

Welcome to our services today

1 June 2025

Seventh Sunday after Easter

SAID EUCHARIST, 8am

PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Revd Susan Marsh presides over both services.

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: 167, 172, 164, 163

Congregational Setting: Lloyd

Choir Music: Shephard The Wiltshire Service

God is gone up - Hutchings

Readings: Acts 16: 16-34; Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21;

John 17: 20-26

This week we pray for all who live and work in Lemsford Lane,

The Great North Road, de Soissons Close, Sefton Court and

Amethyst Walk.

Next service's readings: Acts 2: 1-12; John 14: 12-17

FRANKIE'S @5 Informal worship service, 5pm

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This Church is currently in vacancy. New minister required!

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Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 3 Jun

Said Eucharist, 7.30pm

Wed 4 Jun

ToddleTime Playgroup, 10am

Said Eucharist, 10.30am

Coffee for All, 10.30am

Zoom online prayer group, 8pm

Thur 5 Jun

Thursday Lunches, 12 noon

Fri 6 Jun

Choir practice, 7pm

Sun 8 Jun

Pentecost – Family Communion, 10am

(Suitable for all ages)

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Thur 19 Jun

Corpus Christi - Said Eucharist, 8pm

Sun 22 Jun

Choral Evensong, 6pm

Sun 6 Jul

Afternoon Tea Party, 4pm followed by
Frankie's @5 Informal worship service, 5pm

Our church thrives through volunteers - can you help?

Homemade cakes, biscuits or other teatime treats, please!

Annie W. has generously agreed to bake all the scones (thank you!) but we do need other baked goodies for our summer social on Sunday, 6 July. Afternoon Tea Party followed by Frankie's @5, our (all age) Informal worship service led by Paul & Jo Dunstan. Please invite neighbours, friends and families – the more the merrier!

We express our grateful thanks to Elizabeth R, who has kindly offered her calligraphy skills to help us keep our Book of Remembrance updated.

News

Reminder: Next Sunday is Pentecost and we only have one service at 10am, this Family Communion service is suitable for all ages. It promises to be a wonderful uplifting service, Revd Martin, our YACC team and the Choir have all worked hard on the preparations.

Andrew Watkinson and his team are planning a 3-day Art Exhibition from 25 to 27 September. Would anyone who is an artist (WGC or nearby), or attends Art Classes or knows of people who might be interested, please contact: artsfestival@stfranciswgc.org.uk
(Note: This is the new e-mail for all SF WGC Art Exhibition enquiries)

1 June 2025
7th Sunday of Easter

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 16: 16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.'

She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit,

'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities.

When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.'

The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.

After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.

But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.'

The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'

They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.

At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

I, John, heard a voice saying to me:

'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches.

I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

John 17: 20-26

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Next Readings: 10am Family Communion Service for Pentecost

(Next Sunday only one service for all ages): Acts 2: 1-12; John 14: 12-17