

**The Church of St Francis  
WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR  
THE FEAST DAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
15<sup>th</sup> 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**

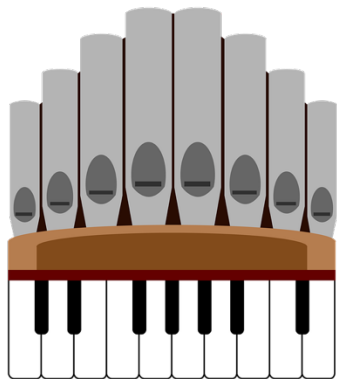


With help from the cathedral librarian Gudrun Warren, a labyrinth has been cut into the little field behind the church. Walk along the path and follow it to the centre. Pray on the labyrinth the way you like to pray in other places. Have a conversation with God about the things that matter most to you, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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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**GCSE/A Level photography**

**End of year show 2021**

The students work will be exhibited throughout August. Please come and see the amazing work by our fantastic photography students at [NextDoor@StFrancis](mailto:NextDoor@StFrancis)

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

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