

Welcome to our services today

3 August 2025
7th Sunday after Trinity



PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Celebrant: 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 parent volunteers:

For ages up to Year 5 meets in the Hall (mixed ages)

We may not be running other year groups during the summer holidays.

There are various resources and activity bags in the Children's Chapel available for younger children.

Congregational Setting: Lloyd

Hymns: 578, 628, 746, 589 (*1st tune*)

Choir on holiday

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14, 2: 18-23; Colossians 3: 1-11;
Luke 12: 13-21

This week we pray for all who live and work in Manicotts and The Links.

ORGAN RECITAL (by Joel Colyer) 10:30am

*Next Sunday's readings: Genesis 15: 1-6; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16;
Luke 12: 32-40*

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 Administrator, c/o Parish Office

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Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 5 Aug	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 6 Aug	Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Zoom online prayer group, 8pm
Thur 7 Aug	Thursday Lunches, 12 noon
Sun 10 Aug	Parish Communion, 9.15am followed by Organ Recital in church, 10.30am

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: NEW for next two weeks! Our Organist team are presenting us with organ recitals (30 mins) following the 9.15am service. Please don't rush off, why not bring your drinks back into church, stay and enjoy the music.

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

Large (47cm & 55cm dia) plastic terracotta plant pots seeking new homes. Used but in reasonable condition, (usu. cost £8-10, brand new from B&Q). Available here for a donation to church funds, suggestion: £2 each. 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. All enquiries to:

artsfestival@stfranciswgc.org.uk

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Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me - and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.

What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun?

For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Colossians 3: 1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).

On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.'

But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?'

And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

And he thought to himself, *What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?*

Then he said, *I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'*

But God said to him, *You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?*

So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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