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NOVEMBER 23



Lest we forget

WHAT'S ON AT HOPE CHURCH

Prayers for the
Persecuted Church

Messy Church

MISSION FOCUS

A Rocha (Eco-Church)

WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

Remembrance Service
12th November 10.15am

CREATE for Christmas

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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

7PM 1ST SUNDAY BIBLE FOCUS

7PM 3RD SUNDAY ENCOUNTER

(ENCOUNTER ALTERNATES WITH ST PAUL'S CHURCH)

5th November

Companions on the journey

Luke 24.13-27 Luke 24.28-35

BIBLE FOCUS 7PM

12th November

Remembrance Sunday 10.15 am

Grief Journey

John 11.20-36

19th November

Journeys from darkness to light

Acts 9.1-9 Acts 9.10-19

ENCOUNTER 7PM at St Paul's

26th November

Christ the King

Ephesians 1.15-23 Matt 28.16-20

EVENSONG AT ST LAWRENCE

On 12th November at 4pm (please note the change of time) St Lawrence at Stratford-sub-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.



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Eyes down announces the beginning of a game of bingo. But it is how our news coverage often leaves me feeling. As I write this letter, fearful things are happening in the middle east. Hamas have just committed terrible atrocities in terrorist attacks in Israel, and in reprisals no doubt many innocent Palestinians will also die. We can feel so powerless and frustrated when we see such cruelty, and we wonder how other human beings can be so filled with hate that they do such things. And this is just one of a long list of the challenges our news brings us from wars, natural disasters, pandemics and the climate crisis.

But we are not the first people to have feelings of helplessness or despair. Some of the writers of the book of Psalms in the Bible felt the same way. When confronted by a mountain that looked impossible to climb, the Psalmist writes this:

I WILL LIFT UP *my eyes to*
the hills FROM WHENCE COMES

MY HELP. *My help* COMES
FROM THE *Lord*, WHO MADE

Heaven & Earth.

PSALM 121:1-2

Instead of “eyes down”, he chooses to raise his eyes above the mountains, to the One who is even bigger than the hills.

A thousand years later, Jesus talked about times when frightening things would happen in our world:

“On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity ... people will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world.” (Luke 21)

And the advice Jesus gives at such times, echoes the words of the Psalmist. “When these things begin to take place, stand up and **lift up your heads**, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Jesus says at times of terror and confusion, we need more than ever to gain a bigger perspective which comes only from God. We can learn to trust in him for our own lives and for everyone else as well.

The children’s song reminds us so simply, “He’s got the whole world in his hands”. I don’t believe this is naïve, wishful thinking. I believe it is God’s loving purpose to help us learn to trust in him for all things and to build resilience within us. And it begins with simply **looking up** to him, rather than having our eyes down.

Please be in touch with me if you’d like us to include you in our daily prayers.
With Christian greetings,

Jean de Garis

Vicar of St Francis, St Lawrence and Hope Church

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Hope CHURCH

Hope Church celebrated harvest with a prayer walk and harvest lunch on 24th September. Members of the church walked the bounds of the Old Sarum and Longhedge estates and gave out spring bulbs to all they encountered.

Currently, the talks at our Sunday services are based on the "I Am" claims of Jesus, such as "I am the good shepherd" and "I am the light of the world".

These statements were both startling and shocking to the people around him and, if you think about them, they have the same effect today. At Hope we are trying to find out what these amazing claims mean for us. If you would like to know more, come and join us at 10.00 for 10.15a.m. for one of our services. You will be very welcome.



The Bereavement
Journey
a place to talk

Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with the long term effects of loss?

A seven session course will soon be running at St Francis.

If interested, please contact
Rev Mary Terry
mary@st-francischurch.org.uk
or 07732203452

ST FRANCIS

what's coming up

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 10AM | ALL AGE WORSHIP

Join us as we focus on the
International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
There'll be activities for all ages as we gather together.

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 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 way', John 14:1-14.
There'll be lots of activities, creativity and games for everyone.

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER, 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 true vine', John 15:1-8.

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 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 alpha and omega',
Revelation 1:8 & 23:12-16

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.



harvest time

Thank you to everyone who arranged flowers to make our church beautiful for our harvest services on 1st October. Thanks also for the generous gifts of food. 180kg of food was delivered to the Food Bank the following day.

At Hope Church in the same period there was a harvest lunch and a prayer walk around the two estates.



MISSION FOCUS

A ROCHA (meaning 'The Rock') is an international Christian organization dedicated to conservation and environmental protection. In 1983 two families established a field study centre in Portugal; that led to Christian conservation projects around the world. The group is now a leading player in the creation care movement. They work with Churches (Eco Church), Environmental leaders, Families and individuals (Wild Christian) and Christian Land Managers (Partners in Action). They have two nature reserves in Suffolk and Southall to show how land can be managed for nature and people.

The Ecochurch vision is for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully. Many local churches in our area have gained recognition through its award scheme. St Francis has a bronze award currently. Salisbury Cathedral was the first cathedral to receive a gold award in recognition of its leading role, including the installation of solar panels on the cloisters.

At St Francis we have a building and grounds which we can use for people and nature. Our outdoor management plan allows for wildlife friendly planting, mowing to encourage chalk downland flowers, and trees and wilder areas for insects and birds. We have some garden flowers as well, and space to be outside enjoying and appreciating what we have. At midsummer there were 36 plants and trees in flower, despite the drought, including a second species of orchid on the front lawn.

With an established colony of swifts nearby, and our own nest boxes high on the north wall, we hope we will hear them screaming overhead sometime soon. Last winter a new rowan tree was planted as our contribution to the Queen's Green Canopy of 3 million trees planted as part of our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Look out for it in its autumn colour.

There is much more to do: for information about Ecochurch or contacts with local groups in our area working on energy issues, tree planting, conservation, recording, or learning how to know what you see, email Clare Druett on clare3birches@gmail.com or phone 07963 111898





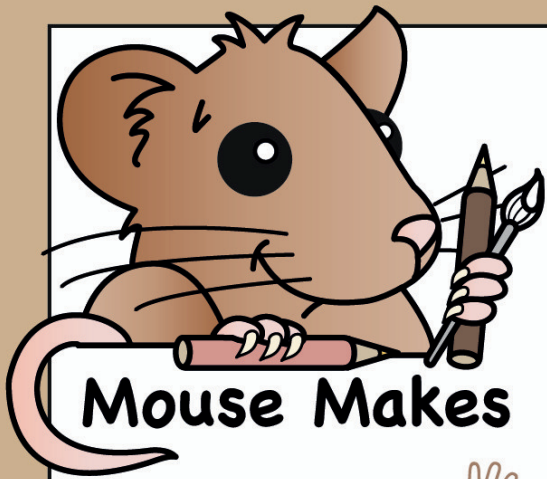
Exploring St Francis - The Beatrice Room

The Beatrice Room was built thanks to generous grants and donations from the local community. It was opened in May 2017 by The Right Reverend Nicholas Holtam, then Bishop of Salisbury, and has been in constant use ever since (if we ignore some of 2020). Every Sunday it is the place where the whole church family meet over coffee between the 9.30 traditional and 11am more modern services. It is regularly used for meetings and courses and lots of church groups use it as a base. It is sometimes used for meals, with a long table down the middle (we had 35 to a welcome lunch last week!). It is home to groups such as Strictly Ladies, Hope Church Men's Group, and The Bereavement Journey. It's occasionally used for a meal following a funeral or for a celebration lunch. Friday Café meets there every week as do the St Francis Community Choir. It is often used for refreshments ahead of large concerts and lectures in the main church (such as the Alabare lecture - see back page for details - when all profits will be used to support Alabaré's work supporting those who are homeless or vulnerable). It is a welcoming room full of light which people often remark on when they come into the building for the first time.



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.



Mouse Makes

"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by
_____ and

with thanksgiving, present your
_____ to God."

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The _____

is _____

to all who _____

on him in _____"

Psalms 145:18

"For where two or three _____

in my name, there
I am with them."

Matthew 18:20

SAY SORRY

PRAY FOR OTHERS

PRAY FOR YOURSELF

THANK GOD

FOR MY FAMILY

PRAY FOR FRIENDS

PRAY FOR THE NEEDY

PRAY FOR THE SICK

PRAISE GOD

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH

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

NIV



Look up the Bible verses,
fill in the blanks then
find them in the word search

Find these words too:

APPROACH
MEDITATE
HEAR • LISTEN
BLESS • PRAISE
FORGIVE • NAME
CRY OUT • AMEN

" _____
always, _____
continually, _____
_____ in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore, _____

your sins to one another and
_____ for one another,
that you may be healed."

James 5:16

" _____
yourselves to prayer, being
watchful and thankful."
Colossians 4:2

The
Tale of the
**TWO
BUILDERS**



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO
BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES

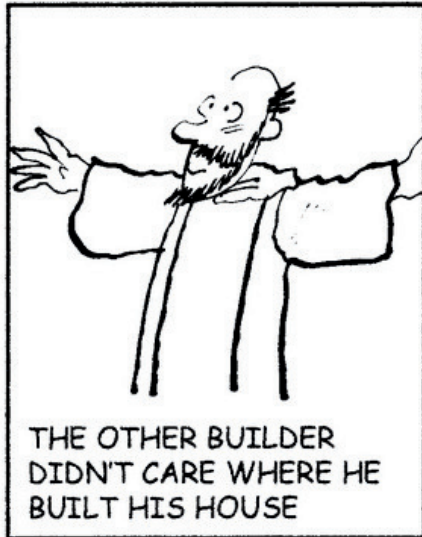


THE FIRST BUILDER SEARCHED HIGH
AND LOW FOR A GOOD SOLID ROCK ON
WHICH TO BUILD HIS HIS HOME.

AT LONG, LONG LAST HE
FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.



SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.



THE OTHER BUILDER
DIDN'T CARE WHERE HE
BUILT HIS HOUSE

HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND
WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.



BUT ONE DAY THE
STORM CAME....

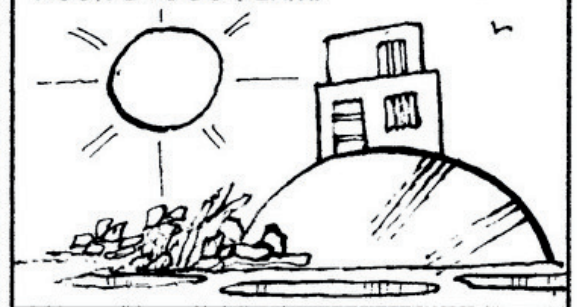


...AND THE WIND BLEW....AND
THE RAIN FELL....



...AND THE HOUSE ON
THE SAND COLLAPSED!

BUT THE HOUSE ON THE
ROCK STOOD FIRM.



JESUS EXPLAINED -
IT'S IMPORTANT OUR LIVES HAVE
A FIRM FOUNDATION.

IT'S SOUP TIME!

It's that time of the year when there is a nip in the air telling us that Autumn is well under way with Winter just around the corner. Root vegetables are plentiful in the garden and in the shops, so soups made from carrots, parsnips, swedes etc are both cheap and nutritious. Here are a couple of recipes based on parsnips to get you going.

Spicy Parsnip Soup – Serves 4 (can be frozen)

50g (2oz) butter or 1tbsp oil

1 medium onion

450g (1lb) parsnips cored and thickly chopped

2 tsps medium curry powder

2 tsps freshly grated ginger or 1tsp ground ginger

600ml (1 pint) chicken stock

1 medium Bramley apple, peeled, cored and grated

300ml (1/2 pint) milk

A little lemon juice

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Put the butter or oil in a large saucepan with the onion and parsnips. Stir in the curry powder and ginger and cook on a low heat for 10 mins.
2. Add the stock, bring to the boil and simmer for 20 mins.
3. Stir in the grated apple and cook for a further 10 mins.
4. Cool slightly and add the milk and lemon juice, then puree with a blender. Reheat and serve piping hot.



Citrus Parsnip Soup – Serves 4 (can be frozen)

2 tbsps of butter or oil

2 large parsnips peeled and cut into 2cm cubes

2 leeks, trimmed and sliced

Juice of 1 orange

Juice of ½ lemon

850ml (1½ pints) vegetable stock

Freshly ground black pepper

1. Place the parsnips and leeks in a large pan with the butter or oil. Cover and cook on a low heat for 10 mins.
2. Stir in the orange and lemon juices and the stock. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 30mins until the vegetables are soft.
3. When the soup has cooled slightly, puree using a blender.
4. If desired, a topping of grated lemon zest and/or finely chopped rosemary leaves can be added.

(Recipes from the Women's Institute book "Soups for all Seasons" by Liz Herbert).

WHAT'S ON

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

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For more details please contact Kate Martin

Mobile or WhatsApp: 07736 843020

Email: katemartinpilates@gmail.com



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Pilates with Kate



CAFÉ



Saturday

2nd December 2023

11.00 am – 2.00 pm

Reading Room

Stratford sub Castle SP1 3LL

From 11am onwards

Morning coffee & tea
Mince pies, Stollen,
Biscuits, Hot Chocolate,
Mulled wine

Lunch from 12 noon

Homemade Soup,
Bread, Cheese & Chutney

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Christmas produce and crafts
Raffle



For further information: www.stratfordsubcastle.org.uk (under Groups)

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!

Sunday November 12th, 11:30 pm

Bring and Share lunch after the Remembrance service in the Church Hall at St Francis Church! Please bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

For information, please contact Kris or John Smith at kris@richardson.net or 01722500274.

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.



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 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*

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)*

STRICTLY COME LADIES

STRICTLY COME LADIES will NOT be meeting on 17th November but instead everyone is invited to come along to the CREATE for CHRISTMAS event on 24th November - see separate notice about buying tickets.

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.

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



TOY SERVICE



SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER
ST FRANCIS
11AM



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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You can find out more information or buy your stamps from any 23rd Salisbury Leader or

- **Emma Turner, Castlemere**, Stratford Sub Castle, Salisbury, 07843 673788

- **Rachel Squire, 1 Assisi Road**, Salisbury, 01722 339006

- **Co-Op**, Castle Road, Salisbury

Tickets
£7.50 to include
crafts & refreshments

for Christmas *Create*

A fun ladies evening to try some Christmas crafts

Friday 24th November 2023

7:30-9:30pm at St Francis Church

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

Alabaré

AN EVENING WITH

LARRY HOLLINGWORTH CBE UN ENVOY FOR REFUGEES

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2023

7.00 PM - 9.30 PM

£20 PER PERSON

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

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Evening includes a glass of wine, light refreshments and a fabulous raffle!

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