



FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Eileen; Matthew; Carson W; Lorna; Megan; Stephen C; David & Cynthia; Maegan; Tom; Riley & his mum and family; Jeanette, David & Grace; Paula.

We continue to pray for Woodside House Care Home and all those in our Church, friends and family who are managing long term health issues including Pete and Rosie; Doreen; Rosemary; Sheila; John and Jane; Shirley.

We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one or a friend and remember also those who have died in recent days, among them: David Bradford.

A PRAYER FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or feeling
isolated. In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECTS

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us
to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
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

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside
you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

POST COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ
gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life
and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. Amen

READINGS FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 10:44-END

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit
fell upon all who heard the word.

The circumcised believers who had come
with Peter were astounded that the gift of the
Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the
Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in
tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the
water for baptizing these people who have
received the Holy Spirit just as we have?'

So he ordered them to be baptized in the
name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him
to stay for several days.

PSALM 98

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, ♦
for he has done marvellous things.

2 **His own right hand and his holy arm ♦
have won for him the victory.**

3 The Lord has made known his
salvation; ♦
his deliverance has he openly shown in the
sight of the nations.

4 **He has remembered his mercy and
faithfulness towards the house of Israel, ♦
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.**

5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; ♦
break into singing and make music.

6 **Make music to the Lord with the lyre, ♦
with the lyre and the voice of melody.**

7 With trumpets and the sound
of the horn ♦
sound praises before the Lord, the King.

8 **Let the sea thunder
and all that fills it, ♦
the world and all that dwell upon it.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands ♦
and let the hills ring out together
before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.

10 **In righteousness
shall he judge the world ♦
and the peoples with equity.**

**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 JOHN 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the
Christ has been born of God, and everyone
who loves the parent loves the child.

By this we know that we love the children of
God, when we love God and obey his
commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world.

And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood.

And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

JOHN 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you.

And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST FRANCIS

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Following on from the recent APCM we are delighted to report that Diana Cooper and John Cubitt have both agreed to remain in office as Churchwardens for the forthcoming year.

We extend our deep thanks to them for the service they have given to St Francis and for their willingness to continue on in this essential and very demanding ministry.

We also extend our gratitude to Deborah Lechmere for stepping into the role of Deanery Synod Rep, thanking also Jane Cubitt who will be continuing on in this role.

And just so you know – the elected PCC members are: Gerald Kelley; James [Huggy] Knott; Jim Green; Sue Green; David Lechmere; Charlotte Warren.

Please pray for our Church Officers as they offer their gifts and skills to God in the service of the Church of St Francis and the wider parish.

There will, in due course, be a special service for the swearing in of the Churchwardens and the commissioning of the PCC. This will be announced as soon as we receive further details from the Archdeacon.

'LET IT GROW'

Over the weekend of 5th & 6th June, St Francis will be launching this years 'Let it grow' project. This will be a fun event helping to promote our partnership with 'Farmshare' and raising awareness about our St Francis Eco Church group.

One of the features will be a repeat of the big plant giveaway that proved so popular last year. We already have pledges of sunflower seedlings and some veg plants, [thank you!] but would be very grateful to receive further offers - the more the merrier 😊

If you would like to be involved in the weekend or find out more know more please contact Sue Green or the vicar.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Mon: 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: Celebrating Together – 10.30am
[Holy Communion]

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
Please give if you can



ANOTHER DATE FOR THE DIARY!

NORWICH EAST DEANERY
ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Thursday 13th May
7.00pm

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

ALL WELCOME!

Please do make the effort to attend this service if you can – it would be wonderful to see St Francis Church well represented.



Every year the ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost is a special time of directed prayer when the church worldwide prays for those who have yet to come to faith. This year we have some prayer diaries to give away both for own use and to pass on to those who you think might appreciate them. Please ask if you would like one.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH
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