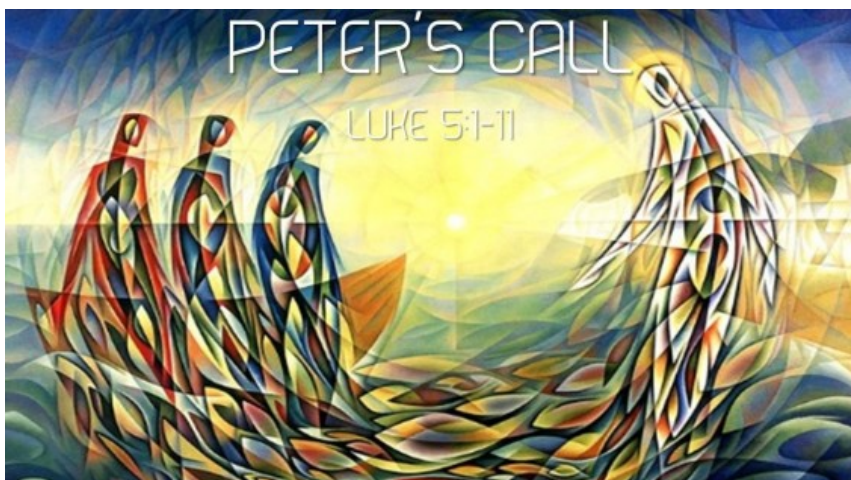


The Church of St Francis
THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACCESSION OF THE QUEEN
6th February 2022



This week we reflect on the story of Jesus calling Peter and the other disciples to follow him.

On that fateful day by side of the Lake of Genneserat, the Sea of Galilee – those faithful fishermen could never have imagined all that lay ahead of them as they answered that call.

Similarly, seventy years ago on 6th February, someone else responded to God's call.



Today is the 70th anniversary of the day The Queen acceded to the throne on the death of her father King George VI.

We give thanks to God for her faithful and steadfast service to God, to her country and to the commonwealth

**Almighty God,
the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things in wisdom and equity,
righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. Amen**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

We pray too for all those who are managing long term issues including: Kathryn, Willow, & Edward; Martin & Margaret; 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 Keith Knights; praying too 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 THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

O God,
you know us to be set in the midst
of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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 of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Go before us, Lord,
in all we do with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works begun,
continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy
receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH 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.

ISAIAH 6: 1 – 8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’



PSALM 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦ before the gods will I sing praise to you.

² **I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; ♦ for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦ you put new strength in my soul.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦ for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦ that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦. as for the proud, he regards them from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; ♦. you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me

⁸ **The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦ your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.**

**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: 1 – 11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

SERVICES NEXT WEEK ALL WELCOME

Monday: 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: Holy Communion for
Third Sunday before Lent
10.30am**

On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them —though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

LUKE 5: 1 – 11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.'

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.



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.
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.

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
LOTS OF FRESH VEG TO BE PICKED
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HOW ARE WE SAVED?

The Meaning of The Cross

WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

7.30pm



**Using the beautiful
stained glass window in
St Francis Church
Fr Tracy will explore
who Jesus Christ is and
what he has done for us**

**These two teaching
sessions will lead us
gently from Epiphany
into the Lenten season.**

THURSDAY MORNING IS COFFEE MORNING In the Church Lounge

10am – 12pm

EVERY WEEK



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