

Welcome to our services today

6 July 2025
3rd Sunday after Trinity

MORNING PRAYER, 8am

Led by Mr. John Butler

PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Presided by Bishop Stephen, The Right Revd Dr Stephen Venner DL

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: 591, 445, 400, 497

Choir Music: Oldroyd Missa Ave Jesu

Arcadelt Ave Maria

Readings: Isaiah 66: 10-14; Galatians 6: 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

This week we pray for all who live and work in Heather Road and Newfields.

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY, 4pm followed by FRANKIE'S's @5 informal worship service 5pm

*Next Sunday's readings: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14; Colossians 1: 1-14;
Luke 10: 25-37*

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

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Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 8 Jul	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 9 Jul	ToddleTime Playgroup, 10am Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Zoom online prayer group, 8pm
Thur 10 Jul	Thursday Lunches, 12 noon
Fri 11 Jul	Choir practice, 7pm
Sun 13 Jul	Said Eucharist, 8am Parish Communion, 9.15am

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Sun 20 Jul	Choral Evensong, 6pm
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.

Thank You to all our wonderful bakers who have made an array of wonderful cakes for this **afternoon's tea party (also a fundraiser!)** and to Graham and his team for leading **Frankie's @5's service**. Don't forget to invite friends, families and neighbours - all are welcome.

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

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

Isaiah 66: 10-14

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her - that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Galatians 6: 7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!

It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised - only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!

As for those who will follow this rule - peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

Whatever house you enter, first say, *Peace to this house!*

And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, *The kingdom of God has come near to you.*

But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, *Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.*

Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!'

He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

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