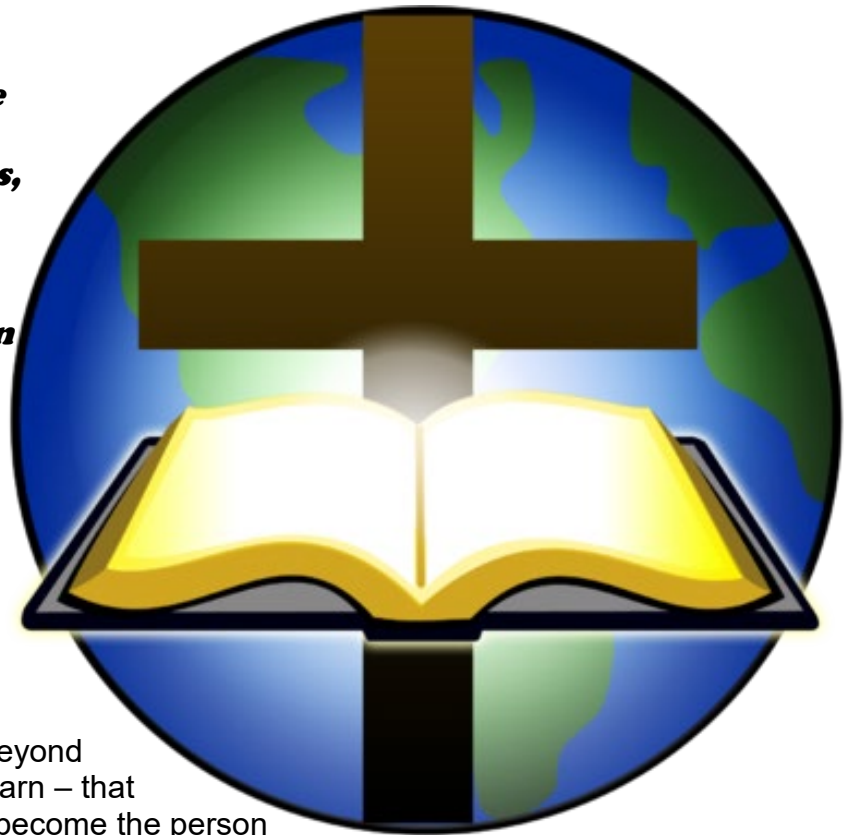


The Church of St Francis
Weekly Bulletin for the Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CREATIONTIDE
12th September 2021



***“ Show me how to stand for justice
How to work for what is right,
How to challenge false assumptions,
How to walk within the light.
May I learn to share more freely
In a world so full of greed,
Showing your immense compassion
By the life I choose to lead.”***



In today's Gospel Jesus rebukes Peter for speaking hastily and without thinking.

Peter has not understood that to fulfil God's heavenly will Jesus must suffer an ordeal beyond words. It is a hard lesson that Peter must learn – that sometimes we have walked a hard road to become the person God wants us to be; someone willing to work toward peace, justice and life for all.

**The Church of St Francis
Heartsease**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Edward L; Dean & Janice; Sheila; Megan; Riley & his mum and family; Jeanette, David & Grace.

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 those who have died in recent days among them Peggy Humphries; Doug; Paula; remembering also their families, especially Sophie. 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 CREATIONTIDE

Glorious God, the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



COLLECTS FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

THE WORD OF GOD

You will 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.

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the
beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

PSALM 116: 1 – 8

- ¹ I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; ♦ because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.
- ² **The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; ♦ by grief and sorrow was I held.**
- ³ Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ♦ 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'

**4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; ♦
our God is full of compassion.**

⁵ The Lord watches over the simple; ♦
I was brought very low and he saved me.

**6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, ♦
for the Lord has been gracious to you.**

⁷ For you have delivered my soul from
death, ♦ my eyes from tears and my feet
from falling.

**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**

JAMES 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers,
my brothers and sisters, for you know that we
who teach will be judged with greater
strictness. For all of us make many mistakes.
Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking
is perfect, able to keep the whole body in
check with a bridle. If we put bits into the
mouths of horses to make them obey us, we
guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships:
though they are so large that it takes strong
winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a
very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot
directs. So also the tongue is a small
member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small
fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is
placed among our members as a world of
iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire
the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by
hell. For every species of beast and bird, of
reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and
has been tamed by the human species, but
no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil,
full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord
and Father, and with it we curse those who
are made in the likeness of God. From the
same mouth come blessing and cursing. My
brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.
Does a spring pour forth from the same
opening both fresh and brackish water? Can
a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield
olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt
water yield fresh.

MARK 8:27-END

Jesus went on with his disciples to the
villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way
he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say
that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the
Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others,
one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But
who do you say that I am?' Peter answered
him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly
ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of
Man must undergo great suffering, and be
rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and
the scribes, and be killed, and after three
days rise again. He said all this quite openly.
And Peter took him aside and began to
rebuke him. But turning and looking at his
disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get
behind me, Satan! For you are setting your
mind not on divine things but on human
things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and
said to them, 'If any want to become my
followers, let them deny themselves and take
up their cross and follow me. For those who
want to save their life will lose it, and those
who lose their life for my sake, and for the
sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it
profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit
their life? Indeed, what can they give in return
for their life? Those who are ashamed of me
and of my words in this adulterous and sinful
generation, of them the Son of Man will also
be ashamed when he comes in the glory of
his Father with the holy angels.'

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

**Please note that there will be no
morning or evening prayer next week.**

**Sunday 19th September
Celebrating Together – 10.30am
[Holy Communion]
Please join us as we celebrate
Jim Green's Licensing as a Lay Minister.**

**Daily Offices will resume on
Tuesday 21 Sept with Morning Prayer
9am.**

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.

ST FRANCIS NEWS

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THURSDAY MORNING COFFEE MORNINGS

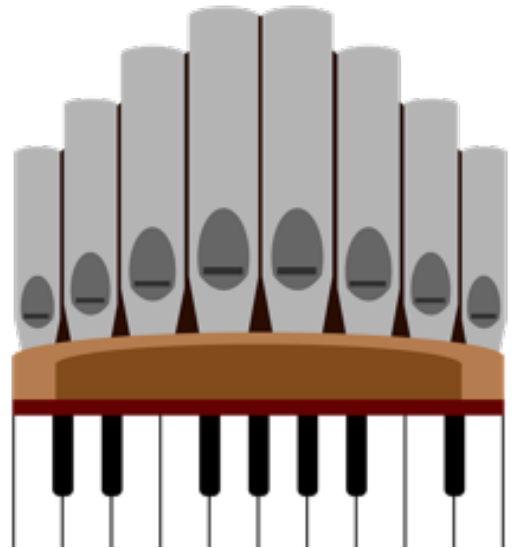
**10am - 12pm
EVERY WEEK!**

Many thanks to Brenda, Beryl and team for reopening the Thursday morning Coffee mornings this week. It is so good to be welcoming back a few much loved old faces and to say hello to one or two new ones!

Please do drop in and see us – card players especially welcome!

For further info please contact
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