

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	27 th	Spring bank holiday
Tuesday	28 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	29 th	1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	30 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	31 st	
Saturday	1 st	
Sunday	2 nd	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1700 Frankie's At 5

We have several unlabelled empty Children's Society coin boxes at the back of church needing adoption!

Please adopt one, take home and fill it with spare change throughout the year. They will get emptied out and counted the following year.

We also have labelled (named) boxes awaiting collection from their owners. If you wish to stop collecting, - not a problem, just let Sally know. Total collection raised would be announced soon. Many thanks for all your efforts.

News

Next Sunday @5pm Frankie's At 5

Informal worship service, all are welcome.

The flowers in church have been donated by Clare Smith in loving memory of her mum's birthday, Wendy Chalker who would have been 90 years old on the 29th of May.

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. If you have any new or brilliant suggestions and ideas, please feel welcome to feedback to Rob, Churchwarden.

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 26th May 2024

TRINITY SUNDAY

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: Archer

Hymns: 377 523 202 516

Music
No choir (Spring half-term school holiday)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Fretherne Road and Flats.

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Sunday 26th May 2024
Trinity Sunday

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.

Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices

of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Romans 8: 12-17

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 3: 1 -17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'

Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?'

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

**Next Readings: Deuteronomy 5: 1-21; 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12;
Mark 2: 23 - 3:6**