

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	18 ^h	
Tuesday	19 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	20 th	1000 Toddletime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	21 st	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	22 nd	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	23 rd	0930 Annual Spring Clean
Palm Sunday	24 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1800 Choral Evensong

Sat, 23rd Mar from 9:30 to 11:30am Annual Spring Clean

Bring own marigolds, please. Offers of homemade bakes would be much appreciated to sustain the workers. Thank you.

Holy Week to Easter:

26th Mar @7:30pm Said Eucharist

27th Mar @10:30am Said Eucharist

28th Mar @8pm Maundy Thursday
Sung Eucharist with The Watch (9pm to midnight - Please Sign-up sheet on the noticeboard)

29th Mar @Good Friday

11am Churches Together join service in town centre

12noon Service of Music & Readings

31st Mar @10am Easter Sunday
Family Communion for All

News

Donations towards Easter flowers:

The Flower Team would be very grateful for any donations. Please give monies directly to Pui San, c/o the Parish Office.

The revision period for the Electoral Roll ends next Sunday, 24th March. If you are not already on the current Roll and wish to be added, please complete an Electoral Roll Application Form (available at the back of church together with the displayed copy of the current Roll) and put the form in the box provided. Any queries to Barbara Pavyer.

2024 Lent Course is held during the services. **Do visit the Deepening the Mystery 'unexpected treasures' of art** Exhibition at The Focolare Centre (Open till 7th Apr). Admission is Free! Please take a leaflet.

THANK YOU to all the refreshment helpers at last Saturday's popular concert and to the next lot of helpers for 20th Apr (Concise instructions will be e-mailed or check with Pui San anytime). **WE need 3 helpers for 18th May. All monies raised goes to our own church funds!, crucial given our dire financials.**

Welcome

Sunday 17th March 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

9:15am PARISH COMMUNION

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

Youth & Children's Church
YACC sessions take place in their usual age groups:
Age 2½ to Reception and Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 - Hall
Younger ones incl. babies who are accompanied are very welcome. **Years 5 & above - Meet in the Cellar**

Congregational Setting: None

Hymns: 523 515 533 582

Music
No Choir

Sanctus & Benedictus Archer

This week we pray for all who live and work in Little Youngs and Youngs Rise.

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17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 5: 5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12: 20-30

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - *Father, save me from this hour?* No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.'

Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.'

He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Next Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 15: 1-39

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