

Welcome to our services today

9 August 2026
Tenth Sunday after Trinity



Presided by Revd Mike Shaw

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: Tambling
Hymns: 3, 588, 328, 390
Choir on summer break

Readings: 1 Kings 19: 9-18; Romans 10: 5-15;
Matthew 14: 22-33

This week we pray for all who live and work in Bridge Road,
The Campus, Woodside House, Rosanne House and Peel Court.

*Next Sunday's readings: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15: 21-28*

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

St Francis of Assisi, (CoE) Church Road, WGC, AL8 6QJ

Reg. Charity No: 1129849

Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 11 Aug Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 12 Aug Said Eucharist, 10.30am
Coffee for All, 10.30am
Thur 13 Aug Thursday Lunches, 12 noon
Sun 16 Aug 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, 7.30pm

News

Choir Week 2026 takes place in Salisbury Cathedral from 17 to 23 August.

Monday, 17th to Saturday 22nd; Choral Evensong services at 5.30pm
(note: Choir has the day off on Thursday, 20 Aug)
Sunday 23rd Aug: Eucharist @10.30am & Choral Evensong @4.30pm.
Please feel very welcome to join our choir at these worship services 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

How to support this autumn's exciting, inspiring, artistic fundraiser?

Here are some ways we can help now:

Refer art students/artists to artsfestival@stfranciswgc.org.uk
Contribute raffle prizes (long life food and drink for our hampers).
Alcohol drinks are always popular - pass them to Parish Office during office hours, please.

Distribute our hand flyers to visitors near and far, friends, neighbours/ colleagues. Or do you have somewhere else, public community boards where our A4 posters can be displayed? Post/share it on your socials.

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Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.

1 Kings 19: 9-18

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword.

I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Romans 10: 5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.'

But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, *Who will ascend into heaven?*' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or *Who will descend into the abyss?*' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Matthew 14: 22-33

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!'

And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'

He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.

But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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