

Welcome to our services today

25 May 2025

Sixth Sunday after Easter

SAID EUCHARIST, 8am

President: Revd Atalie Gaines

PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

President: Revd Richard Syms

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: 301, 577, 386, 166

Congregational Setting: Lloyd

Choir Music: No choir during half-term

Readings: Acts 16: 9-15; Revelation 21: 10, 22 - 22.5; John 14: 23-29

This week we pray for all who live and work in Fretherne Road and Flats.

We thank our visiting guest clergy for their time and support as they preside over our services during our interregnum.

Next service's readings: Acts 16: 16-34; Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17: 20-26

Parish Office (mornings Wed - Fri): 01707 694191 admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk

This Church is currently in vacancy. New minister required!

St Francis of Assisi, (CoE) Church Road, WGC, AL8 6QJ Registered Charity No: 112984



Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 27 May

Said Eucharist, 7.30pm

Wed 28 May

Morning Prayer, 10.30am

Coffee for All, 10.30am

Zoom online prayer group, 8pm

Thur 29 May

Thursday Lunches, 12 noon

Fri 30 May

Choir practice, 7pm

Sun 31 May

Said Eucharist, 8am

Parish Communion, 9.15am

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Sun 1 Jun

Frankie's @5 Informal worship service, 5pm

Sun 8 Jun

Pentecost – Family Communion (all age service), 10am

Thur 19 Jun

Corpus Christi - Said Eucharist, 8pm

Sun 6 Jul

Afternoon Garden Tea party, 4pm ending with

Frankie's @5 Informal worship service, 5pm

(We will be appealing for homemade cakes, more details soon.)

Our church thrives through volunteers - can you help?

URGENT: Anyone with basic calligraphy writing skills?

We desperately need someone to update names into 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

Funeral Service of Carol Pankhurst takes place on Tuesday, 27 May, 1pm in (Welwyn Hatfield) Oak Hill Lawn Cemetery, Southway, Hatfield AL10 8HS. Eric and family invite you to the service and to the reception afterwards in WGC Golf Club, Manicotts.

Andrew Watkinson and his team are planning a 3-day Art Exhibition at the end of September. Would anyone who is an artist (WGC or nearby), or attends Art Classes or knows of people who do and might be interested in exhibiting, please contact:

andrewwatkinson@btinternet.com or 07913 923364.

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Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 16: 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'

When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Revelation 21: 10, 22 - 22: 5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Its gates will never be shut by day - and there will be no night there.

People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations.

But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

John 14: 23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, *I am going away, and I am coming to you.*

If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

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