

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	6 th	
Tuesday	7 th	1000 Memorial Service - Carolyn Annand 1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	8 th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All <i>2000 Zoom Prayer Meeting</i>
Thursday	9 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	10 th	
Saturday	11 th	
	12 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion
Remembrance Sunday		

CAN YOU HELP?

We really need more **VOLUNTEERS** to serve interval refreshments during the **WG Concert Club's** concerts.

Ideally 3 persons from 7 to 9pm for each concert and there are only 6 concerts from Oct to 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:**

RAFFLE HAMPER (Carol J & Cathy) see list of items advertised

in the foyer.

TOMBOLA goods (Montse)

(not bric-a-brac or jumble, please)

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

Calling our homebakers & crafters (handicrafts, knit, crochet, etc):

HANDICRAFTS (Alison P) and we'd

love loads of your fabulous **CAKES**

(Fiona). Please speak to these team-

leaders if you like more info.

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**

Boye: stfranciscf@outlook.com

if you like more details.

25th



Welcome

Sunday 5th November 2023

All Saints 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: 489 379 622 516

Music

Choir: Wood in the Phrygian Mode

Harris Holy is the true light

10:30am Interment of Ashes - Doreen MILLAR

5pm FRANKIE'S AT 5

This week we pray for all who live and work in Brockswood Lane and Dellcott Close.

The flowers and refreshments today have been generously gifted by Mary Jackson as she bids goodbye pending her move to Faversham.

We wish her all the very best and send her off with our love and blessings.

St Francis of Assisi, CoE

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Church open (M-F): 0930 - 1200

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5th November 2023
All Saints' Day

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'

I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

1 John 3: 1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

**Next Readings: Amos 5: 18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18;
Matthew 25: 1-13**