

Welcome to our services today

23 August 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity



Presided by Revd Susan Marsh

PARISH COMMUNION, 9.15am

Followed by refreshments and chat in the Hall.

We may not be running all year groups during the summer holidays.

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

Congregational Setting: Archer

Hymns: 371 (*2nd tune*), 517, 386, 497

Choir Week in Salisbury Cathedral

Readings: Isaiah 51: 1-6; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

This week we pray for all who live and work in Parkway and Park House Flats.

Next Sunday's readings: Jeremiah 15: 15-21; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28

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: 1129849

Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 25 Aug Said Eucharist, 7.30pm

Wed 26 Aug Said Eucharist, 10.30am
Coffee for All, 10.30am

Thur 27 Aug Thursday Lunches, 12 noon

Sun 30 Aug Parish Communion, 9.15am

Services & Diary Dates: later on

Wed 2 Sep Funeral Service – Penny Hyde, 2.15pm

Fri 4 Sep Funeral Service – Pamela Hawkins, 2pm

Sun 6 Sep Interment of Ashes – Colin Gosnell, 10.30am

Mon 7 Sep Licensing and Installation Service, 7.30pm

2 to 4 Oct Arts Festival, 11am-6pm

Sat 3 Oct Artists' Desert Island Discs, 7.30pm

News

If anyone is interested in donating towards church flowers or a floral memorial tribute, please e-mail Julie or Claire via

flowers@stfranciswgc.org.uk

Choir Week 2026 in Salisbury Cathedral ends today.

You may yet make it to their last service, this evening's (23 Aug)

Choral Evensong @4.30pm.

Please feel very welcome to join our choir and worship in this historic 800 year old early English Gothic cathedral setting.

Open invitation to the Licensing & Installation Service - Revd Tricia Reed as Interim Priest-in-Charge, 7.30pm on Mon 7th Sep.

2026 Autumn Art Festival: 11am to 6pm from Fri 2nd to Sun 4th Oct

Features a programme of activities and the star attraction - original artworks sale. Admission: £3.50 Adults (incl. a hot drink) with free entry for children (under 18s).

Special Artists' Desert Island Discs event on Saturday, 3rd October from 7:30 to 9 pm, 'an evening where art meets music'. Tickets available from zoejasko.com or On the Door: £8 Adults (children free entry). Licensed bar refreshments available.

Raffle Prizes urgently needed: long life grocery, hamper type food and drink, please don't be shy, our collection crates are quite empty...

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 51: 1-6

A new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'

Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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