

**The Church of St Francis
WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
27th June 2021**



This week, as we gather as God's family, we learn more of Jesus' power to bring healing, comfort and peace.

Even amid distracting crowds he hears and responds to cries for help – even those that are unspoken.

And so, in faith and trust, and knowing that we are welcome - let us bring to Jesus those people and situations that are on our hearts at this time.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for: Janet M; Terri; 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: Marion Holmes.

**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**

COLLECTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong,
nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted
and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WISDOM OF SOLOMON 1:13-2:24

God did not make death, and he does not
delight in the death of the living.

For he created all things so that they might
exist; the generative forces of the world are
wholesome, and there is no destructive
poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is
not on earth.

For righteousness is immortal.

for God created us for incorruption, and made
us in the image of his own eternity, but
through the devil's envy death entered the
world, and those who belong to his company
experience it.

PSALM 30

¹ I will exalt you, O Lord,
because you have raised me up ♦
and have not let my foes triumph over me.

- ² **O Lord my God, I cried out to you ♦
and you have healed me.**
- ³ You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
♦ you restored me to life from among those
that go down to the Pit.
- ⁴ **Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; ♦
give thanks to his holy name.**
- ⁵ For his wrath endures but the twinkling of
an eye, his favour for a lifetime. ♦
Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy
comes in the morning.
- ⁶ **In my prosperity I said,
'I shall never be moved. ♦
You, Lord, of your goodness, have
made my hill so strong.'**
- ⁷ Then you hid your face from me ♦ and I
was utterly dismayed.
- ⁸ **To you, O Lord, I cried; ♦ to the Lord I
made my supplication:**
- ⁹ 'What profit is there in my blood, if I go
down to the Pit? ♦
Will the dust praise you or declare your
faithfulness?
- ¹⁰ **'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon
me; ♦ O Lord, be my helper.'**
- ¹¹ You have turned my mourning into
dancing; ♦ you have put off my sackcloth
and girded me with gladness;
- ¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you without
ceasing; ♦ O Lord my God, I will give
you thanks for 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**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in
speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness,
and in our love for you—so we want you to
excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am
testing the genuineness of your love against
the earnestness of others.

For you know the generous act of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for

your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

As it is written,
'The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.'

But thanks be to God who put in the heart of Titus the same eagerness for you that I myself have. For he not only accepted our appeal, but since he is more eager than ever, he is going to you of his own accord. With him we are sending the brother who is famous among all the churches for his proclaiming of the good news; and not only that, but he has also been appointed by the churches to travel with us while we are administering this generous undertaking for the glory of the Lord himself and to show our goodwill.

We intend that no one should blame us about this generous gift that we are administering, for we intend to do what is right not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of others. And with them we are sending our brother whom we have often tested and found eager in many matters, but who is now more eager than ever because of his great confidence in you.

As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker in your service; as for our brothers, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ. Therefore, openly before the churches, show them the proof of your love and of our reason for boasting about you.

MARK 5: 21 – 43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat* to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly,

'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.'

So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years.

She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.'



Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"'

He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing* what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.'

He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.

He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST FRANCIS



**Let us build a house
where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to
seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim
the faith of Jesus:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

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]



LET IT GROW

WEDNESDAYS ARE 'LET IT GROW & FARMSHARE DAYS!

9am – 11.30am

Continuing...

Popping in to say hello.

Weeding, sowing, planting, New this week
Tea and cake break 10:15

Pumpkin plant hunt in the vicarage!

FUNDRAISING FOR CHURCH FUNDS CONTINUES AT...

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MODERN' @** 

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**EVERY
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MORNING**

10am – 12pm

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MORE SO!**

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