

# **The Church of St Francis**



## **The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021**



***'The Son of Man came not to be served  
but to serve, and to give his life  
a ransom for many'***

## **NEW WAYS OF WORSHIPPING TOGETHER SAFELY**

**Even though restrictions have been lifted we are mindful that many people are still feeling vulnerable in terms of the transmission of coronavirus. Therefore, in support of those who feel they would like to continue wearing a face covering whilst indoors, we respectfully ask, if you are able to do so, that you consider wearing a face covering throughout the service.**

**We will be inviting you to stand for the Gospel and the Creed and, whilst remaining seated, to sing along to the hymns. Please feel free 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
	Evening Prayer	5pm		(Holy Communion)	am
Weds:	Morning Prayer	9am			
	BCP Eucharist	11.30am			
	Evening Prayer	5pm			

## **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

We pray for those who are in acute need of prayer at this time: Bishop Alan; Audrey; Ivan and Peter; Sheila; Megan; Riley & his mum and family; David & Grace, Alex and Amanda.

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; Maegan; Carson; Tom; Rosemary; David & Cynthia; John and Jane; Rob, Rosie and Pete; Shirley.

We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend.

**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 TRINITY 20**

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
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 our Father,  
whose Son, the light unfailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **READINGS FOR TRINITY 20**

### **ISAIAH 53:4-12**

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our  
iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone  
astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on  
him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his  
mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that  
before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.  
By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have  
imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**PSALM 90: 12 - END**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling-place,  
no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.

**For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.**

On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

**You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.

**When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honour them.**

With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

## **HEBREWS 5:1-10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## **MARK 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized,

you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

## **WHAT'S NEW @ ST FRANCIS?**

### **Come to our Fix Ya Bike Cafe**

**Tuesday evenings**

**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**

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

**Saturdays**

**10am – 12pm**

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

**Nextdoor@St Francis  
Church on Rider Haggard  
Road**

***There will be a mid-ride  
break & chance to have a  
chat***

## **WHAT'S ON @ ST FRANCIS**

**LET IT GROW:** Every Wednesday 9am – 11.30am.  
**Weeding, Sowing, Planting & Tea and Cake Break.**  
**LOTS OF FRESH VEG TO BE PICKED!**

**Come to our**

# **CRAFT FAIR**

## **Table Top Sale**

### **& more!**

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2021 1130 - 3.30**  
**FREE ENTRY!**

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

### **ST FRANCIS CONTACT DETAILS:**

**PLEASE NOTE REVD JANET IS ON LEAVE –  
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