

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	17 th	
Tuesday	18 th	1930 Said Eucharist 2000 PCC Meeting
Wednesday	19 th	1000 Toddle Time playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	20 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 1930 WH Deanery Synod meeting
Friday	21 st	1400 Knit, Hook and Stitch group 1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	22 nd	
Sunday	23 rd	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1800 Choral Evensong

HELP, please! We need individuals or families to adopt our Children's Society coinboxes. Only 2 empty boxes left on the table at the back of church.

Please feel welcome to take one home and keep it for a year and fill it with spare change.

They get emptied out and counted once a year and all monies is sent off to The Children's Society! Total collection raised would be announced soon.

Thank you for your efforts.

News

Today at both services: Guest speaker is Laura Hyde, CEO from Resolve, a charity helping local people who need substance misuse treatment, are homeless or are experiencing poverty.

Next Sunday @6pm Choral Evensong

DATES for your diaries:

Sat, 6th Jul 3-5pm Summer Party!
Featuring Games, tombola, raffle and Food (BBQ, cream teas, etc) galore! Prize for the best hat! And much more

Organised by Churchwarden Rob.

See poster for more details.

More details later in the year:

21st Sep - St Francis Quiz Night

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

9th Nov - Talent Show/Concert

We would like to present an unforgettable evening, showcasing many of our SF talents!

Welcome

Sunday 16th June 2024

3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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: 475 774 467 89

Music

Choir: Oldroyd Mass of the Quiet Hour

Harris Behold the tabernacle of God

Today we welcome our guest speaker Laura Hyde, CEO from Resolve.

This week we pray for all who live and work in Handside Lane.

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Sunday 16th June 2024
3rd Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4: 26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Next Readings: Job 38: 1-11; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41