



23rd June 2022

# St Francis Church, Valley Park

This week's newsletter



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## Thank you!

The Valley ParkLife Festival was so much fun! Huge thanks to all - to so, so many of you who helped, headed up areas like barbecue, crafts, facepainting and teas and coffees and also to all who came, brought friends and family and neighbours, and welcomed others - not to mention performed! There was a lovely atmosphere and I'm so proud to be part of a church who welcome the community - as well as church family! - with so much generosity and warmth.

Thinking of generosity, 1 Corinthians 9:11&12 reminds us that when we're generous in sharing the gifts that God has given to us, others will be blessed and give thanks as a result: 'He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us. For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produces an outpouring of gratitude to God.'

Thank you for your generosity in sharing your gifts.

We'll be sharing more pics - but adding them to this newsletter makes it too big to mail out !!

## Daily readings/ podcasts in June:

You may remember that last year we followed the Diocese's programme thinking about generosity in June. Do use the daily readings or podcast for this month, you might even find a familiar voice or two! The booklet is attached to this mailing, and the resources are also here: <https://www.generousjune.co.uk>

## What's On



### **June 21st - 26th: Flower Festival at St Martin in the Woods Church**

Pop in and see this wonderful flower festival in our next door parish! Details on page 4.

### **Sunday June 26th, 12 - 3.30pm: Valley Park Community Association Fayre**

Let's support our local community fair! Details on p4.

### **Sunday June 26th, 3pm: Messy Church**

Especially aimed at primary school age children and their families - and all are welcome! Fun and games followed by tea and cake.

### **Monday June 27th, 11-1230: Café**

Pop in and catch up!

### **Wed June 30th, 9 - 1030am: Café**

- with toddler craft.

### **Eastleigh Basics Bank**

Please keep the donations coming, the need is greater than ever.

Find out what's most needed here:

<https://eastleighbasicsbank.co.uk>

You can leave donations at church or the vicarage in Raglan Drive or 1 Tweed Close, and most local supermarkets have a box if you are shopping in person.

### **Sunday 17th July at 4.30 pm: Sue Keegan von Allmen's leaving service**

- at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church. A leaving service followed by an afternoon tea. During the service a presentation will be made from the Circuit to Sue - please give any donations to Fiona Grove this week or next so we can forward in time.



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## Events coming up: for your diary

### July 21st, 1 - 3.30pm: Blooming Great Tea party, Church

Details on page 5.

### July 25th, 2pm: Music Concert at St Francis Church

Suzanne and Stephanie would like to invite you to their pupils' concert. The music will be mainly piano, of all standards from early beginners to grade 8. Bring and share refreshments during the interval. Free entry; retiring collection.

### September 11th 2022: Confirmation Service

The Bishop joins us for a service of confirmation and to licence Sarah as vicar of the parish (she's currently priest in charge - long story). Interested in being confirmed? Let Sarah know [rev@sfvp.org.uk](mailto:rev@sfvp.org.uk)

### 26th June 3pm: Messy Church

It's this week! Looking forward to seeing you there!

**St Francis Church**  
you're welcome here

**MESSY**  
Church

Come and join us at  
**St Francis Church, Valley Park**  
**Sunday 26th June**  
**3:00-4:45pm**  
[stfrancis-valleypark.org.uk](http://stfrancis-valleypark.org.uk)  
Suitable for all the family

Messy Church logo (c) The Bible Reading Fellowship 2019. See [messychurch.org.uk](http://messychurch.org.uk)

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THE PARISH OF  
CHANDLER'S FORD



Parish of Chandler's Ford Presents

# Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival

21st - 26th June 2022  
at St Martin in the Wood Church

*Celebrating 70 years of  
Her Majesty The Queen's reign  
with flowers and memorabilia.*

Festival opening at 10am on Tuesday 21st June 2022 by  
Roy Lancaster C.B.E., V.M.H. F.C.I.Hort.

Tuesday 21st, 10am to 5pm

Wednesday 22nd 11am to 5pm

Thursday 23rd 6pm to 9pm  
with Festival Songs of Praise at 7.30pm

Friday 24th & Saturday 25th 10am to 5pm

Sunday 26th 11am to 4pm



**Free Admission**

St Martin in the Wood Church, Queens  
Road, Chandler's Ford SO53 5AG

Tel: 023 8026 5977

Email: [office@parishcf.church](mailto:office@parishcf.church)

Registered Charity number 1131152

# SUMMER FAYRE

SUNDAY

26TH JUNE 2022

MIDDAY - 3.30PM

LOCATION - VALLEY PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE CAR PARK

SO53 4ST

Childrens Activities  
Bouncy Castle  
Face Painting etc

Refreshments  
Crepe Britain

Local Businesses  
Craft & Unique  
Stalls



**FREE Family EVENT**



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YOU'RE  
INVITED TO  
**OUR**  
BLOOMING  
GREAT  
TEA PARTY



Invite your friends and family for tea and cake at  
our

## BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY

Thursday 21st July from 1pm to 3.30pm

St Francis Church Valley Park

Children's tombola and games at the Cleveland Bay Pub  
garden

### We reckon this is your cup of tea

Our Blooming Great Tea Party is all about having great fun  
for a great cause. Every last crumb of money we raise will  
help people affected by dying, death and bereavement, so  
please join us!

## Allen Edwards' trip to Rwanda - July 2022

Hi, I'm Allen. For those of you who couldn't join the service at St Francis' Church last Sunday, my wife Jean and I have been worshipping at St Francis' since we moved to the area in December. I am a retired engineer and church minister.

As part of Eagle's Wings Ministries UK, a small mission organisation, I have made several trips to Rwanda to train church leaders. On the 3rd July I fly out to Rwanda for my fifth visit.

Three of us will be leading one two-day and one four-day conference on Church Leadership for lay church leaders from the Kigali and Shyira Diocese of the Anglican Church in Rwanda.

These church leaders are generally running churches of 100-200 people in their local villages with little support, in some cases with little or no theological training.

During these courses we will be covering a range of topics: Preaching, Leadership, Church Growth, Preparing & Leading Bible Study and Strategies for Evangelism.

There will be ~76 attending the conference in the Rwandan capital, Kigali and 276 at the conference in Ruhengeri in the Northwest of Rwanda, close to the boarder with DR Congo.

This is our first time in the Shyira Diocese.

It's a busy programme:

4th July arrive in Kigali.

6th, 7th Conference in Kigali for ~70 Lay Church Leaders.

8th Travel by road to Ruhengeri.

10th Preaching in Ruhengeri.

11th-14th Conference in Ruhengeri for 276 Lay Church leaders.

15th Return to Kigali.

16th Fly back to Heathrow.

The challenges for us will be the different language and culture and coping with teaching and preaching with a translator using Kinyarwanda, English and French.

We would value your prayers for the following:

- Preparation of the teaching material in Kinyarwanda and the practicalities of presenting this using a translator.
- That the travel will go smoothly.
- Our health during the visit.
- The anointing of the Holy Spirit on our ministry.
- Our wives while we are away.
- The lay leaders that they will be touched afresh through God's Word and by his Spirit.
- The ongoing work of the churches in Rwanda.



Left: Rwanda, land of 1000 hills

Right: Students working in small groups



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# Giving at St Francis Church



We believe that financial giving is a response to God's generosity to us, and a responsibility of regular members of our church family. We rely entirely on your donations to keep the church going and are especially dependent on regular giving through bank accounts, as this enables us to budget appropriately. We're able to substantially increase your gift if you pay tax, as we can reclaim the gift aid.

If you would like to set up regular giving, there are standing order forms at the back of the church, or they're available from our treasurer Andrew Grove: [treasurer@sfpv.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@sfpv.org.uk)

We appreciate that you might not be in a position to give regularly at the moment. If you prefer, there's a basket for offerings on the table opposite the entrance door for cash, and you can donate on line via our website or just here:

**[Donate here](#)**

Maybe you aren't in a position to donate at all at the moment. If that's you, thank you for reading this far, and please know that you are no less valued as a part of our church family. Please continue to pray for us, and let us know if you have specific material or prayer needs that we can help with at this time.

As a church we're about so much more than asking for money! And we also want to fulfill our call to be a blessing to each other and our surrounding community. Thank you so much for your part in that.

## Points for prayer this week

### **Pray for Afghanistan especially after the earthquake this week that has killed thousands:**

Pray for Afghanistan

O God of mercy and of peace,

We hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan.

Be rescuer in the face of the earthquake, giving wisdom and access to all who seek to bring aid

Be living bread to those who are hungry each day

Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access to health care amidst the ravages of pandemic

Be their true home to all who have been displaced

Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear because of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political views

Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live within its shadow.

Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle peace,

Open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care

Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering people and

Hold us all in your unfailing love.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its fullness.

Amen

### **From the World Council of Churches: Kenya, Tanzania.**

- greater tolerance between Christians and Muslims as they work together to improve the lives of all people
- youth, that they not succumb to radicalization but are prepared to sustain their lives and communities
- all victims of violence, especially sexual or gender-based violence, and all who are marginalized or excluded from communities
- those who are most vulnerable to climate change and drought, that they may have clean water to drink and for their crops and animals to flourish
- economic growth and trade that benefits all the people.

### **Our local Community:**

Please pray for:

- Knightwood Primary School
- For Messy Church this Sunday
- For our ongoing plans to employ a Children and Families worker
- For our GP chaplaincy work and links with the surgery
- That our café might be a place of welcome, connection and connection in our local community
- For parishioner Florence Harrison (3) , and her family (Mum Jess, Dad Tom, big sister Lucy) as Florence has a stem cell transplant at Great Ormond St.



## Worship this week

### **Sunday 26th June: Trinity 2**

#### **8.30am: Said communion Service**

Leader: Sarah

Speaker: Revd Mary Thomas

#### **10am: Morning Worship with Communion**

**Service** Live streamed on our usual link below.

Leader: Sarah

Speaker: Revd Mary Thomas

Bible passage: Luke 9: 51 – 62

Live on Outreach Radio? Yes

With creche, junior church during the service.

Coffee and refreshments available after the service

### **Monday June 27th**

#### **10am: Morning Prayer.**

In the church building.

#### **Catch up later!**

Don't forget you can catch up on our 10am service on Facebook from Sunday pm or our website from Monday.

#### **Link for services**

Here's the super quick link that takes you to all of our Zoom services and events:  
[www.bit.ly/SFCzoom](http://www.bit.ly/SFCzoom)


### ***Where are our ministers this week?***

Cliff McClelland is at HMP Winchester  
Joe Sweetnam is at Boyatt Wood









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## St Francis Church information



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Facebook		@stfrancisvp
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Instagram		stfranchischurchvalleypark
Zoom		<a href="http://www.bit.ly/SFCzoom">www.bit.ly/SFCzoom</a>
Twitter		@FrancisValley
YouTube		St Francis Church Valley Park

### Who's Who

**Church Administrator:**

Caroline James  
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02380271152

**Church Cleaner:** Ann Daly

(usual time to clean:  
Saturday afternoon)

**Junior Church Lead:** Debbie

Reed -

juniorchurch@sfpv.org.uk

**Youth Contact:** Cliff

McClelland -

youth@sfpv.org.uk

**Pastoral Lead and Prayer**

**Chain:** Fiona Grove -

pastoral@sfpv.org.uk

**Home Groups:** Nick Grew

nick1806grew@gmail.com

**Lead minister:** Sarah

McClelland - rev@sfpv.org.uk

(Usual day off Friday)

**Curate:** Joe Sweetnam -

curate@sfpv.org.uk (Day off  
Friday)

**Methodist minister:** Rev

Sue Keegan von Allmen

**URC contact:** Rev Dr Sarah

Hall (Group Minister, South-  
West Hants Group of URC  
Churches.)

### Church Council as of 3/4/22

**Church Wardens:** Fiona Grove and Debbie Reed

**Pro (Deputy) Warden:** Peter Rhodes and Caroline Gough

**Gift Aid secretary:** Geoff Roberts

**Safeguarding officer:** Helen Kelso -

safeguarding@sfpv.org.uk

**Church Council Secretary:** Jan Southern

**Treasurer:** Andy Grove - treasurer@stfrancis-

valleypark.org.uk

**Church Council Members:** Rogerio Ramos, Dumni Ajayi

*Plus 5 vacant posts*

**Deanery Synod Reps ( ie Church of England Reps):** Peter

Rhodes, Steve Williams and Brian King

**Methodist Church rep:** David Gurr

*Plus 1 vacant post*

**URC Rep:** *Post vacant*



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## Would you like someone to pray with you?

God does extraordinary things when we pray. And prayer's not just a solitary activity, we're to pray for one another. Can we pray for you at the moment? Members of our prayer ministry team would be delighted to pray with you over the phone or on Zoom - please just ask; contact Sarah, Joe, or Fiona Grove in the first instance.

'Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.'

James 5: 16

## Thanks for reading!

As ever this comes with my prayers and love in Christ.  
Sarah

Sarah McClelland

Lead Minister, St Francis' Church.

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**Usual day off: Friday**

This message was sent BCC to all on our church mailing list. If you'd prefer not to receive further mailings please let me know.