

St Francis Weekly News for THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 7th March 2021



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ST FRANCIS CHURCH?

BACK TO SCHOOL

It hasn't escaped our notice here at St Francis that next week will be a big week in the lives of our children and young people!

As you all start to return to your classrooms we wanted you to know that we will be thinking of you and remembering you in our prayers.

We are praying that these days will be filled with lots of fun and happiness at being back with friends and learning exciting new things.

Thoughts and prayers will be with parents and carers too as you negotiate your way back into school day routines.

Please don't forget if you need a hand with anything or think we might be able to help – just drop into the church any weekday morning or give us a call: 01603 431259

And at this point we send out a big thank you to all the teachers and support staff in our schools who have kept things going throughout this most difficult and testing year. Thank you everyone at Open Academy and Heartsease Primary Academy – you are doing an amazing job!



A BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Heavenly Father

Watch over and protect our children,
young people and those who are entrusted
with their education and wellbeing.
Keep them safe and well dear Lord;
may they know joy and laughter,
and may your blessing,
the peace of your presence
and your strong arms of love enfold them all
as their schools fully open up once more.
In Jesus name. Amen

ST FRANCIS WINDOW THIS WEEK...



Revd Winnie, Brother Eeyore and Piglet are thinking about the gift of water. They have decided to drink lots of it as part of their Lenten discipline. They are also learning about how to make sure that water is seen as the valuable gift it is – after all, without it nothing would grow!

They are using one of the Church of England booklets 'Love Life, Live Lent' resources. If you can, why not log onto the Church of England website and search out some resources for yourself?

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-12/LiveLentCareforGodsCreationSampleWeb.pdf>

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Here we are, well into Lent and looking to celebrate the third Sunday of our journey toward Holy Week and Easter.

Sundays are always a bit of a treat, this being the day we observe our day of rest, and gather together as church to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Throughout Lent Sundays take on an added significance for those who are fasting, or giving up certain food or drink items as part of their Lenten observance. Sunday is the day when we can relax the fasting – and enjoy the luxury of a little sensible feasting.

According to church tradition, Sundays must always be observed as a feast day [hence the big Sunday dinners many of us enjoyed years ago], and to maintain a fast on this day of remembrance of the resurrection is not seen as remaining faithful to the glorious promise of the kingdom, both now and to come, that the resurrection proclaimed.

So, break out that choccy bar or glass of wine and luxuriate in the goodness of God, giving thanks that we have these treats in our lives – many throughout the world, both near and far, are not so fortunate.

Fr Tracy's Curate's Corner explores fasting in a little more depth this week – and next week we'll be turning our attention to charitable giving as part of observing a Holy Lent.



ECO CHURCH SURVEY

We were very pleased with the response we received, as 15 surveys were returned. Some people also helpfully described things they had done in order to live more sustainably.

One aspect of the survey we felt we could explore more is that of food and shopping.



We would like to throw out an invitation to share your ideas through this newsletter, to start with on the subject of FOOD.

One useful way of thinking about how we can reduce our carbon footprint is this one word:

LOAF which stands for food which is:
Locally produced, Organically grown, Animal friendly and Fairly traded

We are interested in your ideas of places where you can buy ethically produced food and drink. Ideas please by Friday to:

Eco Church
C/o St Francis Vicarage
100 Rider Haggard Road.

Or email: admin@stfrancisheartsease.co.uk

Thank you!

The Eco Church working group

WOODSIDE HOUSE CARE HOME



Much love to all at Woodside House!

If you would like to send a message to Woodside House to let them know we're thinking of them, please use the email below or pop it through the vicarage door

GET CREATIVE!

Well done Jack! That looks very yummy – just right for a Sunday dessert...

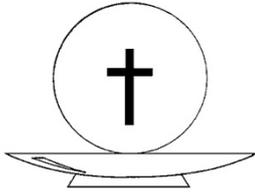


If you have something that you would like us to consider for the newsletter please feel free to send via email revdjanetwyer@outlook.com or post a copy of your submission through the vicarage door. [100 Rider Haggard Road]
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CHURCH OPENING DURING WINTER LOCKDOWN

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH IS NOT OPEN FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP.

However, the church is available for individual prayer every weekday 10.30am – 11.30am.



If you would like to spend some time in the church or would like to make enquiries about receiving Holy Communion please do feel free to contact:

Revd Janet – 07368 832294
or
Fr Tracy - 07834 845623

If you would like to join in with Sunday Worship we continue to broadcast via the St Francis YouTube channel. Just search for 'St Francis Heartsease YouTube'

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMIT TO BEING A MEMBER OF THE ST FRANCIS HEARTSEASE CHURCH FAMILY?

Everyone in the St Francis Heartsease Parish is a part of our church family, but over the next few weeks we will be looking to revising St Francis Church Electoral Roll.

If you would like to formally become a part of the family and commit to all that entails, all you need to do is complete a simple form and return it to the Church Office.

We will be sending out forms in due course – but if you would like to know more, please get in touch.

HOME GROUP

Throughout Lent Jim Green will continue to offer folk the opportunity to get together via a Zoom Room every fortnight on a Wednesday evening.

The forthcoming dates are:

March 10, 24

Joining Jim and the group who meet regularly is an ideal opportunity to try something different as a way of observing Lent and deepening bonds of fellowship.

As ever the times are 7- 8pm, and the format is very simple: chat, catch up with each other, read a Bible passage, pray for each other.

Please email Jim for further details and he will be happy to make contact and pass on all you need to know, including the zoom link address. His email is as follows: jimpiecrust@gmail.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD NOTICE BOARD

HEARTSEASE COMMUNITY MONEY ADVICE CENTRE

This new and exciting community advice centre is currently looking for volunteers to train as advisors, centre assistants and folk willing to offer a listening ear and a cuppa when we can fully open to the public in 'Next Door @ St Francis'. If you would like to know more, please call 07765 739987

If you have a notice you would like included under the noticeboard – please email your piece to revdjanetwyer@outlook.com or deborah.lechmere@ntlworld.com

PASTORAL CARE MATTERS

Please remember you are not alone, if you would like a chat or if you need some assistance of any kind, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Our contact details are as follows:

Revd Janet: 07368 832294

Fr Tracy: 07834 845623

24/7 Answerphone: 01603 431259
[checked daily]

There is also someone available in church weekday mornings if you would prefer to talk to someone face to face.

ST FRANCIS FREE FOOD



If you live on the Heartsease we can offer help if you or someone you know needs support with emergency basic food provision. Just call in or leave a message on our answerphone

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE

If you are feeling overwhelmed, low, stressed or anxious – Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust have launched a self-referral service available online:

www.wellbeingnands.co.uk/get-support/selfreferral

or by phone: 03300 123 1503

[Mon – Fri 8am – 8pm]

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HELP AND SUPPORT IN TIMES OF NEED



USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Childline: 0800 1111

Samaritans: 116 123

Domestic Violence Hotline: 0808 2000 247

[If you hear a neighbour in distress please do not hesitate to call this number or 999; you could save a life]

Mind: 0300 123 3393

Age UK: 0800 169 6565

Norfolk Assistance Scheme: 01603 223392

St Francis Heartsease
Community Money Advice

Now open
We have trained debt advisers
We can also help you before you get into debt
Please call 07765739987 and leave your name & number
Or email heartseasecmacentre@outlook.com

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THE CURATES'S CORNER

Following on from last week, I'm referring to this month's posters outside the church drawn by Norfolk artist Edith Chadwick. One suggests what we should be doing in this season, and this week I'm thinking about 'fasting, our weapon against the flesh'.

The Edith Chadwick Poster on display outside St Francis



One of the things about 'fasting' or giving up something in Lent that has really bothered me in the past is what we might call a basic category error. Many folk will remark on giving up sweets to lose weight, or giving up driving to work in order to get fit, or whatever.

Both of these things are fine in themselves, but they betray the category error because Lent isn't about giving up things for some perceived health benefit. Giving up for Lent is about letting go in order to move on.

'Weapon against the flesh' is an interesting term, because here in the children's illustration 'flesh' is taken literally and shows an overweight boy feasting on cake, reminding me of myself! But 'flesh' is really meant to refer to the material distractions of this world, which are far, far bigger than just Mr Kipling's finest.

I used to have an idea in my head that 'fasting' in the sense of literally not eating was a bit bad for you, but conversation with medical friends suggests that it actually can be good for you. However – there is absolutely no point in doing it to make yourself completely miserable or ill – in fact, if you have a medical condition which could be worsened by it, please do not fast from food without your doctor's permission. Worse still, it is not to make a big show of how pious you are. This is the message of the Ash Wednesday gospel, of course; hypocrisy is also not the point.

What is the point? Well, I think that if we all think about it, there is lots of stuff that we should give up, things that hold us back, get in the way and stop us lifting our hearts.

I saw a TV trailer the other day for a programme about 'minimalism', promoted as a life choice in which getting rid of 'stuff' is desirable, healthy and will lead to great happiness. Aha, I thought, I bet they won't be mentioning St Francis. Because of course that is exactly what Franciscanism preaches: 'renunciation'. The 'letting go' of the

'stuff' that weighs us down. The Franciscan friars were 'minimalists' centuries ago. Renunciation is about unburdening ourselves of needless possessions and clutter, but it is also about clearing out the needless clutter in our souls.

Here we begin to hear Jesus afresh. Our Lord tells us that we need to die to live. Killing off all those things that obstruct our ability to live properly can be difficult and painful, but it is all necessary if we are to face the future in a holistic way. We mustn't dwell on the past, nor should we prevaricate about the future – Jesus makes this very clear.

There is no point in grieving over our lost dreams. We must remind ourselves that we deceive ourselves and there is no truth in us if we think we are as good as we like to believe. The key is to lift our hearts to God, allow them to be opened and to accept the grace which He offers to become renewed, refreshed and healed. Only by 'renunciating' all those things we don't need any more can we do this. Only by becoming less obsessed with ourselves and our predilections, by letting go of our egos, can we be renewed in Christ.

So I think that's what fasting as a weapon against the world is. It is mostly about giving up our egos and prejudice, leaving behind our bad attitudes and self-centred natures. If we are honest, we will see that we harbour addictions of many kinds, perhaps to food, drink or drugs, but also material possessions, ways of being, pointless distraction by technological gimmickry. Destroying these is a hard task but must be done if we wish to climb higher on the ladder of spiritual progress that leads to being who we were meant to be in the eyes of God.

As we become less burdened by the things that weigh us down, we become more able to see; to see the things that matter, the things that do not become corrupt or stolen. We literally *lay up treasures in heaven*. We come to live in the eternal now.

At we walk on towards Easter, we must face up to the reality of death and cast off the meaningless distractions and trivial obsessions of this world and learn to walk lightly, far less burdened under an easier yoke, into the arms of our divine maker.

'Master, to whom would we go? You have the words of real life, eternal life.'

John 6:68 in 'The Message' translation.

Every blessing

Fr Tracy

A WORD FROM THE VICAR

As I gazed out of the study window, I spied a patch of gold! Daffodils...



Daffodils always remind me of Mothering Sunday – and of the worried debates that I have known in the past. 'Do you think the daffodils will be over for Mothering Sunday Vicar?' this is the question every Incumbent dreads. Because in the rare year that it happens – life becomes very fraught indeed...

As it is, there will be plenty of daffodils around for this year's Mothering Sunday – because it is next week!

Last year, Mothering Sunday was when we had our first experience of being church in full Lockdown. I remember it as being a weird and very scary experience – a time filled with uncertainty and fear about what the future might bring.

What seemed to make it all worse was the daffodil posies never got to be given away...

Well, here we are, almost a full year on and it's maybe not so scary – especially with the vastly successful rollout of the vaccines.

However, we are no further forward with giving away our daffodil posies, but, we are nevertheless still working hard at doing our best to be a caring, servant church in the midst of what remains to be a global pandemic.

Personally, I think we've done well – and I extend my deep gratitude to all the folk who have worked so hard to keep St Francis Church the outward facing church it has always been.

We are very much looking forward to the day when we can once more throw open the doors and welcome all comers into the warmth and fellowship that is St Francis Church proper. But in the meantime, we'll do our best to keep everyone safe – grit our teeth and accept that yet another Mothering Sunday will pass by without a congregation; but looking forward also with hope whilst enjoying the unplucked daffodils that turn their golden faces to the Sun, reminding us that although it may not feel like it – spring and better days are nearly here.

As you turn your face to the Sun, may you know God's blessing and peace

Revd Janet

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We have been asked to pray for Woodside House Care Home who are finding these days to be particularly difficult. Please ask that they know that God's love is with them as they continue to live through sad times and the current restrictions.

We pray too for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Joy; Kelly and family; Lorna; Evie; Rodrigo; Huggy; Megan; Christine; Stephen C; Margaret T; David & Cynthia; Maegan; Tom; Riley & his mum and family; Jeanette, David & Grace; Paula.

We continue to pray for all those in our Church, friends and family who are managing long term health issues including Pete; Doreen; Rosemary; Sheila; John; Shirley; Fr Brian, Hazel

We pray too for all NHS and NSFT Staff.

We remember with love Derek; Stephen Webster; and all those who have died in recent days and pray for their family and friends.

A PRAYER FOR THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or feeling isolated. In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Church of St Francis
Heartsease**

**Heavenly Father
We ask your blessing upon us.
Hold the Heartsease Community,
and all the world,
in your arms of love.
Be with us.
Give us your strength,
peace, and healing grace.
Watch over us,
protect us from harm;
and keep in safety
all those who care for the sick
and attend to our needs,
in Jesus name we pray.
Amen**

PRAYERS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son
went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory
before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we,
walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other
than the way of life and peace;
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. Amen

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace
to withstand the temptations of the world,
the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the
only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT EXODUS 20:1 - 17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your

livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.



You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

PSALM 19



The heavens are telling the glory of God ♦
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

One day pours out its song to another ♦
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.

They have neither speech nor language ♦
and their voices are not heard,

Yet their sound has gone out into all lands ♦
and their words to the ends of the world.

In them has he set a tabernacle
for the sun, ♦
that comes forth as a bridegroom

out of his chamber and rejoices
as a champion to run his course.

It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very end again, ♦
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul; ♦
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right
and rejoice the heart; ♦
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; ♦
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, ♦
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb.

By them also is your servant taught ♦
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often they offend? ♦
O cleanse me from my secret faults!

Keep your servant also
from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me; ♦
so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent of great offence.

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, ♦
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18 - 25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?
Where is the debater of this age? Has not God
made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in
the wisdom of God, the world did not know God

through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.



JOHN 2:13 - 22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!'



His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you

raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's readings present us with quite a varied picture.

Let's look a little more closely at what each has to offer. The Old Testament Reading gives us the 10 Commandments. They are not just a series of "thou shalt not's" but a gift from God to the people of Israel, to help them to structure their life as a community and to show individuals what it means to live lives that were worthy of the God who had rescued them from slavery.

The Psalm writer takes a similar view. He celebrates the glory of God as seen in his creation, but he also celebrates the glory of God as revealed in his laws. He sees them as something which helps him to understand how God wants him to live.

In our extract from the letter to the Corinthians Paul is contrasting wisdom and foolishness. Paul says that the world did not recognise God through his wisdom. So ultimately God did something which looked like complete foolishness. He came down to earth, lived among humans, and then allowed himself to be arrested, tried, beaten and put to death. Jews were expecting a kingly Messiah who would do signs and wonders to prove who he was. Greeks thought that gods were remote beings without feelings.

To both parties, then, the proclamation of the story of Jesus as someone who was God would have seemed complete foolishness, because gods were just not like that, but Paul says, the message that is proclaimed shows that God's foolishness is much wiser than human wisdom and God's wisdom is stronger than human strength.

So now we turn to our Gospel reading which tells of Jesus clearing the temple courts. So what was it that Jesus did, and why was it so shocking?

There were a number of different areas in the temple, it was a series of courtyards set one within another. The outermost was the Court of the Gentiles, then there was the Court of the Women, the Court of the Israelites and the Court of the priests,

Every Jew was required to pay a tax for the upkeep of the Temple and this had to be paid in special coinage which you could only get in the Temple courts. You had to buy the coins from a money changer, who charged you a lot for them.

That was the money side of it. If you were going to offer a sacrifice then it had to be an animal without blemish. If you bought it at a market outside the temple it would have to be inspected by a temple official. Naturally there was a fee for that inspection and very few animals passed it. This meant that the only safe place to buy an animal for sacrifice was in the temple and such animals came at a price. A pair of doves costing £10 outside the temple could cost you £100 from the dealers in the temple.

At every step the temple authorities were abusing their monopoly position. All this trading took place in the Court of the Gentiles which was the only area where non-Jews could go to pray, and it would have been a noisy and disruptive place.

It was into this bustle and noise that Jesus came. In this Jesus is standing in the great traditions of the prophets who didn't just proclaim the word of God, they acted it out. Jesus overturned the tables of the moneychangers, and drove out the animals and those who were selling them.

So why did he do this?

Because the practices were corrupt

Because worship in the Temple had become a formalised ritual rather than a genuine encounter with the presence of God

Because this model of sacrifice for sin was out of date and ineffective

Because Jesus himself would replace the Temple as the focus for the worship of God

Because, in doing so, he would open up worship to all who were God's chosen people regardless of ancestry, nationality or colour.

I wonder, if Jesus visited us today, might he need to do something similar? Lent provides a good opportunity to reflect on this.

Firstly to look at our lives as individuals.

Are there corrupt or unhelpful practices we have allowed ourselves to fall into and, if so, what will we do to get rid of them?

Has our individual walk with God become too ritualistic or even petered out. What might we do about it?

Is our giving of time talents, money something we review regularly or something that we never think about? What might need to be changed or developed?

We perhaps need to consider similar questions for our life as a church?

In one sense the Covid pandemic has been of some use because it has forced us to reconsider how we worship. Some of the things we have had to do such as using Zoom or YouTube, may well prove to have a lasting value as we move forward into more normal times. We do however need to ensure that we don't get stuck in a rut, satisfied with what we do, because that's the way it always has been.

We do need to ensure that the sacrifices our members make, both in terms of worship and in terms of time, talents, money are not just accepted as ritual offerings but are put to good use.

And we need to ensure that our worship and common life is open and accessible to everyone because Jesus died to make that happen.

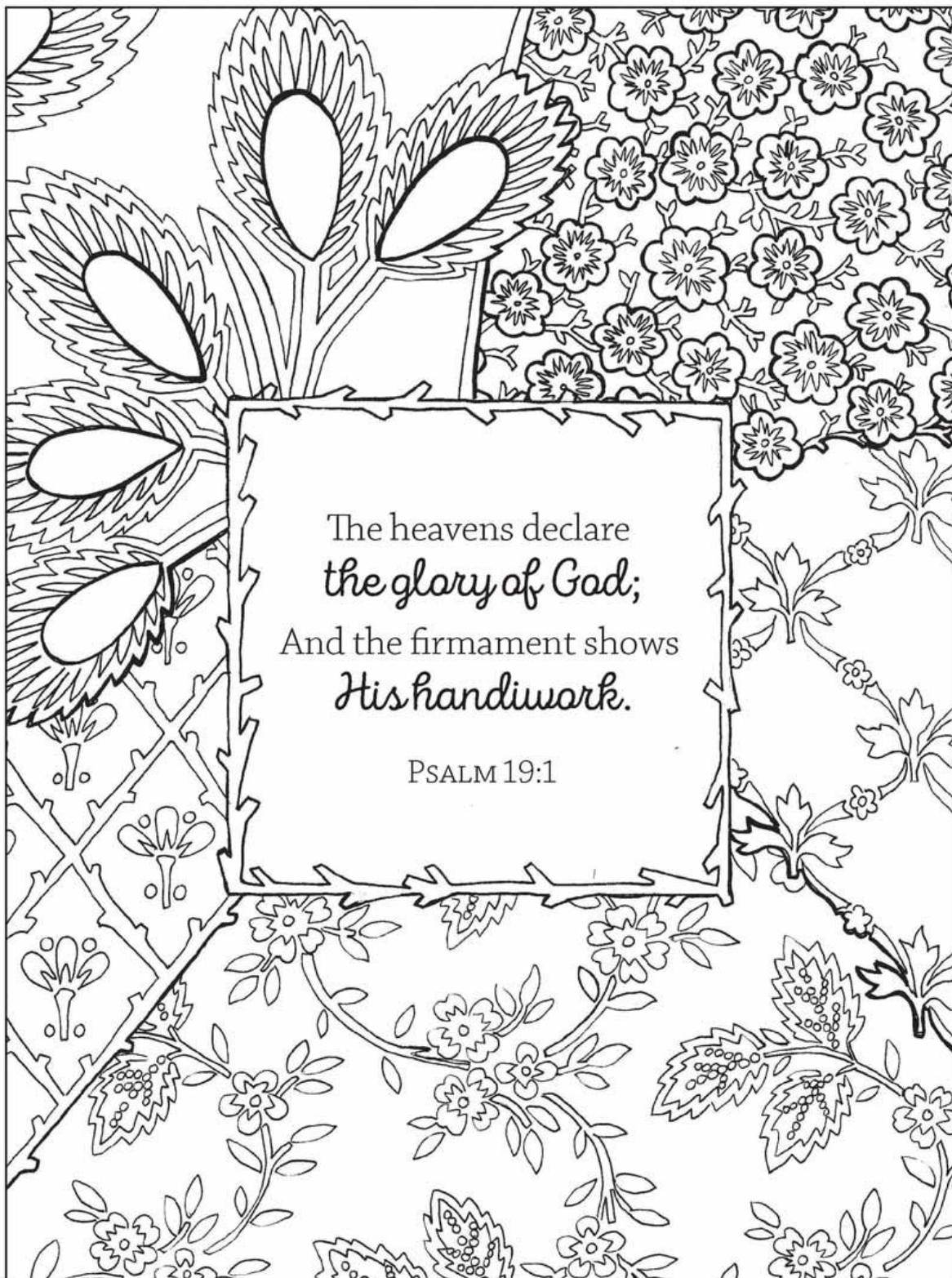
As we look at our community and the wider world.

We need to speak and even act in a prophetic manner in the same way that Jesus did. We need to be prepared to speak against corruption, unfair practices and exploitation, particularly of the poor. We need to ensure that everyone feels welcome in our building, our services, our gatherings of all sorts.

We need to proclaim Jesus as one who replaces the temple, as the only person worthy of worship.

If we do spend some time in examining ourselves in this way, and if we act on what we find, then we will be able to echo the words of the Psalm writer "May the words of our mouth and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you O Lord our Rock and our Redeemer."

David Lechmere
Lay Reader



I remember that day really well. It was nearly Passover. * The Temple courts were crowded. There were men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. The next thing we knew, Jesus was making a whip out of cords, and he began to drive the animals out of the Temple.



Cows and sheep were charging about, and doves were flying everywhere as he let them out of their cages. He scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He began shouting, 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a marketplace!' *

'As I look back now, I remember that the ancient prophets had written, 'Zeal for God's house will overwhelm me.' We could see it with our own eyes. And then the Jews there demanded of him, 'What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?' And Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this Temple, and I will raise it in three days.' They laughed. 'It's taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?!' But after the resurrection, the "three days" began to make sense! *

John 2.13-22



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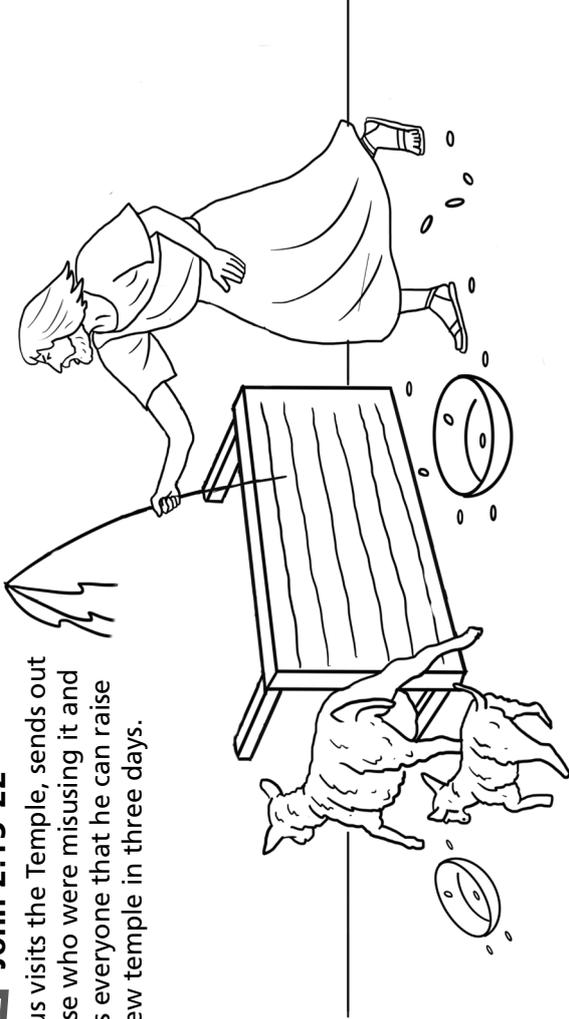
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John 2.13-22

Jesus visits the Temple, sends out those who were misusing it and tells everyone that he can raise a new temple in three days.



Jesus visits the Temple and says that some of the things happening there are wrong.

Jesus Says Write

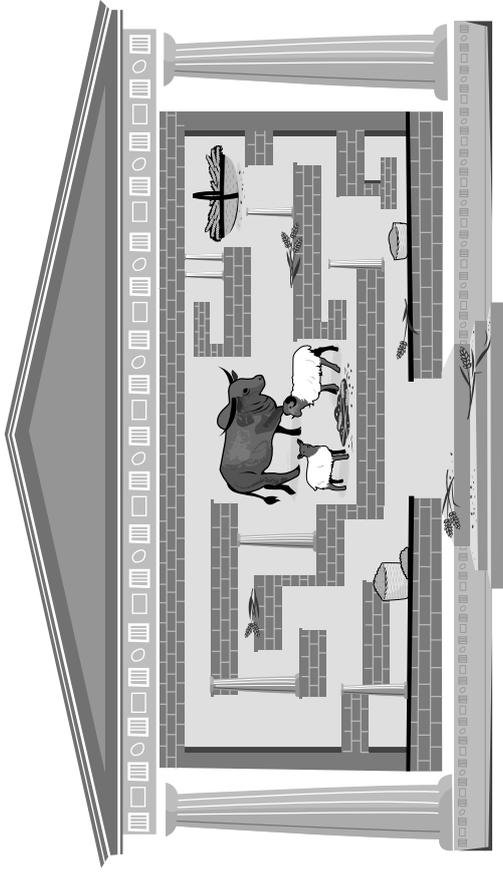
Write a short newspaper report describing what happened in the Temple when Jesus visited.

Temple Times



Puzzle

Can you help the animals find their way out of the Temple?



The Temple was one of the most important buildings in Jesus' time. Draw what you think it might have looked like.

Blank rounded rectangular box for drawing the temple.