

## Welcome to our services today

17 May 2026  
Seventh Sunday of Easter



**Both services presided by Revd Canon Jenny Gray**

**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.

Congregational Setting: Tambling

Hymns: 334, 171(*tune 502*), 311, 170

Choir: Mozart Spatzenmesse

Attwood Teach me O Lord

Readings: Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11

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

*Next Sunday's readings: Acts 2: 1-21; John 20: 19-23*

Parish Office: Wed to Fri mornings 01707 694191

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**This Church is currently in vacancy.**

Enquiries on Funerals or Burials, 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 19 May Said Eucharist, 7.30pm

Wed 20 May Toddletime Playgroup, 10am

Said Eucharist, 10.30am

Coffee for All, 10.30am

Thur 21 May Thursday Lunches, 12 noon

Fri 22 May Choir practice, 7pm

Sun 24 May Pentecost – Family Communion Service, 10am

*(with homemade cake sale in the Hall)*

Choral Evensong, 6pm

## Services & Diary Dates: later on

Sat 27 Jun Choir Fundraising Concert, 7pm

## News

The flowers in church have been donated by David Hancock, celebrating the centenary commemoration of beloved father, Norman.

Don't forget to support our homemade cake sale next Sunday (all the usual teatime favourites), baked by Julie, Sally, Fiona and Pui San. All proceeds go to our church funds.

## Church Flowers:

If anyone would like to commemorate a special celebration/anniversary or life event through floral donations in church, please e-mail (anytime): [flowers@stfranciswgc.org.uk](mailto:flowers@stfranciswgc.org.uk) The team would be delighted to help.

## WANTED! Plant Seedlings:

Have you sown too much or bought more than you can use. If so, can you spare your surplus plants for St Francis Church garden, where everyone could enjoy them too? Please speak to Anthony Packer, anytime.

## VOLUNTEERS: This church thrives on volunteers.

We give thanks for all who are already serving in so many capacities. If there is anyone unsure or think they can help or even in a small way or perhaps, only occasionally, we have roles or needs that may suit. Don't be shy, please speak to Churchwarden Carol or Pui San.

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported last Saturday's Choir Quiznite, which raised approx. £700 for choir funds.

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**Collect**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Acts 1: 6-14**

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal

that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**John 17: 1-11**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

*Next Sunday: Pentecost Family Communion for all @10:00*

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