

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	24 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	1000 Toddle Time playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion with Baptism of Z Cooper

### Recently The Children's Society

Boxes collection raised **£353.70!**

Well done, thank you for your effort.

An excellent amount considering it's from all loose change!

**Only 2 empty boxes left on the table at the back of church.**

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

There is one or two more boxes yet to return for counting. If you have them at home, please bring it in asap for Sally to process. Thank you.

## News

**Today @6pm Choral Evensong**

**Coming up:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Jul - Our Hall is used as a local polling station (Election 2024).**

**7<sup>th</sup> Jul @5pm Frankie's at 5**

**14<sup>th</sup> Jul @3pm Wild Church**

**DATES for your diaries:**

**Sat, 6<sup>th</sup> Jul 3-5pm Summer Party!**

Featuring Games, Tombola, Raffle and Food (BBQ, cream teas, cakes, etc.)! Prize for the best hat!

And much more ....

Organised by Churchwarden Rob.

See poster for more details.

**21<sup>st</sup> Sep - St Francis Quiz Night**

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

**9<sup>th</sup> Nov - Talent Show/Concert**

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

We have been gifted with

**handmade Bookmarks and Prayer Crosses in aid of church funds.**

They are on sale during Parish Coffee. Please put your donation in the pot, thank you.

Welcome

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

**4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

*Services Today*

**8am SAID EUCHARIST**

**9:15am PARISH COMMUNION**

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: Lloyd

Music **Hymns: 604 496 258 (tune 502) 530**

No Choir

**6pm Choral Evensong**

Choir: *Introit* Sumsion One thing have I desired *Responses* Smith

*Psalm* 48 Chant Crotch

*Canticles* Dyson in F

Music *Anthem* Wood O thou the central orb

**Hymns 97 (1<sup>st</sup> tune) 598**

*Dismissal* Naylor Festal

This week we pray for all who live and work in Guessens Grove and Guessens Court.

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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**