

## Welcome to our services today

15 February 2026  
Sunday next before Lent



### **SAID EUCHARIST, 8am**

Presided by Revd Susan Marsh

### **PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am**

Presided by Bp 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: 612, 385 418, 369

Choir: Choir on holiday

Readings: Genesis 1: 1 – 2: 3; Romans 8: 18-25, Matthew 6: 25-34

This week we pray for all who live and work in Russellcroft Road.

*Next Sunday's readings: Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11*

Parish Office (mornings Wed – Fri): 01707 694191

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**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 17 Feb Said Eucharist, 7.30pm

Wed 18 Feb **Ash Wednesday**

ToddleTime playgroup, 10am

Coffee for All, 10.30am

Said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, 10.30am

Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, 8pm

Thur 19 Feb Thursday Lunches, 12noon

Fri 20 Feb Knit, Hook & Stitch group, 2pm

Sun 22 Feb Said Eucharist, 8am

Parish Communion, 9.15am

Choral Evensong, 6pm

## **Services & Diary Dates: further ahead**

Sun 1 Mar "Frankie's@5" Informal worship service, 5pm

Sun 18 Mar Family Communion Service, 10am

(one service for all ages)

## **Our church thrives through volunteers. Can you help?**

- Urgent need for more people to join with the Intercessions team, it's not a difficult task if one is already attending church services. Pui San would love to have a chat with anyone who may be considering this.

## **Confirmation Service 2026:**

*"Confirmation is a special church service in which a **young person or adult** confirms the promises (of committing their lives to following Jesus Christ) that were made by parents/godparents on their behalf when they were baptized as a baby."*

We are invited to participate in the confirmation preparations organised and led by Revd Dr Ryan Gilfeather, Priest-in-charge at St Mary Magdalene, Hollybush Lane, WGC AL7 4JS. The confirmation course: Sundays: 12 to 1pm on 8 Mar, 19 Apr, 17 May, 14 Jun and 19 Jul. More details and Confirmation Forms from the Parish Office. The Confirmation Service date is Sunday 26 July, 6:30pm at St Mary's Welwyn.

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### Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Exodus 24: 12-18

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.'

So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.

Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

### 2 Peter 1: 16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns

and the morning star rises in your hearts.

First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

### Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'

And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

*Ash Wednesday: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6: 10;  
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21*

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