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SUMMER 22

WHAT'S ON AT HOPE CHURCH

Fun Day on 13th August

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The Bridge

WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

Church on the Green
is back!

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Sundays at St Francis:

Church Values

- 3rd July
Celebrations
Nehem 8.8-12 / Luke 15.8-10
- 10th July
The Table
Psalm 23 / Luke 14.7-14
- 17th July (Encounter Evening at 7pm too)
Protect the Weak
Deut 14.28,29,15.7-11 / 1 Thess 5.12-24
- 24th July
Self-Control
Prov 25.25-28 / Galatians 5.16-18, 22-26
- 31st July
Rule of Life
John 15.1-8 / Matt 6.25-34
- 7th August
Seeds
James 5.7-11 / Matt 13.1-8,18-23
- 14th August
Weeds
Hebrews 6.1-8 / Matt 13.24-30,36-43
- 21st August
Mustard & Yeast
Zechariah 4.1-10 / Matt 13.31-35
- 28th August
1 Peter 2.4-10 Treasure & Pearl Matt 13.44-46

Service Times

Regular Sunday Services:

9.30am Friendly traditional service

11am Family service with children's groups

Refreshments are served at 10.30am

Family Service on the Green

Sundays at 9.30am - in the tent next to St Francis Hall

Summer family services from Sunday 31st July to 28th August
Giving us a chance to gather together over the summer to explore the Bible in family groups.

EVENSONG AT ST LAWRENCE - 17th July at 6pm.

Fancy a change of air?

Every third Sunday in the month St Lawrence at Stratford-sub-Castle holds an Evensong Service which is supported by the St Francis choir. It is a joint service to which all parishioners from all are 3 churches in the benefice are very welcome as they are also any Sunday at 10am.

In the winter months the Service is usually held at 4pm.

Further details can be obtained from John Walsh on 07913867109.

Letter from the Vicarage

I love being a dad (at least most of the time). I am delighted that the older my children get, the more I enjoy being with them. But one thing about families is that we know better than anyone else how to drive each other round the bend.

We know what makes our loved ones laugh and cry, and we know which buttons to press to make them angry. Through my 27 years of being a dad, there is one thing that makes me more angry and frustrated than anything else. It's when my children fight or are unkind to each other.

Most of the time they do get on well together (praise the Lord!) but when they were younger there were occasions when fists would fly and yells were loud. At such times, I found my blood-pressure going higher than normal. I sometimes found I ended up shouting louder than all of them put together. It's not that I wanted to get cross. In fact, it was quite the opposite. I love all of them so much that when they fight or hurt each other it really upsets me – and so I get angry.

I am quite clear that God feels the same. He looks at the world – filled with his children that he loves. I'm sure he sometimes wants to shout, "Why can't you just play nicely together?"

The Church of God is made up different groups of his children who all want to grow in their relationship with their same Heavenly Father. Down the centuries, sometimes we have often hurt each other. Mostly accidentally, but sometimes deliberately. I thank God that in recent years most churches are getting better at "playing nicely" together. Through worship, study and praying with each other, we are coming to recognise the family likeness more clearly in each other.

I was delighted that this Easter Christians from different local Churches met on the Old Sarum Cathedral site at 6 am to worship the risen Jesus together. Every month, many church leaders from across Salisbury meet together to pray for our city.

I believe our Heavenly Father looks down with joy and is especially pleased to join us when we have these sorts of gatherings. Then the words of Jesus are closer to being fulfilled: "All people will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." I think we are getting there!

We pray that the peoples of Ukraine and Russia may be able to recognise they are brothers and sisters despite the current horrors of war. And we also pray that families in our city that are in pain may find reconciliation, healing and new love.

With Christian greetings,

Jean

Jean de Garis

Vicar of St Francis, St Lawrence and Hope Church

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what's coming up

SUNDAY 3RD JULY, 10AM | ALL AGE CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate the Jubilee and Pentecost. There'll be lots of games, fun and creativity as we celebrate together in our service.

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE, 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 19TH + 26TH JUNE, 10AM | ALL AGE SERVICE

Sunday 19th 2-6 year olds will have the opportunity to go to Hope Kids. Sunday 26th is our all age service where we'll be exploring how we handle emotions through stories, activities and fun.

***SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST, 2-5PM | SUMMER FUN DAY**

Save the date! It's going to be another fun packed day with loads of activities, food and stalls for all the family.

Hope CHURCH

HOPE CHURCH UPDATE

Hope Church continues to grow! Over the last couple of months we have welcomed several new families, whilst there has also been a mini baby boom babies born to families in Hope. This means that children's work continues to be a high priority for us as a church, with Messy Church a highlight on the second Sunday of each month.

We took some time over May to consider and discuss, over fruit and pancakes of course, the question "What do you want people to say about Hope Church in 3-5 years?" This was designed to help formulate a vision for the future of the church, especially following the lifting of Covid restrictions and the influx of new church members. There was a very lively discussion and a lot of suggestions were put forward.

We are now beginning to think ahead about the annual Fun Day on 13th August at the Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre. This promises to live up to its name and we pray that we will have a fine day for it.



WHAT'S ON @ ST FRANCIS

STRICTLY COME LADIES

No August meeting but on SEPTEMBER 16th there is a Bring and Share Meal at 7.30pm in the Beatrice Room. Bring a plate of food to share- hot or cold, sweet or savoury and enjoy catching up /meeting new people after the summer break. We would love to welcome some new people - all ages welcome. For more information contact Jackie 07981789601, Jenny 328761 or April 414296



50s

and beyond...

Monday, July 25, 5:30pm

Meet us inside at the Old Castle Harvester, Old Castle Road for dinner.

Wednesday, September 7, 10:00am

Take a bus ride to Bournemouth for lunch and a stroll. Meet at Bus stop M on Blue Boar Row for a 10:15 departure on Salisbury Red x3 (Senior bus passes accepted). Walk through the gardens to seafront for fish and chips. Depart 15:35, return Salisbury 17:05. For information, contact: John Smith or Kris Richardson Smith at kris@richardson.net, 01722 500274 or 07963 500331.

Check out the What's On tab at 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

We meet at St Francis on the second Wednesday of every month 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.



Ladybirdssp1@gmail.com 01722 502234



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.

Community Show

'Bake, Grow,
Make, Show'

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



The Cafe is open every Friday from 9.30 - 11.30 and is open to anyone, offering fresh filter coffee, tea, home-made cakes and biscuits, all for £1 per item, including free refills. We have customers of all ages and both men and women, so if you fancy a local, good, cup of coffee, why not try us, and meet some new friends at the same time. You will see the "Friday Cafe" boards outside the Church entrances, to show the way in. If you have any questions, please ring Penny on 01722 504326.

Hello from The Bridge Youth Project!

Who are we?

The Bridge Youth Project is a registered schools work charity that has brought Christian teaching and pastoral care into schools in Salisbury and South Wiltshire since 1994. Our staff and volunteers come from many different churches and provide a consistent Christian presence in over 25 primary and secondary schools.

Our Vision...

As a charity, we love and believe in children and young people! We're passionate about making a tangible difference to the lives of children and young people by acting as a bridge between schools, churches and the local community.

What do we offer?

The Bridge deliver a wide range of services to schools including;

- High-quality support around mental health and wellbeing
- Chaplaincy and spiritual development
- Christian clubs
- Mentoring programmes
- Helping children explore Christianity through creative sessions and workshops (in line with national and regional RE requirements)
- Collective worships
- Social skills programmes
- Prayer spaces
- And much more!





Thank you to our supporters!

We could not reach out to so many schools in the local area without the support of individuals, churches, schools and trusts who support us by praying, volunteering or giving financially. We feel privileged to serve in over 25 schools in the area. We are always so grateful for the support, help and encouragement we receive.

We are thankful for any ongoing support in any of the following ways;

PRAYER – Please consider praying for us regularly. Contact our office to be added to our Prayer email, with regular updates about our work.

VOLUNTEERING – Would you consider volunteering to work with us either in schools, in our office or by becoming a trustee? If you already volunteer with us –
THANK YOU!

DONATE – We are so incredibly grateful for the financial support we receive from our supporters. Regular giving or one-off donations are a vital source of income for us. Please contact our office if you feel called to support us financially.

The Bridge would love to hear from you!

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Email – office@the-bridge.org.uk

Website – www.the-bridge.org.uk

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OUT AND ABOUT IN THE PARISH – THE SKATE PARK



I wonder how many people know that there is a skate park in the parish.

You would be forgiven for not knowing, as it is tucked away under trees a little way beyond the Avonbourne Care Home in Old Sarum. Its actual address is given as Castle Well Road, though it is probably best reached by walking across the field at the end of Mitre Way. It was opened a year or two ago, in response to a survey of Old Sarum and Longhedge residents who, at that time, requested a skate park and a dog activity area. As the photo shows, it is well used by bikers and skateboarders, especially in school holidays.

*Everything is wonderful..
My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty, the cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn.
I think I might never put my glasses back on.*

LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS?

Hope Church Summer Funday is at Old Sarum and Longhedge Community Centre on 13th August this year – come and join in the fun! Activities for all the family.



Salisbury Street Sellers The popular **Salisbury Street Sellers** continues throughout the summer. The event, which takes place on the second Sunday of the month in the Market Place, celebrates everything that makes our city special. Traditional English crafts, products and produce from a range of independent and quirky traders will be on offer, plus live music, entertainment and street food.



Fayre on the Square From 23rd July, Salisbury's **Guildhall Square** will fill with summer fun as **Fayre on the Square** returns! This year there will be a nine-hole crazy croquet course, table tennis, ice cream, a city garden bar and street food vendors. With the Jubilee and Commonwealth Games this year, you'll be able to experience a very British themed Fayre on the Square this summer in Salisbury!



Fun in the Sun If you're looking for ways to keep young children occupied over the summer holidays, make sure to head to the **Fun in the Sun** events. There will be craft play, music and games for primary school aged children. There are two Fun in the Sun events – the first is on 30th July at **Salisbury Methodist Church** and the second at **Salisbury United Reformed Church** on 13th August.

Taste Salisbury Salisbury's food and drink festival, **Taste Salisbury**, will return to round off the summer months. Following the success of last year's inaugural event, the ten-day celebration will once again include a programme of events, special promotions and discounts. It'll be held across the city centre from 26th August and end on 4th September with Foodie Sunday.

Stonehenge Gnomus – the caretaker of the Earth – returns to **Stonehenge** in August! The giant puppet is a great way to get youngsters involved in history. He'll take part in family-friendly performances that combine puppetry, history and conservation. If you want to see Gnomus you can book online now and save. He'll be at Stonehenge from 27th to 29th August.



For more information about summer activities have a look at experiencesalisbury.co.uk



CHURCH CAMP AT SUMMERLANDS IN JUNE

Friday 24th - Sunday 26th June
Great fun was had by all generations
of the St Francis Church family at the
2022 camping weekend.



WILTSHIRE RIDE AND STRIDE



This is an annual national sponsored event, organised locally by County Historic Churches Trusts. Wiltshire Ride + Stride (or its predecessor the Great Cycle Ride) has been going since 1984 and has raised over £1.6 million for the county's churches. 50% of the money raised goes to the participant's chosen church and the other half to the County Historic Churches Trust.

It takes place on the second Saturday in September between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00p.m.

The next annual Ride & Stride will take place on Saturday 10th September 2022.

Participants may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters. They can be of any age, but under-13s must be accompanied by an adult.

All denominations are welcome.

Visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route.

Seek sponsorship from friends, relations and colleagues, so much per church visited or a lump sum.

For more information contact Nigel Hancock on jonty592@aol.com or check out the website - wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride

Praise!

Praise the Lord in merry song,
Praise Him, praise Him all day long.
But what of me?
I cannot sing -
I have no melody to bring.
But in the Bible, joy of joys,
The Lord says: "Make a joyful noise!"



THANK GOD FOR..... FOXGLOVES

It's been a great year so far for wild flowers. I've not long returned from a week in Devon, where the hedgerows and banks were covered in red campion, wild garlic, stitchwort and bluebells, (God's red, white and blue show for the Queen's Jubilee, which surpassed anything we could offer!) Looking around Salisbury now, it's the turn of the cow parsley, valerian and poppies – but, above all, it's the foxgloves that catch my eye.

Foxgloves pop up in all sorts of surprising places. Their seeds are tiny and spread far and near, which means that they can suddenly appear from nowhere. They seem to be equally at home in sun and shade and they are therefore often tallest and most luxurious on the edges of woods, where they enjoy dappled sunlight. However, they also grow well on exposed moorlands, where they are often the only flowers in sight.

They don't like to be too dry, which probably explains why I have had no luck in growing them at home over the last few hot, very dry summers. That is, until this year. Perhaps it's the cooler temperatures we have had so far, or perhaps because we have had more cloud and rain than usual, but this year the seeds I scattered last autumn all seem to have germinated and the garden is full of beautiful foxglove flowers. Most of them are the usual pinky-purple but there are also a lot of peach-coloured ones. The bees love them, dipping in and out of the flowers to collect nectar – rarely have I seen the garden so full of insect life!



Of course, the downside of foxgloves is that all parts of them are poisonous, so anyone with small children and/or pets needs to take special care. However, the drug digitalin, which is derived from foxgloves, is still in use today for certain heart conditions, yet another reason for saying: "Thank God for foxgloves!"



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SATURDAY 13TH
AUGUST 2-5PM

OLD SARUM GREEN - OPPOSITE
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

