

## Welcome to our services today

7 December 2025  
Advent Sunday



All services presided by Revd Susan Marsh

**SAID EUCHARIST, 8am**

**PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am**

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.

Hymns: 24, 38 (*omit \* verses*), 33, 777

Choir: Oldroyd Mass of the Quiet Hour  
Goldschmidt A tender shoot

Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 36-44

This week we pray for all who live and work in Marsden Green, Marsden Close and Springfield House.

*Next Sunday's readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12*

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE, 6pm**

Parish Office (mornings Wed – Fri): 01707 694191

**This Church is currently in vacancy.**

[admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk](mailto: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 2 Dec	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 3 Dec	Toddle Time Playgroup, 10am Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Zoom online prayer group, 8pm
Thur 4 Dec	Thursday Lunches, 12noon
Fri 5 Dec	Choir Practice, 7pm
Sat 6 Dec	Christmas Tree Festival 2025, 12noon
Sun 7 Dec	Said Eucharist, 8am Parish Communion, 9.15am Christmas Tree Festival 2025, 12noon

## Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Sun 14 Dec	Parish Communion with Nativity Play, 9.15am
Sat 20 Dec	Family Carols Service, <b>4pm</b>
Sun 21 Dec	Nine Lessons and Carols Service, 6pm
Wed 24 Dec	Crib Service with Christingles, 5pm Midnight Mass, 11pm

## Christmas Tree Festival 2025: [stfrancisctf@outlook.com](mailto:stfrancisctf@outlook.com)

**ROTAS** in the porch. More helpers needed on the Sunday.

\*\*\*\*\* **Donations Urgently needed!** \*\*\*\*\*

**RAFFLE** (typically hamper type food & drink.

**TOMBOLA** (toys/games/toiletries/décorative objects – new or unused, food/drink are also equally sought after).

**CAKES:** Please refer to the Cake stall flyer for details and help yourselves to cake boxes.

**WRAPPED GIFTS-Giving Tree - Gift wrapped(non-food) presents for adults/children in aid of the WGC Foodbank.**

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

**FLYERS/POSTERS** – Kindly take some and display/distribute to other community noticeboards or workplaces, etc.

**NEW! In this season of advent anticipation, we are appealing for donations of mince pies, served after the Nine Lessons service – please bring them in anytime from now onwards.**

**30 November 2025**  
**Advent Sunday**

**Collect**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Isaiah 2: 1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**Romans 13: 11-14**

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and

drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.  
Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Matthew 24: 36-44**

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.  
For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.  
Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.  
Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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