

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	22 nd	
Tuesday	23 rd	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	24 th	1000 ToddleTime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 1130 Friends of St Francis 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	25 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 1430 Funeral Service - Aleyn Barr
Friday	26 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	27 th	
Sunday	28 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1800 Choral Evensong

Helpers to serve Refreshments (WG Concert Club - 7 to 9pm):

Thanks to Eric, Barbara and Rowena we have a full team for the 18th May concert.

Did you know? **All monies raised goes to our own church funds!**

The 2024/25 concert season begins 19th Oct. If there is anyone new to this - why not consider if this is something you could do for 2 hours on a Saturday night to help our church raise regular funds? Thank you.

News

TODAY: APCM 10:30am—12noon

latest

Please do attend if you can. You get a chance to hear about what we have been up to, the vision and the financial situation.

There are 2 PCC vacancies and 1 Deanery Synod vacancy to be filled.

Please take some time to consider if these could be you.

If you would like more information, please do speak to our church-wardens Rob & Carol or the Vicar at anytime.

APCM Group Reports and Annual Financial Statements are available on the church website.

Funeral Service of Aleyn Barr will take place on Thur, 25th Apr @1430.

COMING SOON!

Sat, 11th May, SF Quiz Night

Organised by churchwarden Rob. We will have a sign up list with more details very soon. Look out on the main noticeboard.

Welcome

Sunday 21st April 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: Lloyd

Hymns: 467 427 453 598

Music

Choir: Darke in E minor Coll. Reg.
Shephard The Birds

10:30am APCM

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

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Sunday 21st April 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 4: 5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?'

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

1 John 3: 16-24

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10: 11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

The hired hand runs away - because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Next Readings: Acts 8: 26-40; 1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8