

The Link

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MAY
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WHAT'S ON AT HOPE CHURCH

Messy Church
Open House
Farewell to the Burditts

MISSION FOCUS

Christian Aid
Salisbury Sudans
Partnership

WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

Join us for the Coronation!
50s and Beyond at Heale House
Strictly Ladies Quiz night

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Worship at St Francis

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

9.30AM FRIENDLY TRADITIONAL SERVICE

11AM FAMILY SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S GROUPS

7PM 1ST SUNDAY BIBLE FOCUS

7PM 3RD SUNDAY ENCOUNTER

REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED AT 10.30AM

7th May

Way, Truth & Life

Isaiah 30.15-21 ; John 14.1-7

BIBLE FOCUS 7PM

NO 11AM Service on 7th May

14th May

Beatitudes - Poor

James 2.1-8 ; Matthew 5.1-10



21st May

Beatitudes - Mourn

Mark 5.21-24,35-43 ; Matthew 5.4

ENCOUNTER 7PM at St Francis Church

28th May

Beatitudes - Meek

Colossians 3.12-17; Matthew 5.5

EVENSONG AT ST LAWRENCE

Every third Sunday in the month at 6pm 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 our 3 churches in the benefice are very welcome, as they are any Sunday at 10am.

www.st-francischurch.org.uk



*A letter from Will & Sophie Burditt
Hope Church Pastors*

We're coming to an end of our time at Hope Church, St Francis and Salisbury. And as we transition from Salisbury to our new home, we feel this disorientating sense of loss and uncertainty. Leaving behind what is known and stepping into something unfamiliar.

As a nation, with the imminent coronation of King Charles, we're also about to step into something new and unknown.

I also think globally, post-pandemic, we are in this tricky and disorientating space of overlap between one era and another. In March 2019, the novelist Arundhati Roy wrote in the Financial Times that pandemics are portals between worlds. There is something new and different afoot, but what it will look like exactly, we're unsure of.

It all feels disorientating and uncertain.

That, in many ways, is the story of the Bible, with its catalogue of catastrophes, journeys, and wilderness experiences. It is full of disorienting episodes in which settled people are thrown into upheaval and set on a new course.

I was reminded as I started packing our boxes over Easter, that these fears are not the final word, that even amongst the most unnerving times and transitions of our lives God brings hope and purpose.

That is of course the core of the good news. Reorientation out of disorientation. The crisis that is the cross is transformed and brings a transition to a new world, evidenced by the resurrection. God has given the world a hope-filled future and reorientated our sense of loss and uncertainty.

We can be confident of this, even in times of uncertainty, that because of Jesus we have an indestructible hope, and He will lead us there.

'Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' Lamentations 3:21-23

Will and Sophie are moving to Blandford Forum, as Will takes up his post as Curate at the parish church there. Please pray for them and their children as they move and settle in to their new home.

Meanwhile Hope Church will continue as normal, so look out for upcoming events in the Link and on the Hope Church Facebook page!

what's coming up

SUNDAY 7TH MAY, 10AM | ALL AGE SERVICE

Join us as we explore Psalm 23 and celebrate Christenings. There'll be lots of games, fun and creativity as we worship together in our service.

SUNDAY 14TH MAY, 10AM | MESSY CHURCH

It's church but not as you know it. Church is way more fun when it's messy! There will be lots of activities, creativity and games for all ages.

SUNDAY 21ST MAY, 10AM | SUNDAY GATHERING

For this Sunday we get to look into a theme deeply. Adults hear a talk and kids get to go to their group, Hope Kids - a group that is tailored to this 2-6 yr old's with lots of fun, creativity, and stories. We will all be exploring prayer.

SUNDAY 21ST MAY, 12PM | OPEN HOUSE

Your invited for lunch at the Burditt's. Join us after church for a relaxed hot lunch - everyone is welcome. We'll provide jacket potatoes and toppings, you bring the drink.

SUNDAY 28TH MAY, 10AM | HOPE CELEBRATION

Join us at the community centre as we celebrate Hope and sending off the Burditt's. More details on Facebook.

WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS



YOU ARE INVITED!

**CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF
KING CHARLES III HERE AT ST FRANCIS ON
SATURDAY 6 MAY**

Contact

curate@st-francischurch.org.uk

**for more information
and to book in!**

STRICTLY COME LADIES

It's the Merrie Month of May, time to enjoy a summer quiz, bring a plant to swop, or a poem to read, share memories of May Queens, Maypole dancing and other traditions. Everyone welcome - **Friday May 19th at 7.30pm** in the Beatrice Room at St Francis Church. For more info: jacky.macleod1@ntlworld.com or Jenny Pankhurst Tel:328761

St Francis Community Singers

If you like singing come and join us at St Francis on **Mondays from 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 (first session free). Please contact Di Webb on 07733 433615 or the Church Office for more information



We are a St Francis based fellowship and service group, focused on people 50+ in age. The events are open to all. To find out more, or to be added to the email distribution list, contact kris@richardson.net or any of the event organizers.

We hope you can make one of our next events which are coming soon. Don't forget to invite family, friends and neighbours; the more the merrier!

Thursday, May 25, 12:30

Enjoy a light lunch and stroll through the beautiful Heale Gardens, Middle Woodford. Entrance fee £6.50. Meet at St Francis Church at 12:00 pm to organize lifts.

For reservations or more information, please contact Catheryn Turrell at 01980258251 or 07541972897 or Catheryn.turrell62@outlook.com.



ST FRANCIS

2023

Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with the long term effects of loss? A six session course will soon be running at St Francis. If interested, please contact Rev Mary Terry curate@st-francischurch.org.uk or 07732203452



PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES (P.O.L.O.)

A safe, warm, homely community for fellowship and encouragement; sharing the highs and lows of discipleship as parents.

Tuesdays in term-time

9.45am -11am

St Francis Church - Chapter Rm



Yrs 6-9


Friday Night Youth 6pm to 7.30pm
Sunday AM discipleship during
Church @ 11am

Yrs 10-13

Friday Night Youth 7.30pm to 9pm
Sunday AM discipleship during
Church @ 11am
Sunday PM discipleship 7pm to 9pm

The 1st Sunday of every month we host life skills sessions from 5.30, dinner @ 6.30 and then a normal Sunday PM session thereafter.

We hope to see you there. If you have any questions please be in contact with Sophie at youth@st-francischurch.org.uk



Check out the What's On tab at www.st-francischurch.org.uk for upcoming events

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.

BAPTISM

From time to time, at St Francis we run a short course for folks who are interested in learning more about baptism and confirmation. Baptism marks the beginning of our journey of life with God as a response to His love for us, and we are welcomed into the Church. Sometimes parents will choose to have their children baptised as infants and make promises on their behalf. A Confirmation service is a renewing of our commitment to a life journey with God where the Bishop prays for the Holy Spirit to be with us and strengthen us in our journey.

Here are two stories from Maggie and Ben who attended recently.....

Hi, my name is Maggie and I'm 11 years old. I've been coming to St. Francis church for about 1 year with my family. I have recently taken a couple of baptism and confirmation classes which was helpful to me as a Christian for different reasons.

During the lessons, we talked about Jesus and God and why they are so important in our lives. We also talked about the water and its significance with Baptism. We then started to talk about why we wanted to become baptised. I personally want to become baptised because I wanted to become closer to God. I believe baptism is the next step in my faith.

Hi, my name is Ben, I'm 13 years old and I started taking Baptism and Confirmation classes at St. Francis church. I wanted to get baptised for a few different reasons; these included showing my Christian faith publicly and celebrating the forgiveness of sin, but most importantly, becoming a Jesus apprentice. This is something we talked about during the lessons, learning to follow Jesus, and do as he did. Becoming baptised is a step in my journey with faith and is something I strongly believe in. Everyone has different reasons for being baptised and confirmed but it is something that brings you closer to God, and that is always a good thing.





Community Show

**'Bake, Grow,
Make, Show'**



SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 9th September 2023

St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury

*Do you enjoy baking? Got a good holiday photo? Have you
been growing vegetables? Taken up a new hobby?*

Fancy having a go at flower arranging?

Then have a go, all abilities and ages welcome

Schedules will be available July 2023 from
St Francis Church, 1 Assisi Road or Castlemere, Stratford Sub Castle.
For more information email emmalsquire@yahoo.co.uk

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Salisbury

Do you know of a family or someone in need of a break who would welcome the opportunity just to get away from it all and unwind? As one of our community projects, we own and manage a holiday home at Rockley Park in Poole. Situated in lovely surroundings, it is available to hire between March and October at very competitive prices. Details of assisted funding options for referred families are also available on enquiry.

Our well equipped holiday home has comfortable spacious accommodation that sleeps 6, with access to free facilities onsite, including swimming pools, gym, children's play park and evening entertainment as well as the beach, harbour and nature reserve nearby.

For further information and booking form please contact us on 07981 743 627 or email murockleyholidayhome@gmail.com

BOOKS

“POWER LINES” BY DAVID ADAM

An important part of a Christian’s journey is prayer. The Bible teaches us in several places that we should pray: for instance the verses Philippians 4:6 and 1 Thessalonians 5: 17. both tell us to pray, a lot. Jesus also gave us The Lord’s Prayer which is a great starting point for praying but sometimes I am unsure what to pray. I know I want to pray about a particular problem, but sometimes I find I do not have the words to say what I want to say. In these instances, I find “saying” prayers that have already been written a very useful tool.

The book “Power Lines” is a prayer book for different situations, including the working day, the beginning and end of a day, or in disappointments. The prayers are simple and poetic with a repetitive rhythm to them. I find they make me pause and slow down in my prayer time. Previously I sometimes prayed quickly with no focus but with a panicky “help me God” tone to them. Being a busy mum of three children everything was done in a hurry sometimes, including praying.

I have found, recently, a more meditative pray life more beneficial to me personally. There is a lot of sadness and anxiety in the world and I have sometimes struggled with those overwhelming emotions myself. I have found reflecting on the words of peace and hope in a repeated prayer extremely helpful and this book has been a great aid that I would highly recommend. The book is also simply illustrated so sometimes I repeat the prayers focusing on the pictures as well.

I particularly like the prayer on page 8:-

“Morning Dedication”

In all I do this day,
In all I think or say,
Father, be with me all the way.
In all my work and all my deeds,
In all I learn, in all my needs,
Christ, go before me, the One who leads.
In my work as I do my best,
In all that puts me to the test,
Spirit, help, and grant me rest.



In 1945 the British and Irish Churches founded Christian Construction to help refugees and repair war damage. In 1947 this was morphed into Christian Aid. In 1957, under the inspired leadership of Janet Lacey, the first Christian Aid week was launched.

Today the Chair of Christian Aid is the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu and the Chief Executive is Patrick Watt.

This past year has seen a plethora of natural disasters – earthquakes, cyclones, wild fires, droughts and floods. There are ongoing conflicts in countries like South Sudan, and there is Ukraine. This has led to a sharp increase in refugees. There is a severe threat of famine in East Africa, because of drought and rocketing food prices, at least in part due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The Covid 19 pandemic has eased but continues to pose problems.

HOW IS CHRISTIAN AID RESPONDING?

DISASTER RELIEF

Much financial help is now channelled through the Disasters Emergency Committee. After a severe earthquake in Haiti in 2021, Christian Aid gave grants to 71 self-help initiatives. In Ukraine they provided food, shelter and medical supplies to refugees. They set up safe zones in train stations to ensure women and children were not exploited by predatory gangs.

Christian Aid worked with trusted local leaders to combat Covid 19, delivering hygiene products and health messages. Mobile vaccination clinics were set up for example in Zimbabwe.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

These are done with trusted local partners not governments. In Malawi a cyclone destroyed Janet's home and animals. Working with partner Eagles Relief Development Janet learnt to prepare and bottle baabob juice and, with a small loan, started to sell thousands of bottles. She now has a steady income and her children can go to school.

CAMPAIGNING

- To mitigate Climate Change. It impacts poorer countries the most and they lack the resources to cope.
- To promote Fair Trade giving producers a fair return.
- Loss and Damage. Rich countries have caused the most pollution, but the poor countries suffer the most.

It is only possible to give a few examples of Christian Aid's wide ranging work. It helps people of all faiths or none.

Please support its vital work especially in Christian Aid week, May 15th – 21st.

In a dark world Christian Aid gives seeds of hope which we pray will be richly blessed.

Mary Paisey



EXPLORING ST FRANCIS CHURCH

THE TOWER

The Church Tower serves a number of purposes. In practical terms it provides access to the roof, it was designed to accommodate bells, and it used to house a water header tank – the equivalent to tanks in the roofs of houses which many of us still have. It is topped by a cross, so in spiritual terms it is an obvious sign of a main purpose of the building – reminding people of God's presence in our community.

Access to the Tower is from the gallery at the back of the church. A door from the gallery opens into a small room, now used by our caretaker Charlie as his hideaway. There are two exits from this room; a door opens onto the lower roof where the solar panels are installed, and a fixed vertical ladder takes you up into the Tower. Climb the ladder and through a small opening covered by a lightweight trapdoor and you are in the upper part of the Tower. In the middle of the floor at this level is a substantial trapdoor, which probably has not been opened since the church was built, and way above your head there are a couple of concrete beams spanning across the tower, and a series of louvre windows which you can easily see from the outside; all these are provisions for bells to be installed. There are stories that we were going to have the bells from the disused church in Imber, but to the probable relief of our neighbours, St Francis has never had any bells.

From here another vertical ladder leads up to a half landing, from which a door opens onto the main roof, while the final stage of the ladder goes to the top of the Tower. It is possible to get onto the Tower roof; the problem is that the opening has a very heavy wooden cover, which you have to manoeuvre off while standing on the ladder. Once on the Tower roof you have a magnificent view. You will also see the splendid floodlights that illuminate the cross at night; these were obviously obtained from a ship's chandler rather than a builder's merchant. When you start to descend you find that putting the lid back on is even trickier than getting it off – not for the faint-hearted!

The water tank I referred to earlier is still in place, but has not been in use since the day that Reuben Dunning's daughter was married in the church (Reuben was a vicar here). He had come over to the church early in the morning to check that things were all OK, and found water pouring down the walls of the lobby at the base of the Tower. A few phone calls were made, and a team of friends and neighbours swung into action, mopping, wiping, and drying to save the day; the wedding went ahead as planned, and if you hadn't been involved you wouldn't have known that anything untoward had taken place. But the tank was, and remains, disconnected!

Finally, and to answer an obvious question, I don't think there has ever been a statue in the niche over the door facing Beatrice Road. If you have a suitable marble statue of St Francis that you could spare, do let us know!

Colin Reed



Coronation Wordsearch

R B U C N S C P A L A C E S P J B T
U I R A Z O P E I K T I V Y W A U H
C G B K I N G Q L C R O W N G O N R
W E S T M I N S T E R A B B E Y T O
A C A R R I A G E L B Y Q R K O I N
I C T A W W O Q Y V E R K E V V N E
Y Y A Q U E E N Q B K O A Y M V G M
Y Z M Z W I N D S O R G M T T J Y U
H K U W B U C K I N G H A M I O P D
C A S T L E U C O R O N A T I O N M
Q B Q A Z F I I R O Y A L P N H N G
S T R E E T P A R T Y O V H R E C S

Can YOU discover the missing words?

CORONATION

KING

QUEEN

CROWN

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

ROYAL

CELEBRATION

WINDSOR

STREET PARTY

CASTLE

BUCKINGHAM

CARRIAGE

THRONE

BUNTING

PALACE



NADIA HUSSAIN'S CORONATION AUBERGINE

(Recipe from "Nadiya's Fast Flavours" by Nadiya Hussain)

Serves: 4-6 Preparation time: 24 minutes Cooking time: 20 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

- 225ml olive oil
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 small onion, grated
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 large aubergines, sliced into 1cm thick slices (about 600g)

For the dressing:

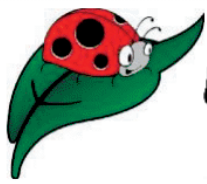
- 200g Greek yogurt
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons mango chutney, finely chopped
- 2 tea spoons whole milk

To serve: A small handful of crispy fried onion, a small handful of raisins, a small handful of fresh coriander, thinly sliced



METHOD:

1. Start by putting the oil in a bowl with the minced garlic, onion, paprika and salt. Mix really well and set aside with a pastry brush.
2. Pop the aubergines onto a tray (they can overlap, that is fine). Take the oil mixture and brush the aubergine slices generously with the oil on both sides till you have finished all the mixture. Set aside.
3. Put one large or two small (if you have them) griddle pan(s) onto a medium heat (these are great on the barbecue, too).
4. Griddle in batches on both sides. They take approx. 2 minutes on each side. You will know they are ready when the flesh looks saturated, less spongy and softer. Pop onto a plate, overlapping, ready to serve.
5. Make the dressing by combining the yoghurt, curry powder, garlic, salt and mango chutney and giving it all a really good mix. Add a few tablespoons of whole milk to loosen the mixture just a little.
6. Drizzle the dressing all over the top of the aubergine, saving the rest to serve on the side. Sprinkle with fried onions, raisins and coriander to serve.



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



Lions Clubs of Salisbury & District

Free Prostate Cancer Screening

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among men (after skin cancer), but it can often be treated successfully.

The Lions Club of Salisbury & District in conjunction with The Graham Fulford Charitable Trust has organized a FREE testing day in Salisbury.

What? -FREE Prostate Cancer Testing

Where? - St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury, SP1 3PN

When? – Saturday 20th May 2023

Process for booking an appointment at an event for Salisbury Lions

Go to <https://sdlc.mypsatests.org.uk/>

- & Follow the instructions.
- YOU WILL BE SENT AN EMAIL INSTANTLY TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS YOU HAVE REGISTERED WITH. **Please open this email and physically click on the verification button which is green in colour.**
- PLEASE WRITE DOWN A NOTE OF THE LOGIN DETAILS FOR YOUR ACCOUNT.

Process to choose an appointment.

USE THE FOLLOWING LINK TO LOG ON TO THE

WEBPAGE: <https://sdlc.mypsatests.org.uk/> You must be on this page to make your booking at the event.

Please note that if you have any problems with making your appointment, contact the office on **01926 419959** and one of the team will help you.

Thank You

Lions club of Salisbury & District

Contact John@mitreco.net

Friday Cafe @ St Francis



EVERY WEEK 9.30 - 11.30AM

The Cafe is open every Friday from 9.30 - 11.30am 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.

A Job That Gives Back

We are looking for wonderful people in Salisbury to help an older person to stay in their own home. Pay starts at £12 per hour with paid wait and travel time.

Call us to find out more 01722 443 559

or visit our website www.homeinstead.co.uk/salisbury-and-romsey

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To us, it's personal



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Many thanks to all who donated towards the beautiful Easter flowers at St Francis this year and to those who took the time to arrange them

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BLESSED ARE
the poor in spirit
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE
those who mourn
FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE
the meek
FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH.

BLESSED ARE
those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED

BLESSED ARE
the merciful
FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY

BLESSED ARE
the pure in heart
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD

BLESSED ARE
the peacemakers
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.

BLESSED ARE
those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT YOU, PERSECUTE YOU AND FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME.

MATTHEW 5:3-12