

The Church of St Francis
WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR THE FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS
[PATRONAL FESTIVAL]
The Final Sunday Of Creationtide
3rd October 2021



**Praised be You, my Lord,
through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us
and who produces
varied fruits with coloured flowers
and herbs.**

***From the Canticle of the Sun
St Francis of Assisi***



**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**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Audrey; 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 mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend; and pray for those who have dies in recent days.

THE PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, the truth;
Where there is doubt, the faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life Amen.



COLLECT FOR THE FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS

O God,
you ever delight to reveal yourself
to the child-like and lowly of heart:
grant that, following the example
of the blessed Francis,
we may count the wisdom
of this world as foolishness
and know only Jesus Christ
and him crucified,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God,
you made your church rich
through the poverty of blessed Francis:
help us like him
not to trust in earthly things
but to seek your heavenly gifts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE FEAST DAY OF ST FRANCIS

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.

MICAH 6: 6 – 8

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PSALM 100: 1 – 3

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

GALATIANS 6. 14 – 18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything!

As for those who will follow this rule - peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

LUKE 12. 22 - 34

Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.

For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.

Of how much more value are you than the birds!
And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?

Consider the lilies, 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, how much more will he clothe you -- you of little faith!

And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.

For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Sell your possessions, and give alms.

Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

SERVICES NEXT 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
[Holy Communion]
10.30am**

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?



The **BIG BIKE** Revival

All are welcome to our **Led Bike Rides**

**Saturdays from
October 2nd 10am - 12pm**

Come on a led social ride in and around the Heartsease area, utilising quiet roads and segregated cycle paths starting from

St Francis Church on Rider Haggard Road

There will be a mid-ride break, a chance to have a chat with refreshments. Please bring refreshments and comfortable clothing.

This series of rides hosted by St Francis Cycling is running on Saturdays commencing 2nd October. Bikes can be provided but there are limited numbers, so get in touch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment

**Contact fathertracy@mail.com
for more details**

CRAFT FAIR Table Top Sale & More!

**Sat 23rd Oct 2021
11.30 - 3.30**

**St Francis Church – 96 – 98 Rider Haggard Rd, NR7 9UQ
The worshipping heart of the Heartsease Community**

**Crafts / Jewellery / Cards
Christmas Gifts / Baby Gifts
Antiques / Beauty / Face Painting
Art / Walk the Labyrinth Farm Share
Heartsease Money Advice Project
Childrens' Play area / Café
Table Top Sale & much more!**

**Plenty of parking – on street and in car park
Or take the No 23 bus which stops right outside**



The **BIG BIKE** Revival

Come to our **Fix Ya Bike Cafe**

**Tuesday evenings from
October 5th 6.30 – 8.30pm**

A free bicycle workshop with a cafe at

Nextdoor@St Francis Church on Rider Haggard Road

***where you can get your bike fixed by Awesome Sean
our expert mechanic, or fix it yourself***

Under sixteens must be accompanied by an adult

***These sessions are held on a first come first served basis,
but why not pop in for a coffee and have a look!***

**Contact fathertracy@mail.com
for more details**

WHAT'S ON @ST FRANCIS?

LET IT GROW

Latest news...

Let It Grow is going so well we've discovered we don't need Amy from Farmshare to come every week! So she is now going to visit us on the first Wednesday of the month. On **6th October** Amy will be helping us to plant herb, salad and vegetable seeds which can be taken away to grow at home. Please do join us and spread the news. All Welcome.



**EVERY
WEDNESDAY
@ 9am – 11.30am**
Weeding, Sowing,
Planting, &
10.15 am Tea And
Cake Break
**LOTS OF FRESH VEG
TO BE PICKED
COME
AND GET IT!**

HEARTSEASE COMMUNITY MONEY ADVICE CENTRE



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Heartsease

Community Money Advice

**Open Afternoons every
Wednesday 2pm - 4pm**

(starting Wednesday 15 September)

**Come and meet the team
Find out how we can help you
with debt, budgeting or benefit
forms**

**Free tea/coffee/soft drinks and
biscuits**

Volunteers also welcomed

**Nextdoor @ St Francis
94 Rider Haggard Road**

THURSDAY MORNING IS COFFEE MORNING

In the Lounge

10am – 12pm

EVERY WEEK!



**'ANCIENT &
MODERN' @**



**Quality Vintage & Modern
Collectables and Furnishings**

OPEN

**EVERY
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MORNING**

10am – 12pm

**Find us in 'Next Door @ St Francis'
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