

Welcome to our services today

20 July 2025
5th Sunday after Trinity

SAID EUCHARIST, 8am

PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Revd Mike Shaw 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: 455, 522, 406 (*tune 418*), 376

Choir Music: Sumsion in F

Chilcott Be thou my vision

Readings: Genesis 18: 1-10a; Colossians 1: 15-28; Luke 10: 38-42

This week we pray for all who live and work in Stanborough Mews and Longcroft Green.

CHORAL EVENSONG, 6pm

Introit: Bruckner Ave Maria Responses: Rose Psalm: 81
Canticles: Wood Collegium Regale Anthem: Bairstow Blessed city,
heavenly Salem Hymns: 1, 22 Dismissal: Rose Festal

Next Sunday's readings: Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 6-15; Luke 11: 1-13

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

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| Tue 22 Jul | Said Eucharist, 7.30pm |
| Wed 23 Jul | Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Zoom online prayer group, 8pm |
| Thur 24 Jul | Thursday Lunches, 12 noon |
| Sun 27 Jul | Said Eucharist, 8am Parish Communion, 9.15am |

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

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| 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

The flowers in church have been lovingly donated by Pam Osborn, remembering family anniversaries at this time..

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

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 18: 1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.'

Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on - since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.'

And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.'

Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

Colossians 1: 15-28

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him - provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.

I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.

I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10: 38-42

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'

But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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