

Welcome to our services today

14 June 2026
Second Sunday after Trinity



Both services presided by Revd Canon Jenny Gray Knit, Hook &
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 through the Parish Room)

There are various resources and activity bags in the Children's Chapel available for younger children.

Congregational Setting: Archer

Hymns: 578, 392, 546, 609

Choir: Howells Collegium Regale

Streeting Tantum ergo

Readings: Exodus 19: 2-8a; Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8

This week we pray for all who live and work in Handside Lane.

*Next Sunday's readings: Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Romans 6: 1b-11;
Matthew 10: 24-39*

Parish Office: Wed to Fri mornings 01707 694191

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This Church remains in vacancy until 7 September 2026.

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 16 Jun Said Eucharist, 7.30pm

Wed 17 Jun Said Eucharist, 10.30am
Coffee for All, 10.30am

Thur 18 Jun Thursday Lunches, 12 noon

Fri 19 Jun Funeral Service – Tinotenda Paradza, 10.30am

Knit, Hook & Stitch Group, 2pm

Choir practice, 7pm

Sun 21 Jun Said Eucharist, 8am

Parish Communion, 9.15am

Services & Diary Dates: later on

Tue 23 Jun Funeral Service – John Breese, 11am

Sat 27 Jun Choir Fundraising Concert, 7pm

Sun 28 Jun Choral Evensong, 6pm

Mon 7 Sep Licensing Service, 7.30pm

News

Saturday 27 Jun @7pm Choir Fundraising Concert:

Come along and listen to the choir sing a wide repertoire that we wouldn't normally have in a typical service. The programme includes Parry - I was glad and Joseph Horowitz - Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo. In addition, there are other solo and instrumental pieces.

The licensing of Revd Tricia Reed will take place at 7.30pm in church on Monday 7 September.

This licensing service is an official church service where Bishop Jane formally grants Revd Tricia, legal and spiritual permission to begin ministry, as our Interim Priest-in-Charge. Please put this important date in your diary as we formally welcome Revd Tricia's public commissioning.

2026 Arts Festival: 11am - 6pm, from 2 to 4 Oct, with a special

Artists' Desert Island Discs, 7pm on 2 Oct.

Andrew Watkinson: ArtsFest Co-ordinator. If you have any queries or artist referrals, please e-mail: artsfestival@stfranciswgc.org.uk

Put these dates into your diary. Nearer the time we would love to have, and rely on your generous support in the form of helpers manning the rotas, making cakes and contributing hamper type raffle prizes. Thank you in anticipation of another successful event and 'fun'draiser.

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Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 19: 2-8a

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.'

Romans 5: 1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the

right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'

As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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