

The Church of St Francis
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5th December 2021



Peace



**Peace is like a light
shining in a dark
place. As we light the
second Advent candle
we celebrate the peace
we find in our Saviour
Jesus Christ.**

**The Church of St Francis
Heartsease**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Hayley; Ivan and Peter; Audrey; Sheila; Megan; Riley & his mum and family; Grace & David; Alex and Amanda; Kathryn; Willow; Lucy.

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

We pray for those who have died in recent days and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend.

**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**

COLLECTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us, and with great might
succour us; that whereas, through our sins
and wickedness we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away
the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen



POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WORD OF GOD

You may notice that we do not always use all the readings in our Sunday service – we include them in the bulletin for you to reflect upon them throughout the forthcoming week.

BARUCH 5

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

MALACHI 3:1 - 4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you

seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

CANTICLE – THE BENEDICTUS

- 1 Blessed be the Lord
the God of Israel, ♦ who has come to his
people and set them free.**
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty
Saviour, ♦ born of the house of his
servant David.**
- 3 Through his holy prophets God
promised of old ♦ to save us from our
enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦
and to remember his holy covenant.**
- 5 This was the oath God swore
to our father Abraham: ♦
to set us free from the hands of our
enemies,**
- 6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦
holy and righteous
in his sight all the days of our life.**
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the
prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare
his way,**
- 8 To give his people knowledge of
salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon
us,**
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in
darkness and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.**

**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.**

PHILIPPIANS 1: 3 - 11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you

share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

LUKE 3:1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight. Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made
low, and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

FORTHCOMING SERVICES ALL WELCOME

Mon: Morning Prayer – 9am

Tues: Morning Prayer – 9am
Evening Prayer – 5pm

Weds: Morning Prayer – 9am
BCP Holy Communion – 11.30am
Evening Prayer - 5pm

Thurs: Morning Prayer – 9am
Evening Prayer – 5pm

Sun: Holy Communion for
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10.30am



HOME COMMUNION



If you live in the parish of St Francis and would like to receive the Sacrament in your home because you cannot get to church, please contact Revd Janet or Fr Tracy.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST FRANCIS

THE COLOUR PURPLE

The church is looking very colourful dressed all in purple, the liturgical colour for Advent

Purple is the colour used to represent penitence - saying sorry to God, and it is also the colour of waiting on God.

In times long past, the dye used to create the colour purple was very expensive and really only affordable for Kings and rulers. Hence the use of purple to signify Jesus as ruler and judge of all the earth.

As Advent is a time of preparing ourselves for when Jesus our Prince of Peace will come again and making ourselves ready for the celebration of Jesus' birth among us – what better colour to remind us what the season of Advent is all about.

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Heartsease



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Please contact Diana or the
Vicar.**

**If you are able to donate a
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LET IT GROW
EVERY WEDNESDAY
@ 9am – 11.30am



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&
10.15 am
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AND GET IT!

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MORNING

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The
BIG BIKE
Revival

All are welcome to our
Led Bike Rides

Saturdays from
October 2nd 10am - 12pm

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

St Francis Church on Rider Haggard Road

There will be a mid-ride break, a chance to have a chat with refreshments. Please bring refreshments and comfortable clothing.

This series of rides hosted by St Francis Cycling is running on Saturdays commencing 2nd October. Bikes can be provided but there are limited numbers, so get in touch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment

Contact fathertracy@mail.com
for more details

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Minimum of two hours per week
- 1hr Monday & Friday evening
Other hours by Agreement
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