

## Services & Diary Dates

Monday	10 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	1000 Toddle Time playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup>	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Preacher: Guest speaker from Resolve for both: 0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

**HELP, please! We need individuals or families to adopt our Children's Society coinboxes...**

**We have quite a few empty boxes on the table at the back of church ready and waiting!!!**

**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 @3pm Wild Church

Meeting at: Sherrardspark Woods, Roundwood Drive entrance. Please check our FB page for updates:  
[www.facebook.com/stfranciswgc/](http://www.facebook.com/stfranciswgc/)

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Jun: Guest speaker is Laura Hyde, CEO from Resolve,** (which helps local people who need substance misuse treatment, are homeless or are experiencing poverty) at both services.

### DATES for your diaries:

More details later on.

### 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### 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!*

## Welcome

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## 2ND 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:*

Youth & Children's Church

**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: 492 485 621 557**

Music

Choir: Archer

Hurford Litany to the Holy Spirit

**3pm WILD CHURCH**

This week we pray for all who live and work in Wilkins Grove and Longcroft Gardens

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**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**2nd Sunday after Trinity**

**Collect**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Genesis 3: 8-15**

The man and the woman heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?'

He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.'

He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?'

The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?'

The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.'

The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

**2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5: 1**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture - 'I believed, and so I spoke' - we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary

affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**Mark 3: 20-35**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan?

If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' - for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

**Next Readings: Ezekiel 17: 22-24; 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17;**  
**Mark 4: 26-34**