



3rd June 2021

St Francis Church, Valley Park (virtually)

Weekly newsletter



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Generous June

Here's a great shot of Debbie and Jeremy litterpicking with the Valley Park community association last weekend! Thanks to Jan Moring for the picture and to all who came along and were generous with their time - in keeping with Generous June!

As I mentioned last week, Generous June is an initiative that seeks to engage churches, communities and individuals with generosity throughout the month of June. We'll be following a sermon series throughout June and you can follow daily readings each day from the booklet, found here under 'daily reflection booklet' on the following weblink:

<https://www.generousjune.co.uk/resources/>
(or please ask us to print it out for you).

Informal prayer and sung worship

Are you missing the opportunity to sing songs and hymns of worship? Me too!

And we *are* allowed to sing outside. So for the month of June - and if it's dry! - there's an opportunity to join in a very informal time of praise and prayer in the church garden for about 40 minutes as follows :

Saturday June 5th, 11am
Saturday June 12th, 11am
Sunday June 20th, 5pm
Sunday June 27th, 5pm



Pop in, bring your own coffee/ rug/ jumper/ instrument if you like! Song sheets provided.

What's On at St Francis

Take Time

Our next meeting of Take Time is at 8pm on Wednesday June 16th, on our usual church Zoom link.

Café is back!

In the Church garden. Table service only, simple teas and coffees for a donation only, names kept for Track and Trace, please don't come if you're ill, keep to social distancing.

Monday June 7th 11am - 12 Adults only

Wednesday June 9th 9 - 11am. All welcome!

Fair Trade - last chance to double your donation!

Angela has a Traid Craft Catalogue and would love to assist you with your order (buying in bulk is more eco-friendly) - do contact her:

Tel: 02380271150, Email: angelarwmorris@gmail.com

There's currently a 'Regenerator's appeal' for those fighting climate change and helping to regenerate land for future generations:

donate before June 7th and the UK Government will double your

donation: <https://traidcraftexchange.org/regenerators>

VPCA Community Fayre - Sunday June 27th 11 - 2.30pm:

Could you volunteer to help out at this community fayre that VPCA are holding in the carpark behind the community centre?

It's another great opportunity to support our local community!

Please contact Sarah rev@sfvp.org.uk or Paula, the community engagement coordinator at

communityengagement@valleyparkcommunity.co.uk, or phone 02380 266593.

Church News

The Christus Rex is back!

Big thanks to Joe and Andrew for putting it up in the worship area this week.

0830 Communion service

Council agreed at the last meeting to change the time of our early, said communion service each Sunday. Instead of 0845, it will now be at 0830, starting this Sunday May 23rd, and going forwards.

The reason is that we need more time to set up the 10am service, especially as we live stream currently and will continue to do so when we can be back in the building. It will enable the worship group to gather and get set up, and make there's time to pray between services too.

Why not pop down and join us?



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Worship this week.

Sunday June 6th: Trinity 1/ Generous June 1 😊

8.30am Said Communion in the church building

Please book in by emailing rev@sfvp.org.uk

10am: Virtual Morning Worship - usual Zoom link.

Speaker at both services: Sarah

Leader at 0830: Cliff

Leader at 10am: Sarah

Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9

Live on Outreach radio this week? Yes.

Monday June 7th, 10am: Morning prayer in church building

Services in the church building

It's brilliant to be able to share communion together in person again!

Please book in as above, enter the church through the main door

(through the lych gate and garden), wrap up warmly, wear a mask

and don't come if you're ill. We'll keep a record of your name for 3

weeks in line with government guidance.

Link for services

Here's the super quick link that takes you to

all of our Zoom services and events:

www.bit.ly/SFCzoom

Points for prayer this week

'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May those who love you be secure.
May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels."
(Psalm 122: 6-7)

From the World Council of Churches: Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini

- protection of resources for the good of all rather than their exploitation for economic gain
- more democratic and transparent governance in these countries, at all levels
- effectively countering rape, sexual violence, and other crime
- adequate resources and changed attitudes for welcoming refugees in these countries.

The wider Church: Church of England:

Our Diocesan Synod, the Chairs of the Houses of Laity and Clergy, praying for wisdom and discernment in all our decision making and the direction of our calling.

Our local Community:

- Pray for the residents of Barn Piece and Field View
- For all those bereaved recently,
- For Carolyn Covey and Jide Ajayi who. have broken their arms
- That our café might be a place of welcome, connection and reconnection in our local community
- For all those returning to school after half term, for our local surgeries as the vaccine roll out continues, for our local businesses

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Valley Park 'Twin my vaccine'
campaign

Thank you!

Through your generosity
we raised

£ 1,185

which will go to Unicef's Vaccinaid campaign.

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St Francis Church information



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Who's Who

Church Administrator:

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(usual time to clean:
Saturday afternoon)

Junior Church Lead:

Debbie Reed -
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Youth Contact: Cliff

McClelland -
youth@sfpv.org.uk

Pastoral Lead and Prayer

Chain: Fiona Grove -
pastoral@sfpv.org.uk

Lead minister: Sarah

McClelland -
rev@sfpv.org.uk (Usual day
off Friday)

Curate: Joe Sweetnam -
curate@sfpv.org.uk (Day
off Friday)

Methodist minister: Sue
Keegan von Allmen

URC minister: Mark
Robinson

Church Council as of 25/4/21

Church Wardens: Alison Rhodes and Fiona Grove

Pro (Deputy) Warden: Debbie Reed (Plus 1 vacant prowarden post)

Gift Aid secretary: Geoff Roberts

Safeguarding officer: Helen Kelso - safeguarding@sfpv.org.uk

Church Council Secretary: Post vacant.

Treasurer: Andy Grove - treasurer@stfrancis-valleypark.org.uk

Church Council Members: Rogerio Ramos, Liz Bolton, Caroline
Emmins, Jan Southern

Plus 3 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: Chris Hill.



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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

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Usual day off: Friday

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