

Welcome to our services today

27 July 2025
6th 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: Lloyd

Hymns: 507, 408 (2nd tune), 758, 411

Choir on holiday

Readings: Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 6-15; Luke 11: 1-13

This week we pray for all who live and work in Longcroft Lane.

*Next Sunday's readings: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23;
Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21*

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This Church is currently in vacancy.

Enquiries on Baptisms, Funerals, etc. to be directed to: Parish Administrator, c/o Parish Office

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Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 29 Jul	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 30 Jul	Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Zoom online prayer group, 8pm
Thur 31 Jul	Thursday Lunches, 12 noon
Sun 3 Aug	Parish Communion, 9.15am

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
Sun 7 Sep	'Frankie's@5' Informal worship service, 5pm
Sun 21 Sep	Choral Evensong, 6pm
Thur 25 Sep	Autumn Arts Festival - Preview Night, 6pm
26 to 28 Sep	Autumn Arts Festival, 11am to 4pm

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

Reminder: There is no 8am Said Eucharist service throughout August, resumes 7 September.

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 26 to 28 Sep, 11am to 4pm: We will need lots of help; stewards, home baked 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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

Genesis 18: 20-32

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord.

Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?

Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.'

Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.'

Again Abraham spoke to the Lord, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.'

Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.'

Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The Lord answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Colossians 2: 6-15

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Luke 11: 1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, *Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.*

And he answers from within, *Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.*

I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

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