Welcome to our services today

9 November 2025
Remembrance Sunday

SAID EUCHARIST, 8am
PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am
All services today - presided by Rev'd Canon Jenny Gray.

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: 537, 427, 384, 779

Choir: Leighton in D
Harris Holy is the true light

Readings: Job 19: 23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5,13-17;
Luke 20: 27-38

This week we pray for all who live and work Brockswood Lane and Dellcott Close.

Next Sunday's readings: Malachi 4: 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19

Parish Office (mornings Wed – Fri): 01707 694191 admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk
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 11 Nov	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 12 Nov	Toddle Time Playgroup, 10am
	Said Eucharist, 10.30am
	Coffee for All, 10.30am
	Zoom online prayer group, 8pm
Thur 13 Nov	Thursday Lunches, 12noon
Fri 14 Nov	Choir Practice, 7pm
Sun 16 Nov	Said Eucharist, 8am
	Parish Communion, 9.15am

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Sun 23 Nov	Choral Evensong, 6pm
Sun 30 Nov	Advent Carol Service, 6pm
Sat/Sun 6-7Dec	Christmas Tree Festival 2025

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.

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.
We convey our grateful thanks to Cynthia who has managed this festival favourite for so many years. This is her last year in leading the Crafts stall, if anybody like to take it on, she would be delighted to have a chat. Message from Cynthia; *"Thank you to everyone who has so kindly supported me in the past."*

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

9 November 2025
3rd Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Job 19: 23-27a

'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.'

2 Thessalonians 2: 5, 13-17

Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.
Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Luke 20: 27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.
Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died.
In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.
Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.
And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.
Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.

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The following lines is part of The Ode of Remembrance, itself from the longer poem "For the fallen" by Lawrence Binyon. These lines have been adopted across the world as a general poem of remembrance.

They will be spoken aloud at the end of Intercessions. Please join in and say together:

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.