

Welcome to our services today



19 October 2025
18th Sunday after Trinity

SAID EUCHARIST, 8am
PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Both services presided by Rev'd Martin King.

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: 604, 608, 505, 745

Choir: Missa Aeterna Christi Munera

Purcell Thou knowest Lord the secrets of our hearts

Readings: Genesis 32: 22-31; 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5; Luke 18: 1-8

This week we pray for all who live and work Broadfield Place and Melbourne Court.

*Next Sunday's readings: Isaiah 45: 22-25; Romans 15: 1-6;
Luke 4: 16-24*

Parish Office (mornings Wed – Fri): 01707 694191

This Church is currently in vacancy.

admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk

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 21 Oct	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 22 Oct	ToddleTime Playgroup, 10am Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Zoom online prayer group, 8pm
Thur 24 Oct	Thursday Lunches, 12noon
Fri 25 Oct	Choir Practice, 7pm
Sun 26 Oct	Said Eucharist, 8am Parish Communion, 9.15am Choral Evensong, 6pm

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

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 instructions, supplies or colour-in templates and we have crochet and knit patterns too. They are available on the table and display in the porch. Please bring in your poppies and place them in the collection box in the porch. Any queries, check with Churchwarden Carol.

Christmas Tree Festival: (2025's theme celebrates our church's 90th birthday): If you have a query and/or able to contribute your help or creativity in any way, please have a chat with our chief elf Graham:

stfrancisctf@outlook.com

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

News

Congratulations to choristers; Maia Day, Helena Dunstan and Eloise Jasko on being awarded their St Francis awards today.

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 32: 22-31

Jacob got up, took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.'

So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.'

Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.'

Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.'

The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Peniel is also spelled 'Penuel' means 'face of 'God.' in Hebrew.

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18: 1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent."

For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,

yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."

And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says.

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?

I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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