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St Francis Church, Valley Park (virtually)

Weekly newsletter



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Reasons to be cheerful

Easter was particularly special for me this year. The promise of new life, new starts and hope, as we begin to slowly open up again, came soon after the first anniversary of lockdown. We've been through a lot together and know that we're not out of the woods yet, pandemic wise - and yet these faltering steps to freedom resonate with where we are in the church calendar currently.

Join with me in looking back at 2020 - our annual review is attached in advance of our annual church meeting (April 25th at 1115am). Putting it together just filled me with gratitude - I hope you'll find the same. We have so much to build on as we move on to the next, post pandemic, phase of church life. How would you like the next phase to look? Join us at our next Connect meeting on April 21st at 8pm on Zoom (and with worship first at 7.15pm) as we spend time reflecting on how church looks in this next season.

A particular reason to be thankful is the vaccine roll out. We've not all had the jab yet, but why not 'twin your vaccine' and enable Unicef to deliver vaccines far across the globe? We've set up a Just Giving Page - all that is donated will be given to the Unicef Vaccinaid fund. Why not share it with friends and neighbours? It'll be on our Facebook site too. The target set is £1000, based on 100 of us giving £10 each. Let's give others a reason to be cheerful in this Easter season of joy and hope!

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Valley Park 'Twin my vaccine' campaign

*Had your job? Maybe both?
What a relief!*

Help the rest of the world to get one too.

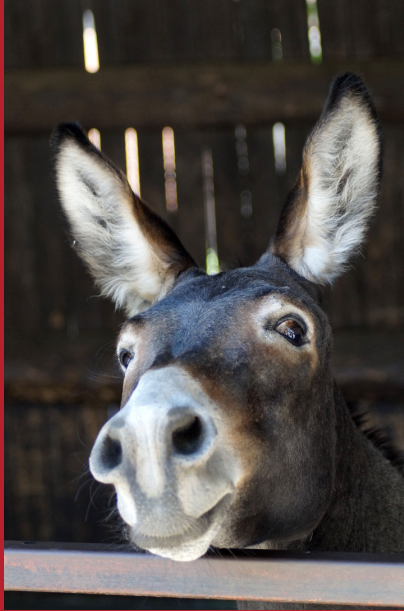
Donate to the Valley Park Campaign. through St Francis Church. Absolutely all funds to Unicef's Vaccinaid campaign.

Scan the QR code or go to

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ValleyParkTwin-my-Vaccine>



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Church News 1

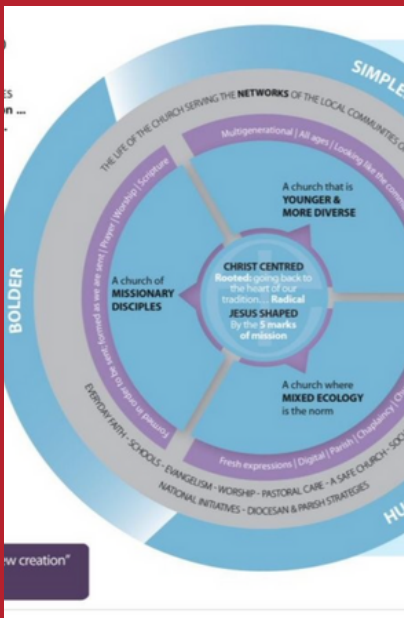
Easter Treasure Hunt

Join donkey on an easter egg hunt around Valley Park, suitable for all the family - details on the Website or by scanning the QR code on page 4 from April 2nd - 18th!

Connect

April 21st 8pm - on Zoom (usual link) - a chance to gather instead of usual house group meetings or just to connect mid week. Come and imagine post pandemic church: how do you see us 'buidling back better'? What can't change and what can't stay the same?!

Join us from 7.15pm to start the evening with worship.



Lent Course

Thanks for taking part either at home or in a group. After Easter we'll be in touch to invite you to catch up with what was good and what was less so.



Unbelievable? The Conference

A conference thinking about how to tell the greatest story ever told, with fantastic speakers. Graham Shankland thoroughly recommends it too!

Sat May 15th, 2 - 8pm online. Details:

<https://www.unbelievable.live>

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Church News 2

Mens Breakfast

Is this Saturday at 0830 on Zoom! Join in on our usual church link - BYOBacon. All men very welcome.

Mens Weekend Away

Date for your diary: September 17th - 19th 2021 at Houghton, nr Arundel. Contact Peter Rhodes: PeterRhodes.21@BTinternet.com for more details.

Annual Church Council Meeting

This will be after our morning service on April 25th, on Zoom. Do join us as we review 2020 (it was quite a year!), look ahead and elect folk to the new Church Council. Interested in being on Council? Email Sarah, and please check you're on the electoral roll!

Could you be a school governor?

We have 3 vacancies for foundation governors - Governors who have a Christian faith and would like to use it in this vital ministry. Governors bring their wisdom and experience to enable the school - and thereby the children - to flourish! Whilst it takes a bit of time and commitment, full training is given. You'll make a difference to a whole school! Contact Sarah for more details.

Fair Trade

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



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Worship this week.

Services this week

April 11th: Second Sunday of Easter

8.45am 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: Steve Williams

Leader at 0845: Joe Sweetnam & Sarah McClelland

Leader at 1000: Sarah McClelland

Reading: Acts 4: 32 - 35

Live on Outreach radio this week? No.

Monday April 12th: Morning prayer back in the church building at 10am

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

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Points for prayer this week

From the World Council of Churches: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania.

We pray for:

- better relationships among different ethnic groups and traditions
- respect for the rights of children, women, the young and the elderly, so they can receive adequate education, jobs and health care
- economic developments that serve all people
- ending practices that harm the air, soil and forests, and installing instead measures to protect the environment.

Church Life:

Pray for Chaplaincy: lay and ordained, in prisons, schools, universities, police, hospitals and in our communities; and Anna Chaplains working with older people, and chaplains working with those with disability, and with the deaf & hard of hearing.

For the wider community:

- For countries facing a third wave of Covid, including Brazil, India and Europe
- For fair distribution of the Covid vaccine to all who need it

Our local Community:

- Pray for the residents of Jack Close and Bird Field
- For all we know who are unwell, especially those on our prayer chain.
- For all those who are struggling at this time financially, emotionally; those who are alone; those in care homes, and all frontline staff in the NHS, education, prisons, and all key workers., that they may know the hope of Easter time.


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Annual Church Meeting Information

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING Parish of St Francis, Valley Park.

(In this Notice, 'parish' means an
ecclesiastical parish.)

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- Formal notice of our Annual meeting and annual 'vestry' meeting below and next pages
 - Electoral roll available to view in church building or electoralroll@sfvp.org.uk
 - Nomination forms available from admin@sfvp.org.uk or rev@sfvp.org.uk
 - 2020 accounts available to view in attached Review of 2020.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held virtually, on the usual Church Zoom link: www.bit.ly/SFCzoom on the 25th day of April 2021 at 1115am.

- For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows –
To the Ecumenical Church Council: 5 representatives (2x 3 year term, 1x 2 year term, 2x 1 year term)
- For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.
- For the consideration of:
 - (a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting
 - (b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
 - (c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December preceding the meeting;
 - (d) the annual report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches of the parish;
 - (e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
 - (f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

Signed:



Minister of the parish

Notes on Annual Church Meeting:

1 Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

2 A person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if –

(a) his or her name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and, unless he or is under 18, has been entered there for at least the preceding six months;

(b) he or she is an actual communicant (which means that he has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election);

(c) he or she is at least 16; and

(d) he or she is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these Notes.

3 (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).

(2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).

(3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).

(4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.

(5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.

43 A scheme is in operation in this parish which provides that any person entitled to vote in the elections of parochial representatives of the laity to the parochial church council or to the deanery synod or to both may apply on the appropriate form to the Minister of the parish (or other person signing below) for a postal vote. The completed form must be received before the commencement of the annual parochial church meeting.

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**NOTICE OF OF A MEETING FOR
THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS
Parish of St Francis, Valley Park.**

(In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.)

A meeting for the election of churchwardens will be held virtually, on the usual Church Zoom link: www.bit.ly/SFCzoom on the 25th day of April 2021 at 1115am.

This meeting may be attended by:

1. All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish, and
2. All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence

Signed  Minister

**Donkey is inviting you to
join in the Valley Park
Easter Egg Treasure Hunt!**



Scan the QR code or go to this weblink:
<https://stfrancis-valleypark.org.uk/events>
April 2nd - 18th



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Answerphone		02380271152
Facebook		@stfrancisvp
Website		www.stfrancis-valleypark.org.uk
Instagram		stfranchurchvalleypark
Zoom		www.bit.ly/SFCzoom
Twitter		@FrancisValley
YouTube		St Francis Church Valley Park

Who's Who

Church Administrator:

Caroline James
admin@sfpv.org.uk , Tel:
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

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

Church Wardens: Alison Rhodes and Fiona Grove

Pro (Deputy) Warden and Gift Aid secretary: Geoff Roberts

Plus 1 vacant prowarden post

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

Church Council Secretary: Post vacant.

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

Church Council Members: Debbie Reed, Graham Shankland, Phil
Watts, Rogerio Ramos, Liz Bolton.

Plus 2 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

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.