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St Francis Church, Valley Park

This week's Newsletter



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Worship at St Francis on Sunday 14th August: Trinity 9

8.30am: Said communion service.

10am: Morning worship

Speaker at both services: Steve Williams

Live streamed on our usual link (p 5); Junior Church and creche;

Refreshments after the service

Monday August 8th, 10am: Morning prayer at church

Next week August 21st:

8.30am: Said communion service. Leader Sarah, Speaker Nick Grew

10am: Morning worship with communion and opportunity for thanksgiving : Leader: Sarah; Speaker Nick Grew

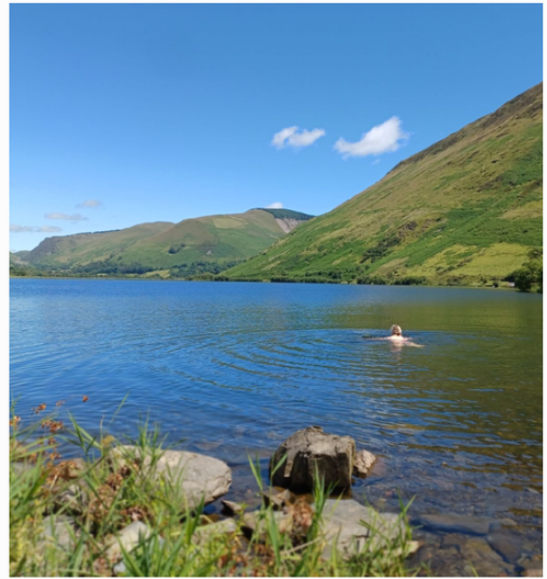
Monday August 22nd, 10am: Morning prayer

Items for the newsletter:

Please email to Sarah by Wednesday evenings rev@sfpv.org.uk. All items of church family news welcome - especially more 'holiday postcards!' (p2) Next week's will be a two week edition.

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Postcards from the church family



Cader Idris



We had a wonderful holiday in beautiful Snowdonia, walking and climbing hills (but not mountains!) around the Talylyn railway and enjoying the stunning views. Waterfalls and wine abounded and although we never coincided with Sarah and Cliff, they were never far away!! Brief but lovely visits to Anglesey and Llangollen concluded a brilliant British holiday - Linda & Brian

St Francis Church Family

Pilgrim's Close

Valley Park

What's On

Sun Aug 14th, 10am: Fair Trade stall

After the 10am service Angela will have Fair Trade goods for sale - come prepared!

Mon Aug 15th, 11-1230: Café

Pop in and catch up!

Wed Aug 17th, 9 - 1030am: Café

- with toddler craft.

Sundays at 10am: Junior Church in the summer

Creche will continue at 10am. There'll still be junior church but with a slightly different format over the holidays - come and see, if you're primary school age! And if you're a little older we'd love a bit more help - could you help on just one Sunday in late July/ August? Contact Fiona: fionagrove63@gmail.com.

Wednesdays 9 - 1030am: Summer Café for kids

It's is a great place to bring children and grandchildren - and just hang out, whether you've come with littler ones or not! We'll continue to have craft throughout the summer - and there's space to play in the garden!

Sun Sept 4th 6.30pm: Circuit Welcome Service

You are warmly invited to join us at The United Church, Winchester, on Sunday 4th September at 6.30pm for a Circuit Service to welcome our new Superintendent Minister, the Revd Peter Rayson. The preacher will be the Chair of the Southampton District, the Revd Andrew de Ville.

September 11th 4pm: 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@sfpv.org.uk

Basics Bank

Please keep the donations coming! 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.

Save the date! Mens Weekend 2022: 7th - 9th October

Men's Weekend will take place Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October. We'll be returning to the delightful South Downs Bunkhouse, nestling in Amberley at the centre of the South Downs Way. These weekends are a great opportunity to get to know other men in the church, and enjoy some excellent walking and scenery. Food is always superb, and the accommodation (for a bunkhouse...) is excellent. Whilst the emphasis is on sharing time together, there will be a thought-for-the-day over breakfast on Saturday, and a short service on Sunday before we head out for the day's walk. All men are welcome, even (particularly!) if not very involved in the church, and it's a great opportunity to invite friends. Bring your sons too. Cost will be £100, all costs included.

Please contact PeterRhodes.21@BTinternet.com to book a place or to find out more. Places are limited so don't delay! Hope you can join us.

Peter Rhodes

Could you be a Fledge Mentor?

Here at Fledge, we've been providing supported accommodation to build the skills and the confidence of young, homeless people in Eastleigh- so they can live independent and successful lives.

We're looking for volunteers to be part of our team that continues to support and invest in the former residents who have successfully moved into the wider local community.

So if you have up to an hour and a half a week available, love having a coffee and a chat and love meeting people, please get in contact - you could help to make a very real difference in the life of a young person living in Eastleigh and be part of a very rewarding experience!

New Safeguarding Officer at St Francis Church

After serving us fantastically well, Helen Kelso has stepped down from the role of safeguarding officer, and Linda King (in the photo, left) has now taken over - as agreed by Council last night. We're so grateful to Linda for taking on this vital role, and for all the work she's already been doing in making sure safeguarding is our top priority.



Links for Services

Link for services: Here's the super quick link that takes you to all of our Zoom services and events: www.bit.ly/SFCzoom

Catch up later: Don't forget you can catch up on our 10am service on Facebook from Sunday pm or our website from Monday: <https://stfrancis-valleypark.org.uk>

Where are our ministers this week?

- Mary Thomas is on sabbatical
- Joe is conducting weddings at Bishopstoke on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th Aug.
- Nick Grew is at St John's Hedge End
- Cliff McClelland is on the couch with covid



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You're invited!

Jenny & George are getting married at St Boniface Church, Chandler's Ford at 12:30PM on the 3rd September 2022. They are delighted to extend the invitation to the St Francis congregation who would be very welcome to come along! Please drop George an email if you are planning to attend the service - george.taylor93@gmail.com



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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@sfvp.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 the Wheels for the World Team

Christine Grew writes: I am part of a Wheels for the World (WftW) Team this month to support a wheelchair distribution in Mozambique that is happening over the coming two weeks. This will deliver about 100 reconditioned wheelchairs to disabled people on a careful person-by-person basis according to their disability.

WftW is the overseas arm of Through the Roof – the

organisation supporting us here as we aim to become a more inclusive church regarding disability.

A Missionary out in Mozambique is facilitating the distribution, supported each day by therapists (myself and other colleagues) via video phone link. We would greatly value prayer on weekdays between 5th and 16th August. Do ask me about it! And thank you!



From the World Council of Churches: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger:


- those impoverished who lack basic needs and rights, that these will be met
- desperate children and others who turn to crime or begging or become enslaved
- effective response to the frequent droughts and hunger in this area
- more stable political rule in these countries to stem violence and provide for all.

Our local Community:








Please pray for:

- The residents of Glendowan Road, Bowland Rise
- For Andrew and Fiona Grove as they lead at Christian activities camp
- For Maisie Potter and her family as she is baptised by Joe on Sunday afternoon at St Francis Church.
- For our most definitely ongoing plans to employ a Children & Families Minister
- For our local GP surgery as they struggle with staff shortages due to ill health, for the doctors, staff and practice manager, and chaplaincy work we share.
- That our café might be a place of welcome and connection locally
- For those considering confirmation

St Francis Church information



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you're welcome here

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Who's Who

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Youth Contact: Cliff

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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: Linda King

safeguarding@sfpv.org.uk

Church Council Secretary: Jan Southern

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

Church Council Members: Rogerio Ramos, Dunni 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*



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