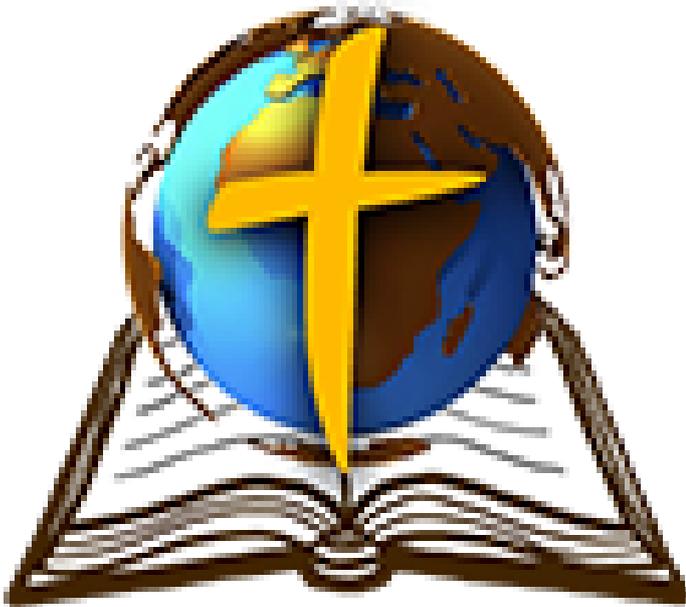




PSALM 54

**6 An offering of a free heart will I give you ♦
and praise your name, O Lord,
for it is gracious.**



Today we give thanks to God for our newly Licensed Lay Minister, Jim Green and ask for God's blessing to rest upon him and Sue as they begin this new chapter in their life together.

On this third Sunday in Creationtide, Jim will be offering us his thoughts on how we, as individuals and as God's church together, might answer God's call to care for all that we have been given – the gift of this beautiful earth; love ones and our neighbours both near and far.

The Church of St Francis Heartsease

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: David W; Edward L; Sheila; Megan; Riley & his mum and family; Grace & David.

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

We pray for those who have died in recent days among them Dean; Jeanette; Peggy Humphries; Paula; remembering also their families, especially Janice; John and Jane; Amanda; Sophie. 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 CREATIONTIDE

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 THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O Lord,
we beseech you mercifully
to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive
and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you
with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

THE 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.

JEREMIAH 11: 18 – 20

It was the Lord who made it known to me,
and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be
remembered!'
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge
righteously, who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

PSALM 54

- ¹ Save me, O God, by your name ♦
and vindicate me by your power.
- ² **Hear my prayer, O God; ♦
give heed to the words of my mouth.**
- ³ For strangers have risen up against me,
and the ruthless seek after my life; ♦
they have not set God before them.
- ⁴ **Behold, God is my helper; ♦
it is the Lord who upholds my life.**
- ⁵ May evil rebound on those who lie in wait
for me; ♦ destroy them in your faithfulness.
- ⁶ **An offering of a free heart will I give
you ♦ and praise your name, O Lord,
for it is gracious.**

⁷ For he has delivered me out of all my trouble, ♦. and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

**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**

JAMES 3: 13 4: 3, 7 – 8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

MARK 9: 30 – 37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.'

But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



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 or Fr Tracy.

WHAT'S NEWS @ST FRANCIS?



A very happy day! Congratulations Jim and be assured of our prayers. May we be a blessing to you as you are to us.

WHAT'S ON @ST FRANCIS?

THURSDAY MORNING IS COFFEE MORNING

In the Lounge
10am – 12pm
EVERY WEEK!



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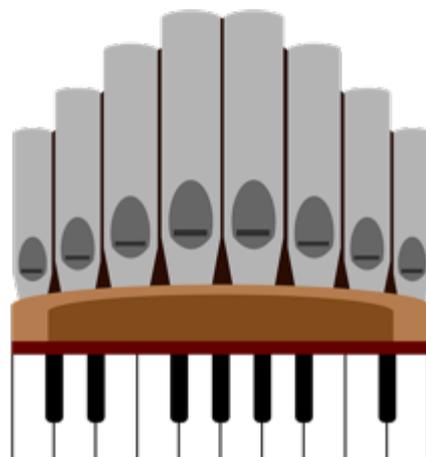
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THIS WEEK!

AUTUMN LUNCHTIME
ORGAN RECITAL @ST FRANCIS



THURSDAY 23rd
SEPTEMBER

1.00pm

Dr Andrew Hayden

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amazing little organ and a beautiful
range of carefully chosen pieces.

Free Admission – Refreshments

FRIDAY!

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FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
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