

Welcome to our services today

13 July 2025
4th Sunday after Trinity

SAID EUCHARIST, 8am

PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Revd Susan Marsh presiding at 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.

Congregational Setting: Tambling

Hymns: 494, 488, 502(omit * verses), 765

Choir Music: Tambling Holy Trinity Service

Vaughan-Williams The Call

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14; Colossians 1: 1-14; Luke 10: 25-37

This week we pray for all who live and work in Polayn Garth and Palmerstone Close.

Next Sunday's readings: Genesis 18: 1-10a; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-42

Parish Office (mornings Wed – Fri): 01707 694191

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This Church is currently in vacancy. Enquiries on Baptisms, Funerals, etc to be directed to

Parish Admin, St Francis of Assisi, (CoE) Church Road, WGC, AL8 6QJ Reg. Charity No: 112984



Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 15 Jul	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 16 Jul	ToddleTime Playgroup, 10am Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Zoom online prayer group, 8pm
Thur 17 Jul	Thursday Lunches, 12 noon Parochial Church Council Meeting, 8pm
Fri 18 Jul	Knit, Hook & Stitch group, 2pm Choir practice, 7pm
Sun 20 Jul	Said Eucharist, 8am Parish Communion, 9.15am Choral Evensong, 6pm

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Mon to Fri	Choir Week 2025 in Ely Cathedral
11 to 15 Aug	Choral Evensong, 5.30pm
Sun 17 Aug	Choir in St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choral Eucharist, 10.30am and Evensong, 3.30pm
Thur 25 Sep	Autumn Arts Festival - Preview Night, 6pm
26 to 28 Sep	Autumn Arts Festival, 11am to 6pm

Our church thrives through volunteers - can you help?

Does anyone have a spare fridge that we can use in the Hall for Choir Week? Required from 9 Aug and returning it on 19 Aug. If you can offer, please speak to Julie Owen.

News

We have several large (47cm & 55cm dia) plastic terracotta plant pots seeking new homes. Used but in reasonable condition, they would normally cost £8-10, brand new from B&Q, but available now for a donation to church funds (£2 each has been suggested). For more info, please contact Anthony Packer or the Parish Office.

Autumn Arts Festival: We will be needing help; stewards, bake cakes, refreshments, etc. The rotas will be appearing soon on the noticeboard. Please look out for Andrew's article in the next edition of our newsletter. All enquiries to: artsfestival@stfranciswgc.org.uk

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Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14

Moses spoke to the people, saying, The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?'

Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Colossians 1: 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.

This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10: 25-37

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?'

He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.'

And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, *Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.*

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?'

He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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