Services & Diary Dates

Monday	8 th	
Tuesday	9 th	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	10 th	1000 Toddle Time playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	11 th	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	12 th	1930 Choir Practice
Saturday	13 th	
Sunday	14 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1500 Wild Church

Last week, we donated £500 each to these two charities:

- **1) Resolve** (local charity, whose talk we had on 23rd June)
- 2) Volunteer Services Overseas VSO

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.

News

14th Jul @3pm Wild Church

POSTPONED - Summer Party moves to Sunday, 6th Oct!

Please save into your diary now.

More details to follow.

More dates for your diaries: Sunday, 1st Sep:

@9:15am Festal Eucharist and @4pm Choral Evensong

A celebration of hymnal music and our choir. Please invite friends and family, the more the merrier, to these services. Let's fill the church with music and people! After Evensong, we will end the evening with bubbly refreshments.

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

9th Nov - Talent Show/Concert
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 7th July 2024

6TH 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		
Music	Congregational Setting: Tambling Hymns: 497 416 (1 st tune) 267 262 Choir: Leighton in D Wood Jesu the very thought is sweet		
5pm	FRANKIES AT 5		

This week we pray for all who live and work in Heather Road and Newfields.

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Sunday 7th July 2024 6th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 2: 1-5

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking.

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.

He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.'

Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.

And I know that such a person - whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows - was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.

On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.

But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.

Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6: 1-13

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!

Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him.

Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.

And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.

If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'

So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Next Readings: Amos 7: 7-15; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 14-29