



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2021

***“Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
fruit and crops are gathered in
now, before the storms begin:
God our maker will provide
for our needs to be supplied;
come, with all his people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!”***

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Harvest collection. Your generosity is much appreciated.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Dean & Janice; Sheila; Megan; Riley & his mum and family; Jeanette, David & Grace.

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: Linda R; Maegan; Carson; Tom; Rosemary; David & Cynthia; John and Jane; Rosie and Pete; Shirley.

We pray for those who have died in recent days among them Doug; Paula; remembering also their families, especially Sophie. We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend.

COLLECTS FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth
in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need
and for our own well-being;
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

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us
a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through 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**

READINGS FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

JOEL 2: 21 – 27

Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are
green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your
vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to
shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of
Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and
there is no other.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

PSALM 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of
Zion, ♦ then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with
laughter ♦ and our tongue with songs of
joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations, ♦
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things
for us, ♦ and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦
as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears ♦
shall reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦. will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

**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 TIMOTHY 6: 6 - 10

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

MATTHEW 6: 25 - 33

‘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.



SERVICES NEXT WEEK ALL WELCOME

**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]**

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.

ST FRANCIS NEWS



THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE MORNINGS

**10am – 12pm
EVERY WEEK!**

Many thanks to Brenda, Beryl and team for reopening the Thursday morning Coffee mornings this week. It was good to welcome back a few much loved old faces and to say hello to one or two new ones!

Pleased do drop in and see us – cribbage players especially welcome!

For further info please contact
Brenda Minns
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THE HEARTSEASE LABYRINTH

If you haven't already visited the Labyrinth, perhaps now is the time to take a look – or even better, walk this beautifully maturing labyrinth.

Set amidst the inspiring eco-field to the rear of the church, we are confident that this little labyrinth, which is based upon the famous Chartres labyrinth, will become a popular spiritual place of pilgrimage.

We are hoping to officially 'open' the Labyrinth on 3rd October – St Francis Day amid the events that will take place on this important day in the church calendar.

Subject to final confirmation we are delighted to announce that Gudrun Warren, the Diocesan consultant on Labyrinths, who very kindly came and laid out the template for our labyrinth, will be a guest speaker at our St Francis Day celebrations.

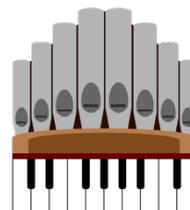
FATHER TRACY

Fr Tracy has just about completed a two weeks placement at Norwich Cathedral – he will now be taking two weeks holiday.

We look forward to welcoming him back on Tuesday 21st September and wish him a blessed time away!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUTUMN LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL @ST FRANCIS



THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

1.00pm

Dr Andrew Hayden

A wonderful opportunity to hear our amazing little organ and a beautiful range of carefully chosen pieces.

Free Admission – Refreshments



WEDNESDAYS @ 9am – 11.30am

**Weeding, Sowing, Planting, &
10.15 am Tea and Cake Break**

**LOTS OF FRESH VEG TO BE PICKED
COME AND GET IT!**





The **BIG BIKE** Revival

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and
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