

## Welcome to our services today

4 May 2025

Third Sunday after Easter



### 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 ages up to Year 5 meets in the Hall

Years 5 to 7 in the Parish Room

Years 8+ in the Cellar (access is through the Parish Room)

There are various resources and activity bags in the Children's

Chapel available for younger children.

Hymns: 140, 136, 152, 764

Congregational Setting: Archer

Choir Music: Caesar Missa Brevis Capella Regalis  
Caesar Requests

Readings: Acts 9: 1-6; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 1-19

This week we pray for all who live and work in The Quadrangle and Handside Green.

### FRANKIE'S @5 INFORMAL WORSHIP SERVICE, 5pm

*Next service's readings: Acts 9: 36-43; Revelation 7: 9-17;  
John 10: 22-30*

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**This Church is currently in vacancy. New minister required!**

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## Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 6 May	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 7 May	Morning Worship/Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Zoom online prayer group, 8pm
Thur 8 May	Thursday Lunches, 12 noon
Fri 9 May	Choir practice, 7pm
Sat 10 May	Welwyn Garden Concert Club, 7.30pm
Sun 11 May	Said Eucharist, 8am Parish Communion, 9.15am

## Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Sun 18 May	Choral Evensong, 6pm
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## Our church thrives through volunteers - can you help?

*See foyer noticeboard for details and sign-up sheets.*

- **URGENTLY NEEDED for Sat, 10 May: 3 Volunteers** for serving concert interval refreshments – please speak to Pui San to find out more. Currently there is no one to help!  
More dates later on: 18 Oct and 22 Nov.
- Anyone with basic calligraphy writing skills? We desperately need someone to update and maintain our Book of Remembrance, located in the St Clare Chapel. This book remembers all who have had a final service connected to St Francis Church. This is not onerous work and is done at home, ideally 4 times to twice a year (minimum). All information is provided by the Parish Administrator. Please have a chat with Pui San to find out more.

## News

**Exciting new event in Autumn!** We are going to hold an Art Exhibition in church over 3 days at the end of September 2025, featuring work by artists who live in WGC or nearby. Would anyone who is an artist, or attends Art Classes or knows of people who do and might be interested in exhibiting, please contact Andrew Watkinson at [andrewwatkinson@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewwatkinson@btinternet.com) or 07913 923364.

Sadly, both Sheila Pilfold and Carol Pankhurst died last week. Details on their funerals will be announced when arrangements are finalised.

**4 May 2025**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**Collect**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

**Acts 9: 1-6**

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

**Revelation 5: 11-14**

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

**John 21: 1-19**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.'

He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.

But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'

So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'

A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.'

He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?'

And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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