

The Church of St Francis
THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
13th February 2022



Jesus has appointed his twelve apostles and it is time to introduce them what it means to truly follow him.

Today we listen in as Jesus shows his compassion for the sick and suffering – and heals those who come to him.

In the wake of the healing miracles they watch him perform, the disciples are warned that theirs will not be a life of popularity – what they will undertake in his name will not always be welcomed. Indeed, he warns, if any one of them receives praise – they may well have gone astray...

**The Church of St Francis
Heartsease**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Alan; Rachel; Stephen; Maureen; Richard & Shirley; Audrey; Megan; Alex and Amanda.

We pray too for all those who are managing long term issues including: Kathryn, Willow, & Edward; Martin & Margaret; Riley and his family; Sheila; Linda R; Gayle; Charlotte, Maegan & Carson; Tom; Rosemary; Cynthia & David; John and Jane; Rosie, and Pete; Shirley.

We continue to pray for Woodside House Care Home and Hebron House.

We remember those who have died in recent days, among them: Frances; Keith Knights; praying too 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 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions
of sinful humanity: give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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
Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord. Amen



POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ
to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him
should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. Amen

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

**THE WORD
OF GOD**

You may 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.

JEREMIAH 17: 5 – 10

Thus says the Lord:
Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse —
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

PSALM 1

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, ♦ nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦ and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦ whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 4 **As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦ they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ♦ nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦ but the way of the wicked shall perish.**

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

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 12 – 20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ — whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

LUKE 6: 17 – 26

Jesus came down from the mountain with his chosen apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for

surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.



SERVICES NEXT WEEK ALL WELCOM

**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: Holy Communion for
Second Sunday before Lent
10.30am**

HOME COMMUNION



If you or someone you know lives in the parish of St Francis and would like to receive the Sacrament at home because of illness or mobility difficulties, please contact Revd Janet. Tel: 07368 832294

THINKING ABOUT CONFIRMATION?

We will be 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 Revd Janet who will be delighted to hear from you.

LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT...

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



[WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH]

11.30am - Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

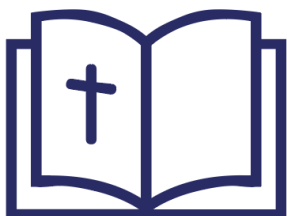
7.30pm - Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

LENT COURSE

A series of Lenten study sessions will begin on Wednesday 8th March, 7.30 in St Francis Lounge.

The course is entitled 'Were you There' and it explores the various groups of People who assembled at the foot of the cross.

If you would like to know more or to enquire about transport please speak with the Vicar.



WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS NEXT WEEK...

**LET IT GROW
EVERY WEDNESDAY
@ 9am – 11.30am**



Weeding, Sowing, Planting,
&

10.15 am Tea And Cake Break

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COME AND GET IT!**

**THURSDAY MORNING
IS COFFEE MORNING
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10am – 12pm
EVERY WEEK**



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[Mon - Thur 10am - 5pm]

Or call in most mornings

10am - 12pm



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