lawrence Binyon - these lines have been adopted across the world as a general poem of remembrance.

They will be spoken during the Intercessions.

Please feel free to join in if you would like to.

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

**Next Readings: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11;
Matthew 25: 14-30**