

Welcome to our services today

Sunday 3 November 2024
All Saints Sunday



SAID EUCHARIST, 8am

PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Followed by refreshments and chat in the Hall.

For part of this service during term time, young people are invited to join our age-appropriate activities led by our youth team.

Groups for Years 6 and above meets in the Parish Room but not groups for ages up to Year 5 (Hall).

We have various resources and activity bags in the Children's Chapel available for younger children.

Hymns: 232 omit vs 5-6, 391, 217, 227

Congregational Setting: Archer

Choir Music: Oldroyd - Missa Ave Jesu

Victoria - O Quam Gloriosum

Readings: Wisdom 3: 1-9; Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44

'FRANKIE'S AT 5' INFORMAL WORSHIP, 5pm

This week we pray for all who live and work in High Oaks Road.

*Next Sunday's readings: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Hebrews 9: 24-28;
Mark 1: 14-20*

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Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 4 Nov	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 5 Nov	ToddleTime playgroup, 10am Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Prayer Group (online via Zoom), 8pm
Thur 6 Nov	Thursday Lunches, 12 noon
Fri 7 Nov	Choir practice, 7pm
Sat 8 Nov	Talent Show, 7pm
Sun 9 Nov	Said Eucharist, 8am Parish Communion, 9.15am

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Sun 1 Dec	Advent Carol Service, 6pm
Sat 7 & Sun 8 Dec	Christmas Tree Festival, 12-5pm
Sun 15 Dec	Family Nativity Service, 9.15am
Sat 21 Dec	Family Carols Service, 4pm
Sun 22 Dec	Nine Lessons & Carols Service, 6pm

Our church thrives through volunteers - can you help?

See foyer noticeboard for details and sign-up sheets.

- **Participants of all ages needed for our Talent Show, 9 Nov plus an appreciative and supportive audience too.**
- Christmas Tree Festival volunteers & raffle/tombola donations.
- New for The Giving Tree at the Festival this year: (Non-food) wrapped gifts with tags needed for The Foodbank, WGC.

Thank you to the many members of our small linen, altar linen, sacristy, server and chalice teams who willingly and cheerfully serve throughout the church year.

News

Our old HSBC bank account closes in November with changes in our banking arrangements. Details on the notices in the foyer.

Receiving our monthly e-newsletter? We'd love to include you, if not. You can also keep up to date at www.stfranciswgc.org.uk
See our website for links to our social media too.

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Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

Wisdom 3: 1-9

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace, he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation, they will shine forth and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Revelation 21: 1-6a

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’ And the one who was seated on the throne said,

‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also, he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.’

John 11; 32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So, the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ So, they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

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