

St Francis Weekly News for ST FRANCIS DAY 4th October 2020



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ST FRANCIS CHURCH?

A WONDERFUL TRANSFORMATION

At last, after many delays, I am very pleased to share the great news that the replacement flooring in the lounge has finally been laid.

This work had been long planned and completes the schedule of works that date back to 2018/2019 when the the remedial works to the lounge and vestry was undertaken.

As you will see, the decision was made to move away from carpeting and to go with an easily maintained and cleanable heavy duty vinyl.

This has proven to be a good choice especially considering the current situation regarding the necessity to sanitize all public areas on a regular basis.

The results are a joy to behold and we can't wait for the day when we can open up the lounge again and see people enjoying being together in this very welcoming area of St Francis Church building.



The new flooring is called 'log cabin oak' and was chosen specifically to complement the beautiful entrance doors to the church.

THE CREATIONTIDE WINDOW DISPLAY



Week One



Week Two



Week Three



Week Four

Very sadly it would seem that Revd Winnie's beautiful safe place – the lovely garden he had found to enjoy is not only flooded by the melting mountain ice cap but is now also choked up with huge amounts of plastic waste.

What is he going to do?

Such a shame Eeyore isn't back yet– maybe he could have helped Revd Winnie decide what needs to be done...

WHERE IS EYORE?

As you may already know, Rev Winnie and Eeyore went on holiday several weeks ago; Rev Winnie came home as expected but without Eeyore. We are sorry to report that he is still missing. Since then there have been a few messages; it seems that Eeyore lost Winnie on Milan station and then got on

a train to Assisi where he seems to be exploring.
We got a letter yesterday, and here is what it said:

Dear Rev Winnie

I've met so many nice people here in Assisi. Most of them are friars who follow the rule of St Francis. I've seen his tomb and it's the most amazing thing I have ever seen. This is such a moving place. I feel that my whole life has been changed, I feel so happy and contented. I know I'm part of a big family now and that I will never be alone in my heart. But I miss you and the others dear Winnie so I am going to try and get the right train home. I can't wait to tell you all about the things I've seen and learned.

Love Eeyore

PS A friar is like a monk but travels around. I thought you might like to know that.



We aren't quite sure what this all means, but hopefully this time Eeyore will manage to get on the right train. We continue to pray he'll be home soon.

NUMBER 94 RIDER HAGGARD ROAD...

We are hoping that we will soon be seeing lots of activity happening in what was the Hive building.

The renovations are complete and the areas that St Francis Church will be using are almost ready to go – These include the office where The Heartsease Community Money Advice Centre will be located

and the large reception area that has been laid out as a area of welcome and hospitality.

As there have been such substantial changes to the way the building will be used we are thinking that it would be good to have a change of name to signal the fresh new start.

We are inviting suggestions and would welcome any ideas that especially include a reference to 'St Francis'

Please get in touch if you have a suggestion!

EXPLORING THE SAN DAMIANO CROSS

Wednesday 7th October at 7.30



An opportunity to join together via the zoom room or in church [restrictions apply] as Fr Tracy invites us to look deeper into the cross that spoke to St Francis.

The link for the zoom room is below:

Time: Oct 7, 2020 19:30 London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89418679148?pwd=UFkyWGtWRjhFTm9mTDF5ZGhab1ZHQT09>

Meeting ID: **894 1867 9148**

If you do not have access to zoom a very limited number of places are available to attend in person following covid safe practice.

Please contact Revd Janet for further details.