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(MAF)

WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

Holy Week Services
The Bereavement Journey

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Sundays at St Francis:

Equipped for Life with God

3rd April

True Worship

Psalm 42 / John 12. 1-11

10th April

Palm Sunday

Zechariah 9. 9-12 / John 12.12-19

17th April

Easter Day

1 Cor 15.19-26 / Luke 24.1-12

24th April

You are my witnesses (Multiplex)

Isaiah 43.8-13 / Luke 24.36-49

Service Times

Every week -

9.30am Friendly traditional service

11am Family service with children's groups

Special services this month:

14th April

Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm

Communion / Foot-washing

15th April

Good Friday 2-3 pm

Reflection at the Cross

For more information about St Francis go to
www.st-francischurch.org.uk

Telling the truth seems rather an out-dated, old-fashioned virtue to many people today. It's the sort of thing we want and expect of others, but can curiously exempt ourselves from when it's inconvenient.

This has economic and social consequences. Anyone who has hoped to buy a house and then been gazumped knows that. More disturbing still is how people can lie in a court of law, despite swearing an oath on the Bible. The ancient words of the ninth commandment are not just an arbitrary rule, but common sense for any society to be healthy "you shall not give false evidence against your neighbour". Miscarriages of justice are an offence to God as well as a crime against the victim of the lie. Sadly, as we see only too clearly with the events in Ukraine and Russia, **Truth** is often the first casualty of war.

Our bank notes bear the words, "I promise to pay the bearer on demand the sum of £..." We carry around in our wallets, not pieces of gold or silver, but a promise of a human being. We are trading because we are confident that someone made a promise that they will keep. Our commercial transactions – buying things in the shops – are carried out on the strength of a promise made by someone we haven't even met.

This **Mothering Sunday** (28th March) – and don't forget the clocks go forward one hour! – many people will thank their mothers, for their love and hard work in bringing up their family. But the unseen gifts of parents to their children include the values that operate in the home. We are indebted to parents not only for the demands and chores of running a home, but for setting an example of honesty.

In **Holy Week and Easter** we remember false accusations were hurled at Jesus during his trial. But in the joyful resurrection, Jesus told his followers they were to be truthful "witnesses" to the world. I warmly invite you to come and share in worship to the crucified and risen Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

As Christians we share the good news about Jesus. We do this because we believe Jesus made promises and that he is able to keep his word. His promises include words he spoke by the grave of a close friend:

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, even though he die, yet shall he live."



The Garden Tomb Jerusalem

I believe Jesus still speaks the truth to all who are willing to listen to him. I wish you all a blessed season of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

Every blessing,
Jean de Garis

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what's coming up

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL, 10AM | ALL AGE SERVICE

Join us each Sunday this month as we explore the gospel of Luke looking at the life of Jesus and his friends. All our services are at Old Sarum Community Centre. To help keep everyone safe we ask that you sign up to save your seat. The link can be found on our facebook page.

SUNDAY 10TH APRIL, 10AM | MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is back in the building and in person! There will be the usual fun, creativity, food and craft all in a safe and welcoming environment for you and your household to enjoy.

SUNDAY 20TH + 27TH MARCH, 10AM | ALL AGE SERVICE

SATURDAY 16TH APRIL, 2-4PM | EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Old Sarum and Longhedge Easter Egg Hunt is back! All ages welcome for a fun packed afternoon. £1 entry - prizes and Easter Eggs for all who who participate.

SATURDAY 23RD APRIL | OLD SARUM AND LONGHEDGE SPRING CLEAN

Save the date. We're organising a community wide spring clean that anyone and everyone can join in with. All equipment will be provided and refreshments will be served too. Meet at the Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre, 10am.

Abba, Father,

Where are you?
I've looked and searched the whole week
through
But I can't see you anymore.

How can there be You

And war?

Where are you when bullets fly?
When old men send young men to die?
When bombs rip hearts and homes apart?
When truth and justice play no part?

When mothers clutch their babes in fear?

Hush

My child

For I am here.

I am every helping hand,
Each open home in every land.

I am every loving word
Written, spoken, each prayer heard.

I am every gift you send,
Every comfort, every friend.

Look inside your heart,

I'm there.

Look not for me in evil deeds;

I am in the poppy seeds.

I am Love and ever near.

So

Hush

My child

For I am here

IT'S TIME TO GET TEDDY OUT OF THE BOX!

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MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP



MAF is an organisation that helps isolated communities in need, using small planes to access remote locations. The concept started in 1945 when 2 young pilots felt that this was something that they could be involved with; starting with one plane, it has grown enormously, and now operates 138.

MAF's vision is 'To see isolated people changed by the love of Christ.'

- Imagine if your community had no roads and little access to the outside world.
- How would you or your family reach a doctor if you're sick or injured? How can you receive an education or job opportunities?
- This is the reality for millions of people.
- Jungles, mountains, swamps, insecurity and a dilapidated infrastructure are all barriers to receiving physical and spiritual care and a hope for the future.

MAF combines the work of evangelism & the love of Jesus Christ, bringing the Gospel to people along with looking after their medical, welfare & spiritual needs. They use planes positively to spread the peace of God rather than negatively to spread conflict.

Without MAF many other charities would be unable to function fully. The fleet of aircraft is made up of very small light planes which can land on basic grass runways often situated amongst mountain ranges. Some planes can even land on water when there are floods. In 2019 MAF flew 400 people a day, logged 7 million kilometres (more than 180 times round the equator), carried 5 million kilograms of freight and supported 2000 organisations in their work. Both our present vicar and Paul Taylor who preceded him at St Francis have used MAF planes in Sudan, and a member of our congregation spent time setting up the electrical system in a new hanger in Africa. The areas covered by MAF include Australia/Oceania, Americas, Asia & Africa. The staff come from all over the world, and are not just pilots but all the other people needed to maintain aircraft, runways, communications between governments, technology & finance etc. Many of the staff bring their families, the children going to the village school & the parents being involved with other aspects of life which add benefits to the organisation.

MAF has an excellent website if you want to know more about them! (maf-uk.org)

Sally Reed



CRAFTING FOR EASTER

Need some ideas to keep the children busy over the Easter holidays? Maybe some of these will help...

EASTER CHICKS You will need:-

A piece of yellow card, yellow tissue paper, a small piece of brown or cream card, large googly eyes, a few yellow feathers (optional), glue, scissors.

For each chick:-

1. Cut out a circle from the yellow card (I traced around a paper cup).
2. Tear small pieces from the yellow tissue paper, scrunch them up and stick them down all over the card circle.
3. Add googly eyes, a beak made from the small piece of brown or cream card, wings made from the feathers (or pieces of yellow card) and legs cut from the yellow card.
4. If you make the back side of each bird the same as the front, you can use three or four to make a mobile. Alternatively, you can use them singly to make Easter cards.



EASTER BUNNY PRINTED CARDS You will need:-

An A4 piece of coloured card, ready mix children's paints, a card tube (such as the inside of a toilet roll) small googly eyes, sticky paper dots or crystal stickers, a small paint brush, a white crayon, scissors.

1. Cut 2 X 2cm lengths from one end of the card tube. Keep one piece circular and squash the other to make an ellipse.
2. Pour some of the paint you have chosen for your prints into a shallow dish. Use the cut pieces of card to print the bunny "heads" and "ears". Make sure you have a practice run first on scrap paper before you print onto the card. This enables you to get the feel of how much paint to use and it also lets some of the paint soak into the card, giving a more even print.
3. If desired, use some pink paint to add insides to the bunnies' ears. Add the google eyes, stickers for the "noses", and use the white crayon to add "whiskers".



CALVARY AND THE EMPTY TOMB You will need:-



A4 pieces of blue and green card, a small piece of brown or grey card, a small piece of black paper, a small piece of white paper (optional), blu-tack, craft sticks, glue, scissors.

1. Make 3 crosses from the craft sticks and arrange them on the blue card as shown.
2. Fold the green card in half. Fold back both of the open edges, then cut the corners from the other, folded, edge as shown.
3. Cut a door-shaped hole in one side only of the green card. Behind the hole stick a piece of black paper to show the dark inside of the "tomb". If you like, you can also make an angel figure from the white paper to stick inside the tomb.
4. Stick the two halves of the green card together. Fold back the open edges of the green card to make a stand, then glue down the green card to cover the bases of the crosses.
5. Cut out a boulder shape from the brown or grey card. Use a small piece of blu-tack to hold it in place over the tomb entrance. The boulder can be moved to the side later to reveal the inside of the empty tomb (plus the angel).



Bereavement can impact hugely and affect all areas of life. The Bereavement Journey is for anyone who has been bereaved at any time and in any way.

By means of a series of films and discussion groups it gently guides bereaved people through the most common aspects of grief, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps.

6 sessions running fortnightly and beginning Tuesday 26 April, 2pm for 2.30pm start, The Beatrice Room, St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury.

Booking essential, please contact Rev Mary Terry 07732203452 or curate@st-francischurch.org.uk

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CURATE



One of the joys and challenges of my job is that every day is so different, but a delightful constant at the beginning of every day is a large mug of tea and a time of quiet reflection. There's no better way to start the day!

9am will see me at St Francis Church some mornings, meeting with other members of the Church team for a time of prayer, reading the Bible and sharing with one another thoughts or concerns. Again, this feels a very precious time spent together before we all head off into the day and the tasks ahead.

I might go into a Care Home and lead a service for some of the residents. The past couple of years have been so difficult for them when they haven't been able to see family or friends. During the service we sing a couple of hymns, we pray together and I'll read a Bible story which we have a short discussion about afterwards. The singing is hearty if not always tuneful(!) and we choose old hymns which are remembered from youth - often no printed words are needed. I might then visit some residents in their own rooms if they are too frail to join the service. I always leave impressed and encouraged by the sheer determination of the residents, and the overwhelming love and care given to them by the staff.

Lunch is a good time to check in with my husband and on a sunny day we have been known to pack a quick picnic and take it somewhere quiet and beautiful to recharge our batteries. With five rivers running through Salisbury and stunning countryside around, we don't have to travel very far which is wonderful.

I often spend the afternoon working from home; catching up on admin, maybe preparing a sermon or Bible talk, sometimes ringing folks to see how they are.

Once a month in the evening, I host a supper discussion group - Connect Salisbury - where young people come to eat and chat about life stuff. Some might have a faith in God, some questioning, some simply not knowing, either way we have a really fun time together.

The day ends with collapsing in front of the telly, knitting or trying to watch the end of the programme before heading to bed. It's been a good day.

*How are these
connected?*



Unless you have been to Juba in South Sudan recently you probably won't recognise the picture on the left as **the new science block** – formally opened just this last February – at

**one of the best schools in
one of the world's poorest countries.**

You may well recognise

**St Francis Church in Beatrice Road,
Salisbury, SP1 3PN**

whose financial giving and prayer made a significant contribution to the setting up of the

Juba Diocesan Model Secondary School

some 15 years ago.

St Francis church is also the venue for the next

JDMSS Eye-Opener event

starting at

7pm on Monday April 25th

when you are invited to come and hear about how the school has gone from strength to strength over the years.

Come and hear this encouraging story.

Light refreshments will be served.

CONNECT @ ST FRANCIS

STRICTLY COME LADIES

Our April meeting will be a week later than usual on Friday April 22nd at 7.30pm in the Beatrice Room. The theme for the evening is FLOWERS! Enjoy a Flower quiz / Treasure Hunt. Pot up any spare plants/cuttings /seedlings for a plant share and tell us about which plants in your garden give you the most pleasure.....a warm welcome awaits you, bring a friend or neighbour. For more information contact jacky.macleod1@ntlworld.com; Jenny Pankhurst Tel: 328761; April Hall Tel:414296.



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and beyond...

Thursday 27th April

We're going to the Cinema, so stay tuned! We will meet at the Salisbury Odeon on the 27th for a movie. Depending on the time of the film we will incorporate a visit to Marks and Spencer for tea/lunch. Details about the timing and the film will be sent via email.

Please contact Kris Richardson at kris@richardson.net , 01722 500274 or 07963 500331 to find out more, or to be added to the email distribution list.

ST FRANCIS COMMUNITY SINGERS



If you like singing, come and join us at St Francis on Mondays 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Tea and biscuits beforehand at 2.30pm
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For more information call Di on 07733 433615

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be on Wednesday 13th April when we will be sharing Holy Week reflections. We meet at 9.45 to start at 10.00, followed by coffee at 10.40 and communion at 11.00. Do join us for all or part of the morning.

Ladybirds Pre-School

Ladybirds Pre-school is your local childcare setting that has long established ties within our community located in St Francis Church hall. We are a free flow setting, this allows the children to decide where they want to learn, be it in our indoor area where their imaginations and creativity are inspired or in our exciting outside space.

We currently have spaces so please get in touch using the contact information below if you would like more information or to arrange a visit.



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Zumba

Dance yourself fit to a fusion of Latin and international music, combined with a heart-pumping cardio workout that's easy to follow and fun to do! St Francis Church Hall, Beatrice Road - Wednesday 9.45-10.45am / £7. For class details contact Lisa Brewer 07941307683. Licenced Zumba instructor.

THANK GOD FOR A GOOD CUP OF COFFEE



When I was working I seemed to live on coffee. The office where I worked in London (BK = before kids) had an urn of hot water available at all times and everybody filled up regularly throughout the day to make their brew of choice. Years later (AK=After Kids) when I was working as a teacher, I always grabbed a cup of coffee at break time, even if it ended up going cold on my desk or I had to sip it carefully in the chill of the playground when on duty.

If I'm honest, the coffee I drank then was not very good - mostly instant coffee made and drunk in haste. But in later life I have learned to savour coffee and I love to take my time to drink it, especially at home in the garden on a sunny day, or in a café watching the crowds go by. And nowadays there are so many different kinds to choose from! I tend to be a flat white person myself, with the occasional cappuccino, but my husband likes an Americano or a mocha.

We are very lucky in Salisbury to have so many places to choose from to get a good cup of coffee. There are even several places in our parish, including:

- The Wood Bar in Victoria Park (favoured by dog walkers and mothers of small children)
- The Skies Café at Old Sarum Airfield (open when the parachutists are jumping)
- The café next to the Longhedge shops (opening hours 7a.m. - 2 p.m. Mon - Fri and 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sat and Sun)
- The new café at the Alabare Garden Centre, Old Sarum (open Mon - Fri 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
- And not forgetting the Friday café at St Francis Church (open Fridays 10 a.m.-12) in the Beatrice Room.

Yes, thank God for a good cup of coffee!

EASTER LILIES

We are looking forward to decorating the church for Easter using lilies as well as other fresh flowers. Last year we were only able to have a pedestal using a palm plant and artificial flowers, so we hope to manage a little more this year. In the past donations towards the lilies have been made, either in memory or just as a kind gift, and if you wish to do so this year please contact me, Jane or one of our church wardens.

Jenny Pankhurst

(Flower Rota organiser)



THE LAST PASSOVER

On the night before He died, Jesus ate His last Passover meal with His disciples. He then transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying of the bread and wine that, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood'. Jesus, the Lamb of God, was preparing to die for the sins of the whole world. John's gospel makes it clear that the Last Supper took place the evening BEFORE the regular Passover meal, and that later Jesus died at the same time that the Passover lambs were killed.

Jesus then astonished the disciples by washing their feet. He said: "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another. In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'maundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command).

How many of the words below can you find?

Passover	blood	washing	world	Lord
ate	Lamb	love	John	Supper
last	God	command	gospel	bread
disciples	die	service	killed	wine
transformed	sins	maundy	feet	body

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PLATINUM JUBILEE

Celebration of Faith & Service

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is marked by an extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022, and gives an opportunity to celebrate with our communities the Queen's 70 years of faithful service to our country.

Sunday 5 June is the day of the Platinum Jubilee Street Party or Lunch around the country. To make space for this event, St Francis Church will be holding a service at 9.30am only on that day.

Planning your own street party? Let us know and we will advertise it in this magazine. Get some help and advice from this website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party>



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Community Show

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SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 10th September 2022

St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury

We are looking for new committee members. This is a great community show for all ages and abilities and its time to have some different faces involved with some new ideas and enthusiasm.

We are also looking for Patrons who would like to support the show.

For more information call Susan Carey on 01722 324811

JOIN US FOR A

Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 16TH, 2PM-4PM
AT OLD SARUM AND LONGHEDGE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

