

Welcome to our services today

12th July 2026
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

SAID EUCHARIST, 8am
(Presided by Revd Dr Callan Slipper)

PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am
(Presided by Revd Richard Syms)

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: Lloyd
Hymns: 474, 515, 400, 447
Choir: Ireland in C

Jesu the very thought of thee – Bairstow`

Readings: Isaiah 55 10-13; Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

This week we pray for all who live and work in Polayn Garth and Palmerstone Close.

Next Sunday's readings: Wisdom of Solomon 12: 13, 16-19; Romans 8 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

CHORAL EVENSONG, 6pm
(Presided by Revd Dr Callan Slipper)

Parish Office: Wed to Fri mornings 01707 694191 admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk
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

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Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 14 Jul Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 15 Jul Said Eucharist, 10.30am
Coffee for All, 10.30am
Thur 16 Jul Thursday Lunches, 12 noon
Fri 17 Jul Knit, Hook & Stitch group, 2pm
Choir practice, 7pm
Sun 19 Jul Said Eucharist, 8am
Parish Communion, 9.15am

Services & Diary Dates: later on

Mon 7 Sep Licensing and Installation Service, 7.30pm
2 to 4 Oct Arts Festival, 11am-6pm
Sat 3 Oct Artists' Desert Island Discs, 7pm

News

Notice: We have just spent quite a bit on emergency repairs to several of the worst, uneven and unsafe paving slabs along the driveway. **Strictly no parking on the kerb. We would appreciate everyone's co-operation to help us remind casual visitors too. And to keep at least 10 feet of unhindered access at both exit points of the driveway.** (fyi: About 5 years ago we repaired several slabs only for them to broken, a week later!)

Open invitation to the Licensing & Installation Service - Revd Tricia Reed will take place at 7.30pm in church.

Please come and support our new Interim Priest-in-Charge as we formally welcome Revd Tricia's public commissioning.

Raffle Prizes - ArtsFest 2026: Following the success of the Raffle in 2025, we would like a repeat! We can only do this with your wonderful support and generosity. We appeal for donations of long-life grocery food (tins/bottles/jars) or drinks suitable for famous hampers! When you are out shopping, why not take advantage of any BOGOF or 3 for price of 2 offers. (Eg: pasta, rice, sauce, biscuits, crisps, jam, tea/coffee/hot choc, crackers, sweets/chocs, preserves fruit/nut/meat/fish, etc) Alcohol of any sort always a winner! Please pass them to Parish Office(Pui San) anytime.

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Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

Isaiah 55: 10-13

Thus says the Lord: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Romans 8: 1-11

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake.

Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear then the parable of the sower.

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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