

**The Church of St Francis
WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
13th June 2021**



**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: Terri; Diana Alexander; 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.

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

[From The Book of Common Prayer]

COLLECTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, the strength of all those
who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness
of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us
at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

EZEKIEL 17:22-END

Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear
fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

PSALM 92:1-8

¹ It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord
♦ and to sing praises to your name,
O Most High;

² **To tell of your love early in the morning
♦ and of your faithfulness in the night-
time,**

³ Upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon the
harp, ♦ and to the melody of the lyre.

⁴ **For you, Lord, have made me glad by
your acts, ♦ and I sing aloud at the works
of your hands.**

⁵ O Lord, how glorious are your works! ♦
Your thoughts are very deep.

⁶ **The senseless do not know, ♦
nor do fools understand,**

⁷ That though the wicked sprout like grass ♦
and all the workers of iniquity flourish,

⁸ **It is only to be destroyed for ever; ♦
but you, O Lord, shall be exalted for
evermore.**

**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 5:6-10,14-17

So we are always confident; even though we
know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord— for we walk by
faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have
confidence, and we would rather be away
from the body and at home with the Lord. So
whether we are at home or away, we make it
our aim to please him. For all of us must
appear before the judgement seat of Christ,
so that each may receive recompense for
what has been done in the body, whether
good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because
we are convinced that one has died for all;
therefore all have died.

And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

MARK 4:26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



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]**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST FRANCIS

**ST FRANCIS ANCIENT & MODERN -
EXTENDED OPENING TIMES...**

**'ANCIENT &
MODERN' @** 

**Quality Vintage & Modern
Collectables and Furnishings**

OPEN

**EVERY
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
MORNING
10am – 12pm**

**Find us in 'Next Door @ St Francis'
94 Rider Haggard Road. NR7 9UQ**

As from this week 'Ancient & Modern' will now be opening on Saturday mornings as well as the usual Friday morning.

We are deeply gratified to be selling a vast array of the wonderful items that have been very kindly passed on to us – but please do let your family and friends know that we still do have lots on show ready to be scooped up by avid bargain hunters!

As we now have people calling in regularly, please also remember that we will be very grateful to receive donations of items to sell – and if we can't sell it, we are happy to pass your pre-loved item on to our local charity shop.

All proceeds from St Francis Ancient & Modern go toward General Church Funds.

Please speak with Revd Janet if you would like to know more.



A tiny selection of what is on offer in 'Ancient & Modern' [even the table is for sale!]

LET IT GROW

Although we were able to give away lots of plants at our Eco Church 'World Environment Day' event last week, there are still some there for the taking. Please help yourself – you'll find them behind the church.



ST FRANCIS FREE FOOD

Just in case you were wondering, St Francis Free Food continues to operate and we are very grateful to those who support us through donations of food and money.

Thankfully, we are no longer called upon as much as was happening during the

lockdowns – but we still receive requests for help.

Most requests come to us as personal pleas for help by visitors to the church. Word has got around that we are open weekdays 10am – 12pm, and usually we are able to put together a parcel of food almost immediately for them to take away with them.

All the food is stored in one of the big cupboards in the Church Hall- an enormous kitchen cupboard! We would be very happy to show you how it works if you are interested. And if you would like to be involved – please have a word with Revd Janet.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH
HEARTSEASE
96 - 98 RIDER HAGGARD ROAD

IF YOU
OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW
IS IN NEED OF A HELPING
HAND...

WE WILL DO OUR BEST
TO HELP

CALL IN AT THE CHURCH
WEEKDAYS 10AM - 12PM
OR
CALL OUR 24HR
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