

Welcome to our services today

16 November 2025
2nd Sunday before Advent

SAID EUCHARIST, 8am

Presided by: Revd Susan Marsh

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 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: Lloyd

Hymns: 380 (*t 300, omit * verses*), 422, 435 (*2nd tune*), 413

Choir: Wills Missa Brevis

Bell A touching place

Readings: Malachi 4: 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19

This week we pray for all who live and work Springfields.

*Next Sunday's readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Colossians 1: 11- 20;
Luke 23: 33-43*

Parish Office (mornings Wed – Fri): 01707 694191

This Church is currently in vacancy.

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 18 Nov	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 19 Nov	Toddle Time Playgroup, 10am Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Zoom online prayer group, 8pm
Thur 20 Nov	Thursday Lunches, 12noon Parochial Church Council Meeting, 8pm
Fri 21 Nov	Knit, Hook & Stitch Group, 2pm Choir Practice, 7pm
Sat 22 Nov	WG Concert Club, 7.30pm
Sun 23 Nov	Said Eucharist, 8am
Christ the King	Parish Communion, 9.15am Choral Evensong, 6pm

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Sun 30 Nov	Advent Carol Service, 6pm
Sat/Sun 6-7Dec	Christmas Tree Festival 2025
Sun 14 Dec	Parish Communion with Nativity Play, 9.15am
Sat 20 Dec	Family Carols Service, 5pm

Can you help with our 2025 Christmas Tree Festival?

Our Chief elf is Graham, if you any queries, please contact him on:

stfrancisctf@outlook.com

Rotas - Please sign up. More helpers needed on the Sunday.

We are also looking for donations of:

Raffle prizes typically hamper type food & drink.

Tombola prizes (toys/games/toiletries/décorative objects – new or unused, food/drink are also equally sought after). Collection crates are at the back of church – please bring them in anytime.

Cake Stall: We are also looking for star bakers! Please check with Fiona if you have any queries.

Giving Tree - Gift wrapped(non-food) presents for adults/children in aid of the WGC Foodbank, (More details in attached flyer)

Crafts Stall: Your knitted contributions would be gratefully welcomed especially hats, gloves, wrist warmers of all sizes.

Posters/flyers – Kindly take some and display/distribute to other community noticeboards or workplaces, etc.

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Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Malachi 4: 1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.

This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21: 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?'

And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say,

I am he! and, *The time is near!* Do not go after them.

When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify.

So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

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