

**The Church of St Francis
WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR
THE FEAST DAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
15th August 2021**



***May the love of the Holy
Family surround us.
May the joy that was Mary's
refresh us.
May the faithfulness that
was Joseph's encourage us.
May the peace of the
Christ-child fill our lives.
Amen***

**The Church of St Francis
Heartsease**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Rob, Rosie and Pete; Donna; Paula; Megan; Riley & his mum and family; Jeanette, David & Grace.

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: Linda R; Maegan; Carson; Janet; Tom; Rosemary; David & Cynthia; Doreen; Sheila; John and Jane; Shirley.

We pray for those who have died in recent days among them Michael Thompson; David Abraham [Priest] Tom Knott, remembering too his family who mourn his loss especially Jenny, Huggy and Rachel. We pray 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**

COLLECT FOR THE FEAST DAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Almighty and everlasting God,
who stooped to raise fallen humanity
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:
grant that we, who have seen your glory
revealed in our human nature and your love
made perfect in our weakness, may daily be
renewed in your image and conformed to the
pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our
redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary
the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE FEAST DAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ISAIAH 61: 10 – end

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of
salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of
righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a
garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her
jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it
to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and
praise
to spring up before all the nations.

PSALM 45: 10 – end

10 Hear, O daughter; consider and incline
your ear; ♦. forget your own people and your
father's house.

**11 So shall the king have pleasure in your
beauty; ♦
he is your lord, so do him honour.**

12 The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts; ♦
the richest of the people shall seek your
favour.

**13 The king's daughter is all glorious
within; ♦
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.**

14 She shall be brought to the king in
raiment of needlework; ♦ after her the virgins
that are her companions.

**15 With joy and gladness shall they be
brought ♦ and enter into the palace of the
king.**

16 'Instead of your fathers you shall have
sons, ♦ whom you shall make princes over
all the land.

**17 'I will make your name to be
remembered through all generations; ♦
therefore shall the peoples praise you for
ever and ever.'**

**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**

GALATIANS 4: 4 - 7

But when the fullness of time had come, God
sent his Son, born of a woman, born under
the law, in order to redeem those who were
under the law, so that we might receive
adoption as children. And because you are
children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son
into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you
are no longer a slave but a child, and if a
child then also an heir, through God.

LUKE 1: 46 – 55

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness
of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call
me blessed; for the Mighty One has done
great things for me, and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts
of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their
thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled
the hungry with good things, and sent the rich
away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel, in
remembrance of his mercy, according to the
promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'



SERVICES THROUGH THE WEEK 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: Celebrating Together – 10.30am
[Holy Communion]**

WHAT'S NEW AT ST FRANCIS...

NextDoor@StFrancis



Great News! We're all ready and waiting to launch into the newest venture in NextDoor which will be the opening of the Friday and Saturday morning Café.

Plans are in hand for the installation of a commercial coffee machine and with all the other equipment needed in place – we are hoping to throw open the doors in early September. Keep watching this space for updates!

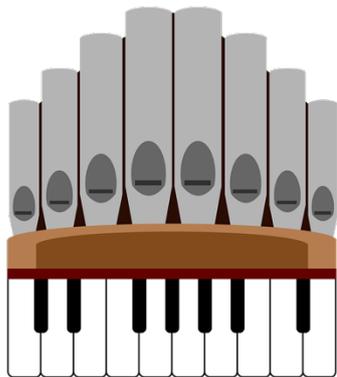
St Francis' Labyrinth



With help from the cathedral librarian Gudrun Warren, a labyrinth has been cut into the little field behind the church. Walk along the path and follow it to the centre. Pray on the labyrinth the way you like to pray in other places. Have a conversation with God about the things that matter most to you, offer words and gestures of praise, or present your prayer requests to Christ. The labyrinth is a 'mini' pilgrimage – we give thanks that we are blessed with this delightful resource.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST FRANCIS

THIS WEEK!



**SUMMER LUNCHTIME
ORGAN RECITAL @ST FRANCIS**

THURSDAY 19th AUGUST

1.00pm

Rebekah Okpoti

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

Free Admission - Refreshments



Looks like Revd Winnie is practising hard for a recital of his own...

'LET IT GROW'

**In the field behind the Church
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!**



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The students work will be exhibited throughout August. Please come and see the amazing work by our fantastic photography students at NextDoor@StFrancis

**FRIDAY 20TH & 27TH AUGUST 10am
PLEASE CALL IN AND HAVE A LOOK -
ANCIENT & MODERN
WILL BE OPEN AS WELL!**

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