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MAY 22



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## WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

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Ascension Day

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## Sundays at St Francis:

### Equipped for Life with God

1st May

Values Caught & Taught

2 Tim 1.1-7 / Deut 6.4-9,20-25

8th May

Kindness

Ephesians 2.1-7 / Mark 2.13-17

15th May

Courage

Joshua 1.1-9 / Hebrews 12.1-11

22nd May

Generosity

1 Chron 21.18-26 / 2 Corinthians 9.6-15

29th May

Sabbath Rest

Hebrews 4.6-11 / Matt 11.28-30 / Mark 6.30-32

## Service Times

Every week -

9.30am Friendly traditional service

11am Family service with children's groups

### Sunday Evenings this month:

1st May 7pm Bible Study Evening

15th May 7pm Encounter Evening

Ascension Day service at Old Sarum on Thursday 26 May

7.30am (at Old Cathedral ruins)

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[www.st-francischurch.org.uk](http://www.st-francischurch.org.uk)

May can be a month of surprises. It's often beautiful in our gardens, but it is also the month when we have the right to **vote** for our local and national political leaders. This year, local elections are on 5<sup>th</sup> May. What a privilege it is for us to be able to vote for our leaders. It is something many people across the world are literally dying for.

The last few years have thrown up many surprising election results on the international stage. As we have seen only too clearly in recent months, the influence and effects of political leadership can bring out the very best and the very worst in humanity.

As I write this letter, the full outcomes of the Russian invasion of Ukraine are not yet clear. We continue to hear stories both of horror and of heroism. As a church, we pray for peace with justice for the peoples of Ukraine and Russia. But we also add our voices to encourage our political leaders to be more generous and effective in speeding up the processing and welcome we extend to those escaping war. I'm sure that many of us have given money to the Disasters Emergency Committee to help fund the care of the millions of refugees currently being hosted by Poland and other eastern European countries.

For Christians in this Diocese of Salisbury, we are delighted to be able to welcome our new Bishop, Stephen Lake. I worked in a neighbouring parish with him in Poole for several years when he was a parish priest there. I am so glad he's been invited to oversee the churches of our diocese. He was appointed and "elected" to the position. There is then a formal service of **enthronement** when he sits for the first time on the bishop's throne in the Cathedral. The Greek word for chair is "cathedra." The cathedral is literally the place where a bishop has his throne.

But for all followers of Jesus, the month of May is also hugely significant. Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May is **Ascension Day**. Many of us will gather at 7.30 am at the Old Cathedral site on Old Sarum to celebrate Communion. You are welcome! Ascension Day is the time we remember and celebrate Jesus was vindicated by God. Jesus died, then he was raised from death, then he "ascended" the throne in heaven and is now seated in glory.

Every time we pray the **Lord's Prayer**, we are inviting the rule and reign of King Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to be extended over our lives and this world. In all its frailty, brokenness, and pain, this world is still dearly loved by God. I encourage you to **pray this prayer each day** in your home and welcome the peace of God into you own life and your loved ones.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now for ever. Amen.

Every blessing,  
Jean de Garis

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be EQUIPPED to live life in all its fullness

ENGAGE deeply with the world so that we can be salt and light and make a difference in our community

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## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15TH - 21ST MAY

Christian Aid is based in countries affected by disasters so is on the ground before, during and after an emergency to save lives and support people long term. Through their work with local organisations in these countries, they can talk directly to the people affected to provide the most useful emergency response.

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The focus since the Russian invasion has been to support Ukraine and an emergency appeal has been set up to alleviate suffering in that area. They continue to also support other countries with ongoing problems resulting from food insecurity, conflict, adverse weather aggravated by climate change, and lack of employment, education and health care. South Sudan is a good example of this.

Between 15th - 21st May a Christian Aid envelope will be posted through every postbox in the parish and a few days later one of our volunteers will knock on your door to collect it. We trust that, despite our problems, people will respond generously.

If you would like to know more about Christian Aid have a look at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)



# WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 21ST MAY 9 AM  
ST FRANCIS  
£5



Women's Breakfast - Saturday 21 May 9am-11.15am. £5 A great opportunity to connect with other women at St Francis, St Lawrence and Hope Church over breakfast, sharing our stories and encouraging one another. Anne Coles (New Wine) will be talking about some of the challenges she has faced in her life over the past months and how her faith in a loving God has been stretched, enlarged and deepened. Please contact Katie Ollivierre on [family@st-francischurch.org.uk](mailto:family@st-francischurch.org.uk) if you would like more information and to book a place.



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

# TEDDYBEARS TODDLER GROUP

THURSDAY  
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## HOPE CHURCH – WHO ARE WE?

Hope Church was 2 years old in March 2022!

The official opening event was on 15th March 2020 but, since we had to shut down almost immediately because of the pandemic, we were meeting on-line for much of the next 12-18 months. It's not surprising, therefore, that some people who are new to the area and/or the parish are not familiar with the background to Hope and who we are. So, here's the backstory....

The story really begins with the appointment of Will and Sophie Burditt as Community Pastors in 2016. They came to live in Old Sarum with the vision to provide opportunities for people to creatively explore church and faith, as well as build community and support for those in Old Sarum and Longhedge. They grew into a small community that was committed to bringing real hope to the neighbourhood. A few years later, after much prayer and discussion, it was decided to develop this idea into a church, so St Francis sent a small team of individuals and families up the road to start Hope Church, using the Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre as a meeting place.



We started Hope Church because we love Old Sarum and Longhedge and we believe God does too. We believe church is far more than a building or an event on a Sunday morning. You'll find friendships, opportunities to serve the neighbourhood, and space to grow in faith. We aim to be a church full of creativity and hope all centred on Jesus. But you're invited to be part of Hope whether you know anything about Jesus or not, whoever you are, wherever you're from, and whatever your life looks like right now, we'd love to welcome you to Hope Church.



Since the Covid restrictions began to be lifted last year, we have been meeting in the Community Centre every Sunday morning. Our gatherings are very informal and welcome all ages. We always start with coffee and pastries and then explore a theme around life and the Bible together. There is plenty on offer for children and Hope prides itself on its family feel. There are always stories, games, activities and lots of fun for small children. Our Connect groups which run midweek are great places for adults to explore faith further and connect with others.



Messy Church is at 10.00 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month, with creative activities, crafts, and games for all ages. Messy Church is always lots of fun and a great place to start if you are thinking of coming along to see what we do. We're also involved in lots of other events throughout the year such as the Egg Hunt, Summer Fun Day and Carols in the Hangar. Why not come and meet us - you are sure of a warm welcome!

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#### ASCENSION DAY 7.30 am

Thursday 26th May is Ascension Day when we celebrate Jesus returning to the Father, to a position of authority and power. We are having a Communion Service in the site of the Old Cathedral at Old Sarum Hill Fort at 7.30 am. We will join with friends from St Lawrence. Bring a chair if you want, as well as warm clothes appropriate for the weather! The service will last about 30 minutes.



Families enjoyed making posies for local people at the Mothering Sunday Multiplex service at St Francis

# BOOK CORNER



## **101 GREAT BIG QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD AND SCIENCE BY LIZZIE HENDERSON AND STEPH BRYANT, LION CHILDREN'S BOOKS, £9.99**

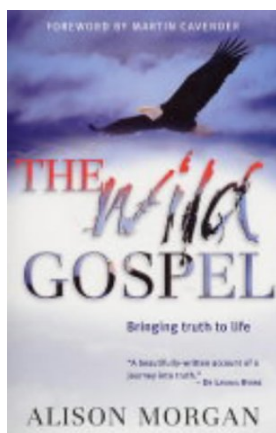
Have you ever wondered how the universe began, what the point of life might be, or whether God likes science? Then this is the book for you!

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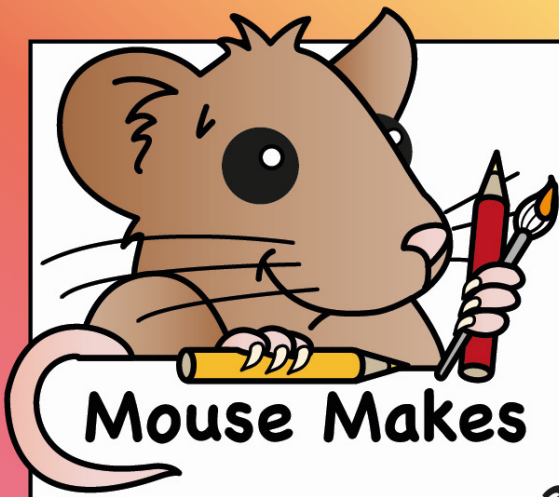
Read personal stories from world class scientists and theologians about their experiences of exploring their own big questions about God, life, and the amazing universe we live in.

Perfect for budding scientists, theologians, and all those curious about the really big questions of life. This exciting question and answer-based book for 7+ year olds to explore key questions asked by children about science-faith interactions.



Sadly, the Western world has reduced "truth" to the merely rational, and then discarded it as inadequate. In Africa, and other parts of the world where God's truth has never been straitjacketed in this way, the church is characterised by a joy now absent in the West. Western culture has limited what we can believe and receive. Can we: Burst free from this restrictive secular framework? Learn not only to know truth, but to feel it, and live it? Live our faith in such a way that it becomes real to those around us? Alison Morgan shows that Jesus lived free from the culturally imposed norms which restrict our understanding of truth. Examining church history, prophecy past and present, the state of our culture and of the church today, and drawing on personal experience and the experience of others, Alison blends analysis and imagination, history and poetry in this prophetic challenge to Western Christians.





# Mouse Makes

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever"  
Psalm 136:1

Jesus said,  
"This, then, is how you should pray:

Our

\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ hallowed be your

\_\_\_\_\_ your

\_\_\_\_\_ come, your \_\_\_\_\_ be done, on

\_\_\_\_\_ as it is in \_\_\_\_\_.

Give us this day our daily \_\_\_\_\_.  
And

\_\_\_\_\_ us our \_\_\_\_\_, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

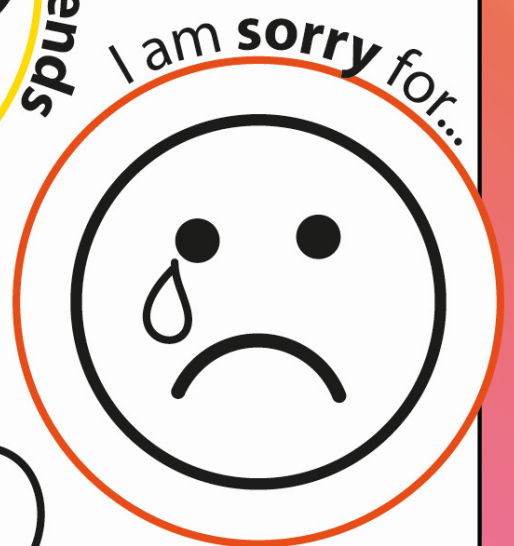
And \_\_\_\_\_ us not into temptation, but

\_\_\_\_\_ us from the \_\_\_\_\_ one."

Read Matthew 6:9-13 to fill in the words.



"Never stop praying."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."  
Philippians 4:6

# what's coming up

## SUNDAY 1ST, 15TH + 22ND MAY, 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.

## SUNDAY 8TH MAY, 10AM | **MESSY CHURCH**

Messy Church is messy and loads of fun! There will be the usual craziness, creativity, food and craft all in a safe and welcoming environment for you and your household to enjoy. Sign up via our Facebook.

## SUNDAY 1ST, 15TH + 22ND MAY, 10AM | **SUNDAY SOCIAL**

With guaranteed blazing sunshine we're going to be enjoying the weather and having a BBQ together. games and food provided, you bring the drinks. Venue tbc, see our Facebook for details.

## TUESDAY 12TH + 26TH MAY | **CONNECT GROUPS**

Connect Groups are places of friendship and support and a place to ask questions. We've all had to learn to live isolated from one another and quickly realised that life is difficult on our own. Connect groups are there because we need one another. Groups of 8-10 gather fortnightly to support, encourage and learn together.

# WHAT'S ON @ ST FRANCIS

## STRICTLY COME LADIES

Join us in the Beatrice Room at 7.30pm on Friday May 20th. We are calling this month's meeting Keep Calm and Colour On! Bring along felt pens, paints or crayons and join us for a gentle and relaxing evening. Choice of designs which can be laminated when completed. Friendly conversation and refreshments as usual. Everyone welcome, feel free to bring a friend. For more info email [jacky.macleod1@ntlworld.com](mailto:jacky.macleod1@ntlworld.com) or Jenny Pankhurst Tel: 328761 or April Hall Tel: 01722 414296



## 50s *and beyond...*

Wednesday May 25th Noon Picnic in the Park - Bring your lunch and a chair and connect with other 50s and Beyond folks in Victoria Park near the parking lot across from St Francis. St Francis is our rain backup on the day. No need to book, just turn up! Contact Melanie Squire at [melaniesquire@gmail.com](mailto:melaniesquire@gmail.com), 01722 680069 or 07813193660. The events are open to all, so feel free to invite a neighbour or friend!

Check out the What's On tab at [www.st-francischurch.org.uk](http://www.st-francischurch.org.uk) for upcoming events

## 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. We have a super, well qualified, young bubbly leader who always gets us laughing! It's all very informal .... No audition! .... £5 a session For more information call Di on 07733 433615

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The next meeting of the Mother's Union will be on Wednesday 11th May when we will be sharing the influence on us of the most influential people in our lives. We meet at 9.45 to start at 10.00, followed by coffee at 10.40 and communion at 11.00. Do join us in the Beatrice Room 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.



# MISSION FOCUS

## Church Mission Society

The Church Mission Society is an organisation which aims to bring the love of Christ to people around the world. Founded in 1799 by a group of activist Christians which included the anti-slavery campaigner William Wilberforce, CMS now supports mission partners in some 40 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Europe (including the UK).

St Francis supports CMS mission partners Anna and Chris Hembury (<https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/anna-and-chris-hembury/>) ; here is how they introduce themselves:

*We live in an area of Hull where people are known for their no-nonsense attitude and honest vulnerability, an area suffering from high unemployment, child poverty, addiction, mental and physical health problems, prostitution and increasing racial tension. People feel a crippling lack of self-worth. But it's an area full of buried treasure, untapped potential and dormant creativity.*



*We support a group who are living in a CMS house for mission and serving our local community. We help look after a community garden and a sort of drop in/sofa-church in our neighbourhood. We help run Orts, a sewing collective.... We work alongside the Hull Youth For Christ team, supporting children, young people and families.*

In a recent Link Letter, Anna wrote about Orts (the word means “waste scraps”), a project supported by St Francis:

*“It’s a sewing collective, but it’s not really about the sewing!” The sewing is a crucial element: creative expression, having a go, learning new skills, upcycling and re-purposing old clothes, making a quirky bird (usually the first thing we get the women to have a go at) or a new skirt... The context of textiles is another key element in the mix: the mood-altering spectrum of colours, the tangible softness and sensory aspect that the fabrics lend to the women on days...when life is just plain tough. Skill sharing, confidence building, turning waste scraps into saleable items... sharing food and humour, being a safe and brave space for women..... But it’s love that is the key ingredient..... Four weeks ago, a new lady, Sam (name changed), came to Orts. She grew up in the care system, her home/relationship situation is hard and complicated, and she struggles daily with her mental health. The first few hours following her arrival was a verbal torrent of the pain, dark humour, childhood trauma and irreconcilable conflicts that shape her world.....*



You can read about how things developed for “Sam” at <https://churchmissionsociety.org/resources/anna-and-chris-hembury-link-letter-no-35-november-2021/>



# THANK GOD FOR ..... BUTTERFLIES



As a child I can remember standing in my parents' suburban garden watching clouds of butterflies on a Buddleia bush. There were many different kinds - Red Admirals, Small Tortoiseshells, Large Tortoiseshells, Painted Ladies, Commas, Peacocks and, of course, Large and Small Whites. All of these species were quite common in those days. Now, sadly, nearly all of them are in decline, many drastically so, and the Large Tortoiseshell is extinct as a resident in this country. So, there is all the more reason to rejoice when a butterfly graces us with a flight in and across our field of view. The earliest to appear are usually the yellow Brimstones (see picture above). The males are a brighter yellow than the females, but both sexes have an orange spot in the middle of each wing. They are quite large butterflies and, unusually, they fold their wings when they land, which can make them hard to see. They usually start to appear in March but are at their most numerous in April and May when they come out of hibernation, with a smaller peak in numbers in the late summer.

So far this year I have seen Brimstones, a small Tortoiseshell and a Peacock in our garden, not a large haul in spite of all the bee-and butterfly-friendly plants we have added over the last few years. I'm hoping for more, as they bring such joy. Yes, thank God for the delicate beauty of butterflies!

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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? 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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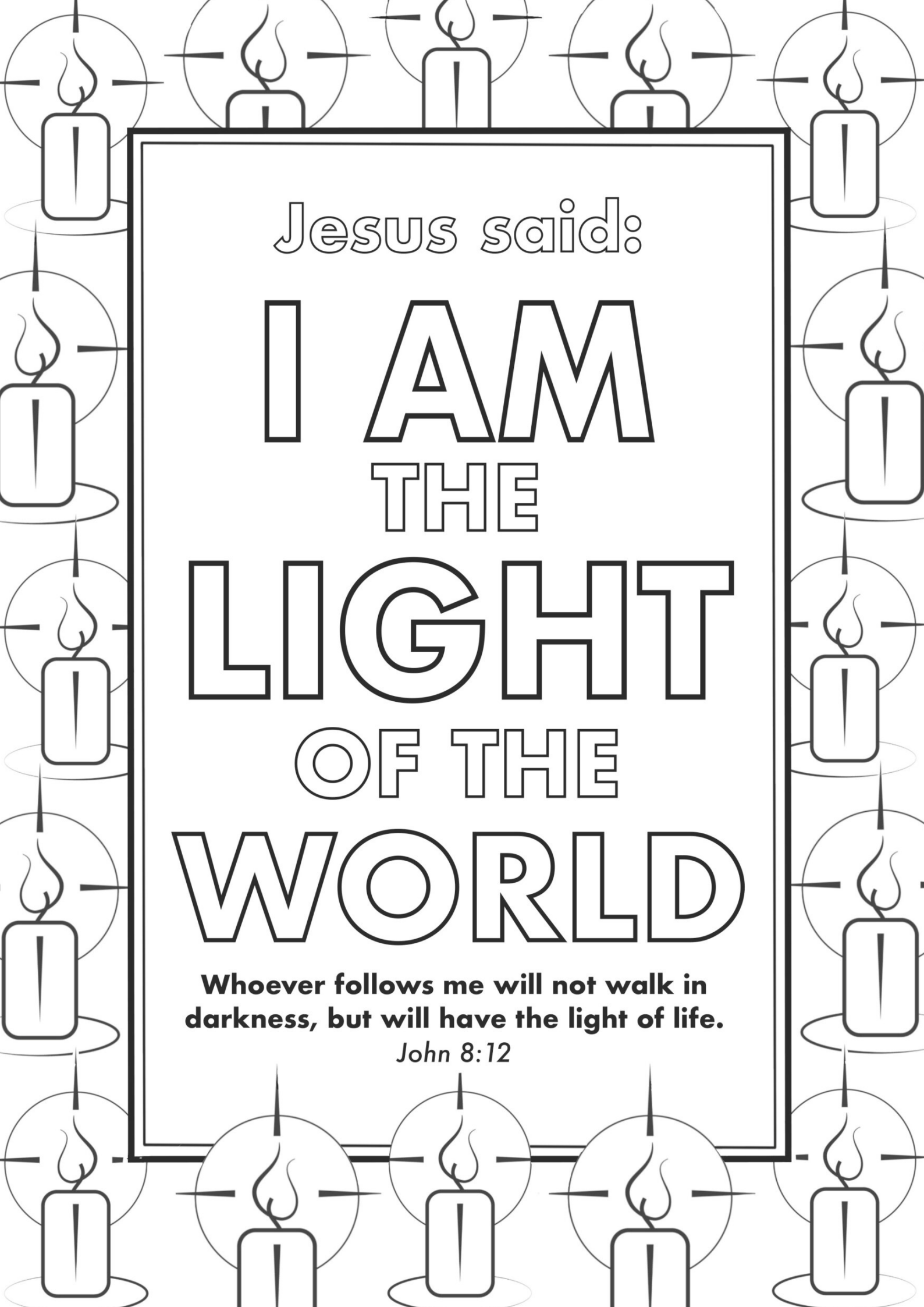
St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury

*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**





Jesus said:

**I AM  
THE  
LIGHT  
OF THE  
WORLD**

**Whoever follows me will not walk in  
darkness, but will have the light of life.**

*John 8:12*