

Services & Diary Dates		
Monday	30 th	
Tuesday	1 st	1930 Said Eucharist
Wednesday	2 nd	1000 ToddleTime playgroup 1030 Said Eucharist 1100 Coffee for All 2000 Zoom prayer group
Thursday	3 rd	1200 Thursday Lunches
Friday	4 th	1900 Choir Practice
Saturday	5 th	
Sunday	6 th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Parish Communion 1600 Garden Party 1700 Frankie's at 5



Today's retiring collection is in aid of the Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal 2024 for the work of The Leprosy Mission in Sri Lanka. Please give what you can. Thank you.

We need 3 Volunteers (Adult) to serve interval drinks one Saturday per month.

Training and refreshments stock provided (with support from the Parish Office and Finance team). All profits made goes back into our own church funds!

Future dates: 1st and 29th March & 10th May 2025. A big Thank You to those who are helping out on 19th Oct and 23rd Nov. **We are still short of helpers for 25th Jan 2025** - can anyone else help? **The sign-up list is on the main noticeboard, thank you.**

News



Sun, 6th Oct @4pm Garden Party
Come for afternoon cream tea, garden games and fellowship. Finishes with 'Frankie's at 5' informal worship service, do come and join us.

All are welcome. No tickets needed.

Sun, 13th Oct @3pm Wild Church

Meeting point: Sherrardspark Woods
Contact: children@stfranciswgc.org.uk

Sun 20th Oct @6pm Choral Evensong

Sun, 3rd Nov@5pm 'Frankie's at 5'
informal worship service

★ **TALENT SHOW** ★
Sat, 9th Nov @7pm

To well-known and in particular, 'hidden' talents out there, join us for an amazing night of entertainment! Can you sing, dance, act, juggle, poetry recital, magic tricks, etc? There will be a Sign-up list on the noticeboard (with details), soon.

The following notices are available as printed paper copies in the porch for anyone who needs them:

- 1) Changes to our banking arrangements.
- 2) Parish Giving Scheme (how to move your current Standing Orders (for regular givers) to Direct Debits into PGS) and tax-efficient giving for new givers.

Welcome

Sunday 29th September 2024

Harvest Festival

Services Today



10am FAMILY COMMUNION

Do join us for Coffee in the Hall afterwards

Youth & Children's Church (YACC):

There are no separate YACC sessions as the **All Age Talk** takes place instead of sermon.

There are resources available in The Children's Chapel if pre-schoolchildren need a break-out area.

Hymns: 270 254 275 453

Congregational Setting: Tambling

Music sung by choir:

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Readings 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Matthew 6: 25-33

Prayers This week we pray for all who live and work in Attimore Close and The Old Drive

Retiring Collect'n In aid of The Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal 2024
Please give what you can - there are gift aid envelopes available at the back of church or in the porch. Thank you.

(6th Oct - Patronal Festival) Next Sunday's Readings: Micah 6: 6-8; Galatians 6: 14-18; Luke 12: 22-34

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Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: Grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time.

For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Matthew 6: 25-33

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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