

The Church of St Francis



Second Sunday of Epiphany 16th January 2022



WATER INTO WINE – THE WEDDING IN CANA

***Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole of creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen***

NEW WAYS OF WORSHIPPING TOGETHER SAFELY

The emergence of the omicron Covid variant has meant the reintroduction of mandatory face coverings in places of worship. Therefore, we respectfully ask that you wear a face covering throughout the service. Some people are exempt, eg children under the age of 11 and those with medical conditions. Face coverings are not mandatory for those leading the service and when giving a reading.

Please feel free to sing along with the hymns, Sanctus and Agnus Dei, and to participate in whatever way feels comfortable for you.

When we come to receive Holy Communion we will not be sharing the common chalice and so Holy Communion will continue to be shared in one kind only by the receiving of the Bread of Heaven at the chancel step. Please wait in your seat until the welcomer indicates it is your turn to go forward. Once you have received the bread in your hand, please return to your seat to consume.



If you require a gluten free wafer please ask your welcomer who will advise the clergy

SERVICES THROUGH THE WEEK – ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mon:	Morning Prayer 9am	Thurs:	Morning Prayer 9am
			Evening Prayer 5pm
Tues:	Morning Prayer 9am	Sun:	Celebrating Together 10.30 am
	Evening Prayer 5pm		(Holy Communion)
Weds:	Morning Prayer 9am		
	BCP Eucharist 11.30am		
	Evening Prayer 5pm		

If you live in the parish of St Francis and would like to receive the Sacrament at home because you cannot get in to church, please contact Fr Tracy, 07834 845623

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in acute need of prayer at this time: Stephen; Jason; Maureen; Natalie; Richard; Margaret & Martin; Eileen; Hayley; Ivan and Peter; Audrey; Sheila; Megan; Riley & his mum and family; David M, Alex and Amanda; Kathryn, Willow and Edward.

We continue to pray for Woodside House Care Home, Hebron House and all those in our Church, friends and family who are managing long term health issues including: Gayle; Linda R; Charlotte, Maegan & Carson; Tom; Rosemary; David & Cynthia; John and Jane; Rosie and Pete; Shirley.

We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend, and at this time we remember Frank Norman Haistead and Harry Scott.

**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**

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

ISAIAH 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for
Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines
out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The
nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your
glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth
of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the
hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your

God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you

PSALM 36:5-10

✘ Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

✘ **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

✘ How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

✘ **They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

✘ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

✘ **continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

**Glory be to the father and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning and shall be for ever.**

Amen

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

JOHN 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus

said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ST FRANCIS

You may recall that in 2020 Fr Tracy led a teaching session on the San Damiano Cross, a replica of which hangs above the chancel step.

For those who were fortunate enough to take part at the time, Fr Tracy's teaching about the symbolism of the various motifs on the cross opened up a whole new world of opportunity in terms of using that beautiful twelfth century icon as an aid to prayer and contemplation.

We are, therefore, delighted to be able to invite all-comers to take part in two further teaching sessions led by Fr Tracy. On two evenings in February [02 & 09 Feb] he will be using the imagery and story as portrayed in our beautiful twentieth century stained glass window to lead us into a deeper understanding of what Jesus did for us when he surrendered himself to the cruelty of the cross. Both sessions will take place in the church nave.

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THINKING ABOUT CONFIRMATION?



The New Year will see us beginning another round of preparation for confirmation sessions with a view to candidates

being presented to the Bishop for confirmation at Easter.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the Vicar or Fr Tracy who will be delighted to hear from you.

ST FRANCIS CONTACT DETAILS:

Please note the Vicar will be taking a break between 15 – 29 January. Please refer all queries etc. to Fr Tracy in the meantime.

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