

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	15 th	
Tuesday	16 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	17 th	1000 ToddleTime playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	18 th	1200 Thursday Lunches 2000 PCC Meeting
Friday	19 th	1400 Knit, Hook & Stitch 1930 Choir Practice
Saturday	20 th	1115 Interment of Ashes - Brenda Gosnell 1145 Interment of Ashes - Marion Minchinton
Sunday	21 st	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion

Can you help with some gardening jobs in church?

If you can spare some time to help us in the garden, please see the list of what needs to be done, displayed in the porch and on the noticeboard. Any time you can spare to help us keep the garden tidy would be appreciated. Thank you.

Update: Thank you to the two persons (possibly others too?) who did some great work, last week in different areas. Keep it going, folks.

We have been gifted with **handmade Bookmarks and Prayer Crosses in aid of church funds.**

They are on sale at the back of church - please put your donation in the pot.

News

Today @3pm Wild Church, usual meeting point at Roundwood Drive entrance.

Sat 31st Aug to Sun 1st Sep
Choir Week has unfortunately fallen through this year, so the choir would like to celebrate at home with all the people of St Francis. Please do come and join in the celebrations and also worship together over this special weekend.
On Saturday, 31st Aug evening at 7.30pm there will be a Cabaret/ Concert in church to which everyone is welcome. Nominal charge to help boost choir funds.

On Sunday, 1st Sep, there will be a Festal Eucharist at 9.15am and Choral Evensong at 4pm which will be followed by bubbly refreshments. More details later but please put these dates in your diary!

Coming soon:

21st Sep - St Francis Quiz Night
Second 'Quiznite' later in autumn due to popular demand!

Sunday, 6th Oct - Garden Party
More details to follow.

9th Nov - Talent Show/Concert
An unforgettable evening, showcasing many of our SF talents!

Welcome

Sunday 14th July 2024

7TH 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: Tambling

Hymns: 137 277 494 380 (omit * verses)

Music

Choir: Darke in E minor Coll. Reg.

Harris The Holy Eucharist

3pm WILD CHURCH (in Sherrardspark Woods)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Polayn Garth and Palmerstone Close.

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7th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

Amos 7: 7-15

This is what the Lord showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand.

And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, *Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.*'

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, *Go, prophesy to my people Israel.*'

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

God destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of God who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6: 14-29

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.'

But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'

And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.'

And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.'

She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.'

Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.'

The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Next Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Ephesians 2: 11-22; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56