

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	13 th	2000 PCC Meeting
Tuesday	14 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	15 th	1000 ToddleTime Playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	16 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	17 th	1400 Knit, Hook & Stitch Group 1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	18 th	1930 WG Concert Club
Pentecost Sunday	19 th	1000 Family Communion 1800 Choral Evensong

Calling everyone who has The Children's Society collection box at home overflowing with loose change:

Sally would be grateful if you could bring them in by next Sunday (19th May) as you attend services.

Alternatively drop off to the Parish Office from Wed to Fri (open hours).

Please confirm if you like to continue collecting the next year.

Your named (emptied) boxes will be ready for collection from the back of the church the following week.

Thank you.

News

Today @3pm Wild Church

Meeting at: Sherrardspark Woods, Roundwood Drive entrance.

**Next Sunday 19th May:
@10am Pentecost Family
Communion Service for all ages
@6pm Choral Evensong**

The flowers in church have been donated by Clare Smith in loving memory of Wendy Chalker.

THANK YOU to Rob who organised a great Quiz Night yesterday and to all who came to support our first social and fundraiser.

DATES for your diaries:

We have some fabulous events lined up. More details later on.

6th Jul - Summer Garden Party

We are having a fun get-together instead of the Fete.

21st Sep - St Francis Quiz Night

Second 'Quiznite' later in autumn due to popular demand!

9th Nov - Talent Show/Concert

Exciting showcase of our own SF talents! We are eager and waiting to be wowed. Sing, act, dance, magic tricks, anything.... The first 'Act' has already signed up!

Welcome

Sunday 12th May 2024

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Services Today

8am SAID EUCHARIST

PARISH COMMUNION with BAPTISMS of:

9:15am Isaac Micah ROGERS and Sebastian Alexander MOORE

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

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: Archer

Hymns: 368 507 411 455

Music

Choir: Oldroyd Missa Ave Jesu
Bruckner Locus iste

3pm WILD CHURCH

This week we pray for all who live and work in Fordwich Road

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Sunday 12th May 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.'

So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.'

And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

1 John 5: 9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17: 6-19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.

They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

Next Readings: Pentecost(10am) Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15