The Link

ST FRANCIS . OLD SARIIM . LONGHEDGE





WHAT'S ON AT HOPE CHURCH

Gatherings, socials, Messy Church, a baptism and more!

MISSION FOCUS

Salisbury Foodbank

WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

Iona, Encounter and All Souls

Church Warden

Church Warden

Safeguarding St F

Safeguarding Hope

Treasurer

Chris Taylor

Tom Wilkins

Karen Scott

Jean Filtness

Mark Venables

Role	Name	Phone	Email
Vicar	Jean de Garis	01722 334214	vicar@st-francischurch.org.uk
Curate	Mary Terry	01722 349 886	mary@st-francischurch.org.uk
Curate	Joe Stone		joe@st-francischurch.org.uk
Hope Church	Priscilla Venables		oldsarum@st-francischurch.org.uk
Parish Office	Jane Franchi	01722 413644	admin@st-francischurch.org.uk
Bookings Enquiries	Alan Goldie	01722 329114	asac.goldie@gmail.com
Children & Family	Katie Ollivierre	07899 962057	family@st-francischurch.org.uk
Youth	Sophie Stokes	01722 413644	youth@st-francischurch.org.uk

01799 338319

Worship at St Francis

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

9.30AM FRIENDLY TRADITIONAL SERVICE 11AM FAMILY SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S GROUPS REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED FROM 10.30AM

1st October

Harvest Thanksgiving Psalm 65 Luke 17.11-19 IONA Evening (Holy Communion)7PM

8th October

Israel's journey to deliverance Matt 8.28-34 Exodus 14.21-31

15th October

Starting to journey with Jesus Mark 1.14-20 Mark 2.13-17 **ENCOUNTER EVENING 7PM (at St Francis)**

EVENSONG AT ST LAWRENCE

On 8th October at 6pm St Lawrence at Stratfordsub-Castle will hold 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.

7PM 1ST SUNDAY BIBLE FOCUS 7PM 3RD SUNDAY ENCOUNTER (ENCOUNTER ALTERNATES WITH ST PAUL'S CHURCH)

st.francis.warden@gmail.com

tomchurchwarden@gmail.com

Jeanfiltness@gmail.com

treasurer@st-francischurch.org.uk

safeguarding@st-francischurch.org.uk

22nd October

How to journey with Jesus Mark 6.6b-13 Mark 6.45-52

29th October

Jesus' own journey Isaiah 53.1-6 Philippians 2.1-11 ALL SOULS 3PM



www.st-francischurch.org.uk



Dear Friends,

The approaching seasons of Autumn and harvest have got me thinking about all the materials nature provides. A material I am particularly grateful for at the moment is cherry wood. My son and I went piano shopping a few weeks ago, to a piano shop between Warminster and Westbury. We must have tried twenty pianos, then we happened upon a light-brown *Ritter*, which produced a uniquely warm and sweet sonority. The chap in the shop said it was made of cherry wood. After a little negotiating, I put the order in, and the Ritter now brightens our home.

I write during the hot first week of September. Soon, Summer will move into Autumn; I have always loved Autumn, when nature's story turns a corner, as fruit ripens, and wonderful hues come over the countryside. And how fortunate we are to be in this corner of Wiltshire, where it is easy to witness this. We moved to Salisbury from Oxford in June. A few weeks later, an American family who we had met in Oxford came to visit. After picking them up from the station, we drove through the Woodford Valley. I mentioned that the musician Sting used to live there, and that the location had provided the inspiration for the song *Fields of Gold*. Sting wrote 'In England, our house is surrounded by barley fields...it's fascinating to watch the wind moving over the shimmering surface, like waves on an ocean of gold.'

You probably know the opening lines:

You'll remember me when the west wind moves

Upon the fields of barley

You'll forget the sun in his jealous sky

As we walk in fields of gold

Autumn and Harvest time is an opportunity to reflect on all that God provides through nature: the food, the scenery, the materials. Jesus himself enjoyed nature, often up early and walking and praying on the mountainside.

The transforming of materials into purposeful, worshipful items has a sound precedent in the Bible. After the Israelites came out of Egypt, God said to Moses 'See, I have chosen Bezalel...I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of crafts' (Exodus 31:1-5). What a wonderful thought, the sourcing of the materials, the crafting, the chiselling, the shaping of a place for worship. The fruits of their labours: a golden lampstand, an altar, and the arc of the covenant (the same one that Indiana Jones went hunting for). It was a modest beginning as a place for worship, a simple space for a simple faith. But it was fashioned with care and had an important purpose, a place for the dwelling place of their God, Yahweh, in the midst of their community.

Enjoy the coming colours of Autumn,

With blessings,

Joe

Rev'd Joseph Stone

Assistant Curate at St Francis Church with Stratford sub Castle and Hope Church



WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE PART OF HOPE CHURCH?

Like every Church I have belonged to, Hope is a family. Of course, every family is different, and in this case we are notable for our abundance of young children and babies! This is beautiful because it encourages us to embrace the spirit of allage worship to make sure everyone is truly included. As a Hope member I have come to a new appreciation of action songs, and how to engage with the Bible through stories, play and crafts.

While a young Church congregation does bring the challenge of finding sufficient adults to oversee practical tasks, it also highlights the joy of inviting teens and older children to serve alongside us. Whether behind the scenes as part of the tech crew, leading prayers for the whole church, or helping run the Hope Kids Sunday school, our youth know they are an essential and highly valued part of the family. As a Church plant, Hope has a foot in two camps – we look back to St Francis for support and guidance, and we look outwards to the estates of Old Sarum and Longhedge, welcoming more new faces from our local area every month.

If you'd like to visit, our Church family is the sort that welcomes you with open arms and a cup of tea (and hopes you won't mind the toys and crumbs on the floor!)







Old Sarum Community Centre, Pheasant Drive, Old Sarum SP4 6GH

what's coming up

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER, 10AM | ALL AGE WORSHIP

Join us as we explore 'I am the light', John 8:12-30.

There'Il be lots of games, fun and creativity for all ages as we gather together.

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 10AM | MESSY CHURCH

It's church but not as you know it.

Church is way more fun when it's messy!

Our theme this week is 'I am the good shepherd', John 10:1-21.

There'll be lots of activities, creativity and games for everyone.

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 10AM | SUNDAY GATHERING

Join us as we celebrate a baptism and explore the Gospel. There'll be a talk for the adults and kids go to their group.*

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER, 10AM | SUNDAY GATHERING

At our Sunday Gatherings we look into a theme.

There's a talk for the adults and kids go to their group.*

This week our theme is 'I am the resurrection', John 11:1-27.

SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER, 10AM | SOCIAL ALTERNATIVE

All welcome. Further info to follow on Facebook.

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS | CONNECT GROUP

Connect Groups are held in homes and are an informal space to chat and get to know one another and discover more about faith, the Bible and God.

Please get in touch if you would like more information.

*Hope Kids is a group that is tailored to 3 - 7 year olds with lots of fun, creativity, and stories.

IN RETROSPECT - THE ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY SHOW

Saturday 9th September was the day of the 73rd St. Francis Community Show. Although it turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year, this did not deter all those who had entered one or more of the 167 classes in the show from laying out their produce, their baked goods, floral displays and artwork for the judges to scrutinise.

The church and Beatrice Room looked splendid, deserving the judges' opinion that the overall standard was very high. Equally impressive was the array of cakes provided for tea!

An innovation this year was the three People's Choice prizes for the best flower arrangement, best artwork and best photograph, which were won by April Hall, Jean Filtness and Carmen Godwin respectively.

Well done to all who took part and a big thank you to all the committee members for their hard work in once again organising a very special event.











What a year for the Salisbury Foodbank! Thank you to anyone who has donated food or money or volunteered their time. The needs have never been greater. In January 2022 the Foodbank provided food for 442 people. In January 2023 the figure rose to 879. National predictions suggest that the Cost of Living Crisis will probably see this figure increase again in 2024. So far in 2023 37% of the people helped were children. We couldn't get on with the job without your generous support. A heart-felt thank you.

Now I'd like to tell you about 2 projects the Foodbank started running this year.

Firstly, the fresh food project. In partnership with Central Fruits, people are accessing a healthy, more balanced diet. The feedback has been very positive. One Foodbank user said, "Just to have some fresh fruit and fresh veg has really made my day and made the last two meals even better."

Secondly, we have partnered with Citizens Advice to provide in-person support for those accessing the Foodbank Centres. This is called Foodbank Plus. It's aim is to signpost people to further services that will hopefully mean they don't need to use the Foodbank again. Currently nearly 60% only use the Foodbank once. Excitingly Foodbank Plus has seen 71 people access finance (£134,000) to which they are entitled.

So, when are you able please keep giving food, money or time to the Salisbury Foodbank. We are not out of the woods yet. Please do look at the website for more information https://salisbury.foodbank.org.uk/ or if you have any questions, then please email me jacqui@salisbury.foodbank.org.uk.

Together We Can!

Jacqui Cheetham (Foodbank Trustee)

Way to donate money:

Cheques made payable to "Salisbury Foodbank"
Or visit
https://www.justgiving.com/salisbury-foodbank





We will be collecting food and donations for Salisbury Foodbank at our Harvest services at St Francis on Sunday 1st October. There is also a box outside the main entrance on Beatrice Road where you can make donations of food throughout the year.





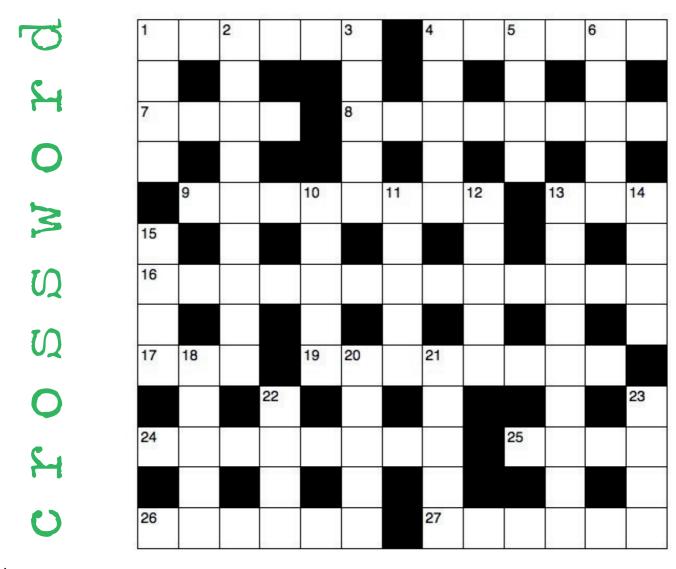
Sadly, the church has not had a good press recently as regards safeguarding, with several high-profile cases involving clergy and other church officials. This has, however, led to a huge amount of thought and action within the church to improve matters and prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Of major importance have been the documents "Promoting A Safer Church" (2017) and "The Parish Safeguarding Handbook" (2018) (both of which can be accessed at

www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding). These set out in detail everything the church should be doing to keep children, young people and vulnerable adults safe from abuse.

Churches are legally obliged to follow the advice in these documents. For example, all churches must have a Parish Safeguarding Lead who is trained to handle reports of abuse, working in association with the Diocesan Safeguarding Officers. In addition, it is a requirement that everyone who works with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults must be trained to the level required by their role and have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

But safeguarding is not just for those with designated roles within the church – it is for everyone, which is why both St Francis and Hope Churches recently held "Safeguarding Sundays" to remind everyone of the need to be alert to any safeguarding issues. Everybody needs to be vigilant in looking out for signs of abuse and, when concerned, reporting their concerns to their church leader and Safeguarding Lead. At St Francis, the current Safeguarding Lead is Hannah Wilkins, while Jean Filtness is the Safeguarding Lead at Hope Church.



Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their end' (Ps 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' a great company of the host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a -!' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6 'He encouraged them remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my —, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4).



THE FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH "THE FARRANT SINGERS" In a concert of sacred and secular music IN ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH, STRATFORD-SUB-CASTLE THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 8.00PM Tickets are £10.00 members, £15.00 non-members. Available from Rosemary Winson. Tel: 01722 325183 - email: rosemary.winson@gmail.com Wine and soft drinks included in the Reading Room following the concert. A Fund raising event for St Lawrence Church.













Do you know all these corners of the church?



Why not look for them the next time you visit?























BOOK CORNER



At St Francis we are currently doing a series of talks based on journeys. Jean, our Vicar recommends this book by Norman Warren.

In easy-to-read terms, "Journey Into Life" leads the reader through the steps needed to understand the concepts of sin and separation from God, why Jesus died to save us and what we can do to become Christians and live a changed life.



Bestselling author Bear Grylls has survived a free-fall parachute accident that left him with a broken back, possibly unable to walk again; falling down a mountain in the Rockies, severing a finger in the Vietnam jungle, a broken shoulder in Antarctica. He passed the gruelling training to join the SAS, crossed the North Atlantic in an open inflatable boat, and held the highest ever open-air formal dinner party, in a balloon at 25,000 feet.

But the hardest thing he has ever had to face, he says, is the death of his father. It was then, age 25, that he found what he describes in an interview with the Telegraph as 'a really lovely quiet faith that has been a powerful thing in our lives'.

As he wrote in GQ magazine, 'Faith doesn't mean you have to be especially "religious". But, in a nutshell, my faith tells me that I am known, that I am secure and that I am loved - regardless of the storms I may find myself in from time to time, regardless of how often I fall and fail.'

For the first time, in this open, brave and honest book, Bear reveals the inspiration that helps him to stand strong and find peace each day. These daily readings - exploring themes of friendships, failure, courage, risk, and much more - show us all how to face each day with purpose and power.

'Be brave. Embrace faith wherever you may find it. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.'



UPHOLSTERY CLASS

New to St. Francis Church Hall Traditional upholstery class, taught by Susanne, a practising professional upholsterer.

A course is six weeks, to be held in term time on a Monday, with either a morning or afternoon session. If interested please email susanne@bysusanne.co.uk for an information pack

WINTER

PUNCH

RECIPES

As the winter nights draw in we move from summer drinks' parties to cosy gatherings by the fire and perhaps from prosecco or Pimms to punch?

FRUIT PUNCH - NON ALCOHOLIC MAKES 40 SMALL GLASSES

1 carton Orange Juice
1 carton Pineapple juice
1 bottle red grape juice
1 bottle white grape juice
Bottle of dry Ginger- larger size
Bottle of Lemonade

The ginger gives an interesting kick

Add selection of sliced fruit.

MULLED WINE - ALCOHOLIC

4oz white sugar
1 pint water
Lemon
Cinnamon sticks 1-2
1 (75cl) Red Wine -inexpensive burgundy type

Dissolve sugar in water
Add slices of lemon and cinnamon sticks
simmer for a minimum 5-10 minutes
Add wine and warm through to desired temperature.
DO NOT BOIL
vary sugar / water / wine to taste.

MULLED SPICED CRANBERRY

2 carton Cranberry Juice
1 carton Apple juice
1 Lemon sliced
2 Oranges sliced
2 or 3 Cinnamon sticks
2 or 3 slices raw ginger
Soft Brown Sugar to taste - 6 tablespoons

Heat all items together, leave to stand / steep until needed
Adjust sweetness level as desired
Bring back to required temperature
Strain before serving.



SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER ST FRANCIS 3 PM The annual All Souls service includes time for reflection and thanksgiving for those loved ones who have died during the year or in previous years.

If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out during the service, please contact the Vicar, Jean de Garis, on 01722 334214 or via email: vicar@st-francischurch.org.uk

WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS





FRIDAY CAFE

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.

STRICTLY COME LADIES

Friday 20th October at 7.30pm

COME TO THE BEATRICE ROOM AT ST FRANCIS AND HELP US COVER EMPTY SHOE BOXES WITH CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PAPER. Chris Pearce from the Shoe Box Appeal will start us off with a quick demo

WE NEED A LOT OF EXTRA HELP AS THERE ARE 70 BOXES TO COVER AND IT WOULD BE GREAT TO GET THEM ALL DONE.

Please bring scissors, Sellotape, and any Christmas wrapping paper (full or part rolls) and come and have some fun. Refreshments provided. If you are unable to come on the night, donations of Christmas wrapping would be appreciated - leave in the Shoe box Appeal box in the Beatrice Room.

More info: jacky.macleod1@ntlworld.com Jenny Pankhurst Tel:328761 April Hall Tel:414296

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.



50S AND BEYOND

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!

Tuesday 3rd October 3:00pm

Join us for Cream Tea and Games in the Beatrice Room, St Francis Church. Bring one of your favorite games or just chat while enjoying a cream tea.

No need to book, just turn up! For more information, please contact April Hall, 01722 414296 or ad.hall51@btopen world.com.

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.

Learn the Ukulele

Learn, play and sing along to your favourite songs in relaxed and friendly company

Monday afternoons

1.00 - 1.45. Beginners 2.00 - 2.45. Sing Along 3.00 - 3.45. Advanced

Why not come along for a free taster session at

23rd Salisbury Scouts' Group Hall Stratford Road, Salisbury, SP1 3JR

Email:sarumukeslg@gmail.com Tel: 01722 414299



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



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. Licensed Zumba instructor.





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

DOWN: J, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS













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



Established friendly & professional Heating company supporting your oil, gas, & LPG appliances.



- Highly efficient heating solutions designed & installed.
- Bespoke swimming pool heating solutions provided, with smart controls.
- Underfloor heating design, installation & overhaul.
- We also offer emergency breakdown, repairs, servicing & Certification.

t: 01722 417873 | e: sales@ahs-heating.co.uk















www.ahs-heating.co.uk

YOUTH THIS AUTUMN

YRS 6-9

- FRIDAY SOCIAL IN THE LOUNGE 6PM TO 7.30PM
- SUNDAY AM STARTING IN CHURCH
 @ 11AM HEADED TO THE LOUNGE
 FOR BREAKFAST AND DISCIPLESHIP

YRS 10-13

- FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH IN THE LOUNGE
 7.30PM TO 9PM
- SUNDAY AM STARTING IN CHURCH @

 11AM HEADED TO THE BEATRICE ROOM
 FOR BREAKFAST AND DISCIPLESHIP
- SUNDAY PM DISCIPLESHIP IN THE LOUNGE @ 7PM (FAMILY MEAL EVERY 3RD SUNDAY)

YRS 6-13

- FORTNIGHTLY GROUPS GOING DEEPER IN FAITH CONTACT YOUTH@ST-FRANCISCHURCH.ORG.UK FOR DATES/TIMES AND LOCATIONS
- ENCOUNTER EVENING OCTOBER 15TH FAMILY MEAL IN THE CHAPTER ROOM 6PM JOINING THE REST OF THE CHURCH FAMILY FOR AN ENCOUNTER EVENING AT 7PM



Please book by **Wed 22nd November** on ChurchSuite or contact Jacky Macleod 07981 789601, Emma Turner emmalsquire@yahoo.co.uk or Jane Franchi admin@st-francischurch.org.uk