

Welcome to our services today



12 October 2025
17th Sunday after Trinity

SAID EUCHARIST, 8am
PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Both services presided by Rev'd Susan Marsh.

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:

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 thru the Parish Room)

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

Congregational Setting: Tambling

Hymns: 621, 607, 456, 96 (*2nd tune*)

Choir: Cook in E Minor
Stanfield Sweet Sacrament Divine

Readings: 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19

This week we pray for all who live and work in Birdcroft Road and Parkway Health Clinic.

Next Sunday's readings: Genesis 32: 22-31; 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5; Luke 18: 1-8

Parish Office (mornings Wed – Fri): 01707 694191

This Church is currently in vacancy.

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

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

Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 14 Oct	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 15 Oct	Toddletime Playgroup, 10am Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Zoom online prayer group, 8pm
Thur 16 Oct	Thursday Lunches, 12noon
Sat 18 Oct	WG Concert Club, 7.30pm
Sun 19 Oct	Said Eucharist, 8am Parish Communion, 9.15am

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Sun 26 Oct	Choral Evensong, 6pm
Sun 2 Nov	Interment of Ashes- C Gosnell, 10.45am Frankie's @5 Informal worship service, 5pm
Sun 23 Nov	Choral Evensong, 6pm
Sun 30 Nov	Advent Carol Service, 6pm
Sat/Sun 6-7Dec	Christmas Tree Festival 2025

Our church thrives through volunteers, can you help?

Can you make craft poppies for our Remembrance Sunday arch?

Our younger YACC groups will be making poppies. Please join their efforts. Help yourselves to the craft sheets or colour-in templates and we have crochet and knit patterns too. They are available on the table and display in the porch. Any queries, check with Churchwarden Carol.

Christmas Tree Festival: (2025's theme celebrates our church's 90th birthday): If you haven't submitted your tree yet, get in quick! Contact chief elf Graham: stfranciscf@outlook.com

We have plenty of posters and flyers – Can you take some and display/distribute to other community noticeboards or workplaces, etc

News

Concert Interval Drinks: Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to help. Dates: 18 Oct and 22 Nov, see noticeboard.

Family Fun Quiz Nite: Thank you to Quizmaster Rob for arranging yesterday's fantastic Quiz night and to all our church families and friends for supporting our inhouse social and fundraiser.

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Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, *Wash, and be clean?*'

So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; Naaman came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Luke 17: 11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.

As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?'

Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?'

Then he said to the Samaritan, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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