

The Church of St Francis



**Last after Trinity – Bible Sunday
24th October 2021**



***'Incline your ear and come to me;
listen, so that you may live'***

NEW WAYS OF WORSHIPPING TOGETHER SAFELY

Even though restrictions have been lifted we are mindful that many people are still feeling vulnerable in terms of the transmission of coronavirus. Therefore, in support of those who feel they would like to continue wearing a face covering whilst indoors, we respectfully ask, if you are able to do so, that you consider wearing a face covering throughout the service.

We will be inviting you to stand for the Gospel and the Creed and, whilst remaining seated, to sing along to the hymns, Sanctus and Agnus Dei. Please feel free to participate in whatever way feels comfortable for you.

When we come to receive Holy Communion we will not be sharing the common chalice and so Holy Communion will continue to be shared in one kind only by the receiving of the Bread of Heaven at the chancel step. Please wait in your seat until the welcomer indicates it is your turn to go forward. Once you have received the bread in your hand, please return to your seat to consume.



If you require a gluten free wafer please ask your welcomer who will advise the clergy

SERVICES THROUGH THE WEEK - ALL ARE WELCOME!

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| Mon: | Morning Prayer | 9am | Thurs: | Morning Prayer | 9am |
| | | | | Evening Prayer | 5pm |
| Tues: | Morning Prayer | 9am | Sun: | Celebrating Together | 10.30 |
| | Evening Prayer | 5pm | | (Holy Communion) | am |
| Weds: | Morning Prayer | 9am | | | |
| | BCP Eucharist | 11.30am | | | |
| | Evening Prayer | 5pm | | | |

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in acute need of prayer at this time: Bishop Alan; Audrey; Ivan and Peter; Sheila; Megan; Riley & his mum and family; David & Grace, Alex and Amanda.

We continue to pray for Woodside House Care Home, Hebron House and all those in our Church, friends and family who are managing long term health issues including: Gayle; Linda R; Maegan; Carson; Tom; Rosemary; David & Cynthia; John and Jane; Rob, Rosie and Pete; Shirley.

We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend, and at this time we remember Gilbert and Lila Ong, Ronald Fish, George Towers and Thelma Howard.

**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**

COLLECT FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

ISAIAH 55 1-11

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For 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.

PSALM 19: 7 – END

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
**the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;**

**the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;**

**sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,**

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

2 TIMOTHY 3.14-4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having

itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

JOHN 5:36b-47

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

WHAT'S NEW @ ST FRANCIS

We are thrilled to announce that the **Craft Fair** held at the Church of St Francis and Nextdoor @ StFrancis raised a total of £800.

Huge thanks to Bev Williams and all who helped with the organisation and running of the event, and to those who donated raffle prizes.

WHAT'S ON @ ST FRANCIS

Come to our Fix Ya Bike Cafe

Tuesday evenings

6.30 – 8.30pm

***A free bicycle workshop
with a cafe at***

**Nextdoor@St Francis
Church on Rider Haggard
Road**

***where you can get your bike
fixed by Awesome Sean
our expert mechanic, or fix
it yourself***

**Under sixteens must be
accompanied by an adult**

All are welcome to our Led Bike Rides

Saturdays

10am – 12pm

***Come on a led social ride in
and around the Heartsease
area, on quiet roads and
cycle paths starting from***

**Nextdoor@St Francis
Church on Rider Haggard
Road**

***There will be a mid-ride
break & chance to have a
chat***

LET IT GROW: Every Wednesday 9am – 11.30am.
Weeding, Sowing, Planting & Tea and Cake Break.
LOTS OF FRESH VEG TO BE PICKED!

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