

**The Church of St Francis
WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
4th July 2021**



Today as we gather together, we are invited to ponder on the mystery as to why some folk could hear and see the wonders that Jesus revealed in his life and teaching, whilst others saw only 'the carpenter's boy'

As we listen further, we also discover what wonders can happen when Jesus' call is faithfully taken up.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Diana A; Janet M; Maegan W; 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.

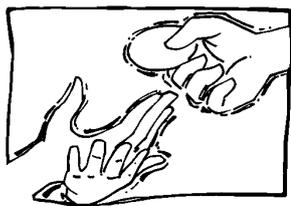
**The Church of St Francis
Heartsease**

**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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer f
or all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world
may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

EZEKIEL 2: 1 - 5

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.

And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.

He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent

and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

PSALM 123

¹ To you I lift up my eyes, ♦
to you that are enthroned in the heavens.

² **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, ♦
or the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

³ So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, ♦
until he have mercy upon us.

⁴ **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, ♦
for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

⁵ Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of the arrogant, ♦ and of the contempt of the proud.

**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 12: 2 - 10

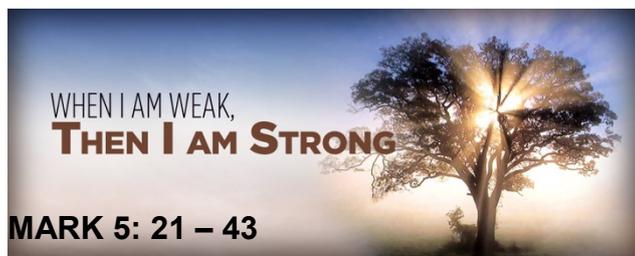
I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows — was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.

On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations.

Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I

appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.'

So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.



MARK 6: 1 - 13

Jesus left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him.

On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded.

They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?'

And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.'

And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.

He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.'

So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST FRANCIS



**Let us build a house
where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that
frees us
*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]

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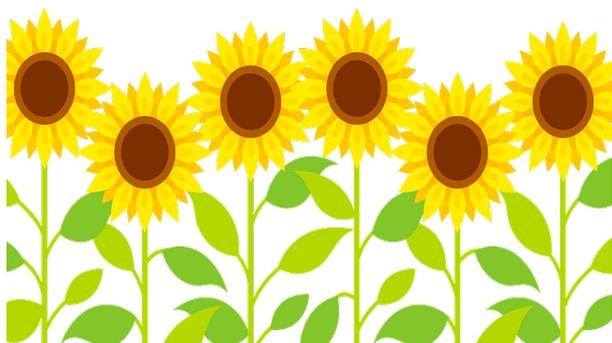
A quick glance at the church notice board says it all – quite a lot is happening at St Francis!

Very sadly we had to cancel the first Saturday **St Francis Cycle Ride** because of the terrible weather – but all is not lost, the next ride is scheduled to happen on Saturday 17th July at 1pm. So please get the word out.

LET IT GROW

WHY NOT COME AND SEE WHAT
'LET IT GROW' IS ALL ABOUT?

WEDNESDAYS @ 9am – 11.30am
Weeding, sowing, planting, &
TEA AND CAKE BREAK 10:15am



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& FARMSHARE DAYS!



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