

**The Church of St Francis
WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR
'LET IT GROW' WEEKEND & EARTH SERVICE
6th June 2021**



**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**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Maegan; Matthew; Carson W; Megan; Tom; Riley & his mum and family; Jeanette, David & Grace; Paula.

We continue to pray for Woodside House Care Home and all those in our Church, friends and family who are managing long term health issues including: Rosemary; David & Cynthia; Pete and Rosie; Doreen; Sheila; John and Jane; Shirley.

We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend and remember also those who have died in recent days, among them: Craig & Sue; Patricia Warner.

EARTH SERVICE PRAYER

COLLECT

Glorious God,
the whole creation proclaims
your marvellous work:
increase in us a capacity to wonder
and delight in it,
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
and our lives be spent
as good stewards of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COLLECTS FOR TRINITY 1

O God, the strength of all those
who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness
of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen
us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Creator God,
you give seed for us to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful
for what we have received
and generous in supplying
the needs of others
so all the world may give you thanks
and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

CORPORATE ACT OF COMMITMENT

Let us affirm our commitment to care actively
for God's creation

**Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste,
to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and be faithful in voicing creation's praise.**

EARTH SERVICE READINGS

PSALM 104: 1, 10. – 28

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦
O Lord my God, how excellent is your
greatness!

**10 You have set them their bounds that
they should not pass, ♦
nor turn again to cover the earth.**

11 You send the springs into the brooks, ♦
which run among the hills.

**12 They give drink to every beast of the
field, ♦
and the wild asses quench their thirst.**

13 Beside them the birds of the air make
their nests ♦ and sing among the branches.

**14 You water the hills from your dwelling
on high; ♦. the earth is filled with the fruit
of your works.**

15 You make grass to grow for the cattle ♦
and plants to meet our needs,

**16 Bringing forth food from the earth ♦
and wine to gladden our hearts,**

17 Oil to give us a cheerful countenance ♦
and bread to strengthen our hearts.

**18 The trees of the Lord are full of sap, ♦
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,**

19 In which the birds build their nests, ♦
while the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.

**20 The mountains are a refuge for the
wild goats ♦ and the stony cliffs for the
conies.**

21 You appointed the moon to mark the
seasons, ♦ and the sun knows the time for its
setting.

**22 You make darkness that it may be
night, ♦ in which all the beasts of the
forest creep forth.**

23 The lions roar for their prey ♦
and seek their food from God.

**24 The sun rises and they are gone ♦
to lay themselves down in their dens.**

25 People go forth to their work ♦
and to their labour until the evening.

26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦ In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦ and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦ which you have made to play in the deep.

**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**

MATTHEW 6: 25 – 34

Jesus said, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

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: Celebrating Together – 10.30am
[Holy Communion]**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST FRANCIS

WOODSIDE HOUSE CARE HOME

We are delighted to share the news that as from Wednesday 9th June we are once again able to go into Woodside House to offer a service of Holy Communion and prayer ministry.

At the moment the invitation has been extended only to the clergy because of the need for rapid testing to take place before gaining entry into the main house.

Whilst we await the go-ahead to take a larger team into Woodside, please continue to pray for the residents and staff, and for Revd Janet and Fr Tracy as we all take our first tentative steps into a new future together.

ST FRANCIS ANCIENT & MODERN

It's all good news! The doors to Ancient & Modern are open every Friday morning between 10am and 12pm and, so far, we are selling lots of the lovely items that have so very kindly been given to us.

We are very grateful to all our generous donors and deeply gratified that their generosity is being rewarded by an encouraging expression of very real interest in what is happening Next Door!

Please do try to come and have a look, if only to be able to tell you family and friends all about it – after all, every little sale helps!

You can also see selected items on the St Francis Church, Heartsease, Facebook page.

FUN @ LET IT GROW...

On Wednesday 2nd June the budding 'Let It Grow' Team joined forces with Phil and Joel from Farmshare to make a start on preparing the vegetable bed for Saturday's event.

Thought you might like to see a few photos from both days!



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