



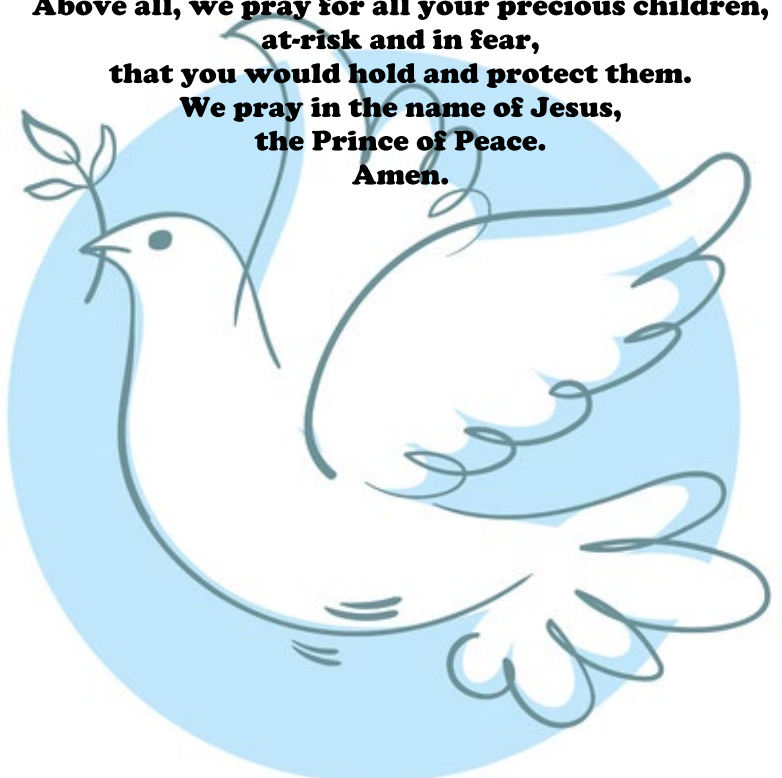
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS
HE IS OUR EVER PRESENT HELP IN TIMES OF TROUBLE –
LISTEN TO HIM



The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called for churches to make Sunday 27th February a day of prayer for Ukraine.

Our service today will reflect that call and we add our prayers to those that will be raised throughout this nation and the world that the strife may cease and the people of Ukraine might know peace and justice

**God of Peace and Justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at-risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace.
Amen.**



FOR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for those who are in need of prayer at this time: Alan; Maureen; Alex & Amanda.

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

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

We remember those who have died in recent days, among them: Anne Gifford, 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

COLLECTS FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened
to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen
Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

God our creator,
by your gift the tree of life
was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life
at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished
at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory
of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT 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.

EXODUS 34: 29 - END

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

PSALM 99

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!**

Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

**Extol the LORD our God
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!**

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

**He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,
and the statutes that he gave them.**

O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

**Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.**

**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**

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12 - 4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

LUKE 9:28 – 43a

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they

had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

A POINT TO PONDER – THE SUBJECT OF TODAY'S REFLECTION OF THE READINGS



PSALM 89: 46 - 52

46 How long will you hide yourself so utterly, O Lord? ♦ How long shall your anger burn like fire?

47 Remember how short my time is, ♦ how frail you have made all mortal flesh.

48 Which of the living shall not see death, ♦ and shall deliver their soul from the power of darkness?

49 Where, O Lord, is your steadfast love of old, ♦ which you swore to David in your faithfulness?

50 Remember, O Lord, how your servant is scorned, ♦ how I bear in my bosom the taunts of many peoples,

51 While your enemies mock, O Lord, ♦ while they mock the footsteps of your anointed.

52 Blessed be the Lord for evermore. ♦ Amen and Amen.

**SERVICES NEXT WEEK
ALL WELCOME**

**Tues: Morning Prayer – 9am
Evening Prayer – 5pm**

**ASH WEDNESDAY
Morning Prayer – 9am
Holy Communion
with Imposition of Ashes**

11.30am

&

7.30pm

**Thurs: Morning Prayer – 9am
Evening Prayer – 5pm**

**Sun: Holy Communion for
The First Sunday of 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.

ST FRANCIS NEWS...

Hello...

We welcome David Howard, a second year ordinand on the Eastern Region Ministry Course. David will be on placement with us for the next month or so as he experiences ministry in an Estate Church. Please do make yourself known to him after the service – he will be very pleased to meet you and maybe learn a little bit more about St Francis through hearing your memories and thoughts about being a part of the St Francis family.

Goodbye...

On Saturday 5th March the Diocese will be bidding farewell to Archdeacon Karen Hutchinson as she leaves to take up her new role in the Diocese of Salisbury. The service will take place in the Cathedral at 3.30. All are welcome to attend.

A card to be sent from St Francis will be circulating after the service for you to send your farewell good wishes..

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

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