

Welcome to our services today

21 June 2026
Third Sunday after Trinity



Both services presided by Revd Sue Stilwell.

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: 469, 504, 266, 455

Choir: Wood in the Phrygian mode

arr. Wicks Steal Away

Readings: Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Romans 6: 1b-11; Matthew 10: 24-39

This week we pray for all who live and work in Guessens Grove and Guessens Court.

Next Sunday's readings: Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42

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

Mon 22 Jun Funeral Service – Claudia Shillingford, 10.30am

Tue 23 Jun Funeral Service – John Breese, 11am
Said Eucharist, 7.30pm

Wed 24 Jun Toddletime Playgroup, 10am
Said Eucharist, 10.30am
Coffee for All, 10.30am

Thur 25 Jun Thursday Lunches, 12 noon

Fri 26 Jun Funeral Service – Jonathan O'Neil, 11am
Choir practice, 7pm

Sat 27 Jun Choir Fundraising Concert, 7pm

Sun 28 Jun Said Eucharist, 8am
Parish Communion, 9.15am
Choral Evensong, 6pm

Services & Diary Dates: later on

Sun 5 Jul 'Frankie's@5' Informal Worship Service, 5pm

Mon 7 Sep Licensing Service, 7.30pm

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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 Horovitz - 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

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Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 20: 7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.'

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Romans 6: 1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?

By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

For whoever has died is freed from sin.

But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 10: 24-39

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father.

And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

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