

# The Link

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FEBRUARY 24



## WHAT'S ON AT HOPE CHURCH

Bible Brunch  
Sunday Gatherings  
Messy Church

## MISSION FOCUS

CMS Hull  
Anna and Chris Hembury

## WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

Luke, A Gospel Journey  
11-25 Feb

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## “Miracles” at Hope Church

This term Hope Church are looking at “Miracles”. We will consider what miracles are and what the Bible tells us about them in both the Old Testament and the New. We will also look at present-day miracles and the implications for our faith.

## 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)

#### 4th February

The earth belongs to God: Climate Justice  
Rev 21 :1-7, Luke 9: 1-6

**BIBLE FOCUS 7PM**

#### 18th February 2024

Making Jesus known in Luke  
(exhibition)

Luke 1: 1-4, Luke 11: 5-13

**ENCOUNTER AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH 7PM**

#### 11th February 2024

Developing partners in local mission  
Philippians 4:1-7, Luke 5:1-7

#### 25th February 2024

Making the subversive values of Jesus known  
1 Exodus 23: 1-9 Luke 18: 9-17

## EVENSONG AT ST LAWRENCE

Every second Sunday in the month at 4pm 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.



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2024 is a Leap Year and so this February we have a 29<sup>th</sup>. One of my childhood friends was born on 29<sup>th</sup> February and I still remember the puzzlement I felt as a young child on learning that his birth-day only appeared every four years. I was most concerned on his behalf with the potential lack of presents and how he could tell how old he actually was if he didn't have a regular birthday party!

Later of course, I learned about the earth completing one orbit around the sun in 365 days + 5 hours, 48 minutes and 56 seconds, giving a potential for the months to drift away from our seasons. (Clearly this was discussed before climate change had taken effect). So a decision was made to round down the time to complete days and create an extra day every four years for the earth to catch up with the sun.

But facts and figures aside, there is something about a Leap Year that brings a bit of joy to my heart. It's quirky. Even the word 'leap' has a smile and energy to it. I associate the word with nursery rhyme cows and moons, and imagine little February stretching upwards with pride that this year she is nearly as tall as sister March.



Perhaps in reality we will use this extra day as catch up time, just like the earth's orbit; to continue with our chores, answer emails, check out social media, the usual sort of stuff of life.

But I also hope that we may be able to use the gift of this day in a way that celebrates its quiriness and brings a smile to our face or others. There is a Wisdom book in the Bible that says: *I perceived that there is nothing better for mankind than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live. (Ecclesiastes 3:12)*

Finding or creating joy is a wonderful gift. I pray that we may find creative ways to discover moments of joy in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

With blessings

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# Hope CHURCH

2023 was a momentous year for Hope Church, seeing the departure of Will and Sophie Burditt at the end of May and the long-drawn-out business of trying to find the right person(s) to take on the role of church leader. During the summer, the situation was complicated further by a second vacancy at St Lawrence church in Stratford-Sub-Castle (also within the benefice of St Francis Church) and the decision to amalgamate the leadership of Hope and St Lawrence under one person or persons. However, at the end of November, our prayers were answered with the appointment of the Reverend Suzie Allen from Dorset. We are delighted that she will be joining us to take over the reins in April.

Until then the Hope Navigation Group will continue to make sure that things continue to run as smoothly as possible. Although we celebrated a pared-back Christmas at Hope this year, we enjoyed a Messy Nativity on the 10th December and a carol service on the 17th. The latter saw the new Hope music group singing and playing at full strength for the first time. Our intention is that this should be a regular feature in the coming year.

On 6th January services return to normal with an all-age service on the first Sunday of the month, Messy Church on the second Sunday, Hope Kids on the third Sunday and an all-age and Bible Brunch service on the 4th Sunday. Our theme for the coming term is "Miracles". Services start at 10.15a.m in the Community Centre, with refreshments available from 10.00a.m. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us!





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# what's coming up February 24

## **SUNDAY 4TH AT 10AM | ALL AGE WORSHIP**

Join us for informal family worship which is  
suitable for all ages.

This week our theme is: The Miracle of the City that Crumbled

## **SUNDAY 11TH AT 10AM | MESSY CHURCH**

It's church but not as you know it.

Church is way more fun when it's messy!

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

## **SUNDAY 18TH AT 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: A Mosaic of Miracles

## **SUNDAY 25TH AT 10AM | SUNDAY GATERING**

This week we welcome Bishop Andrew to our Service

There'll be a talk for the adults and the kids will have fun at  
Hope Kids.

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



On 25th November 2023 the annual "Create for Christmas" evening took place at St Francis Church. Over 70 people attended and enjoyed making a range of Christmas decorations for the tree and the table, plus cards, baskets and much more. Mulled wine, mince pies and other goodies helped to sustain the crafters, who all went home at the end of the evening with a bag of the things they had made and a warm glow of satisfaction at having spent the evening so agreeably!



# Create for Christmas

24 NOVEMBER 2023

## **A WINTER WARMER – APPLE SCONE**

Sometimes, when the weather is particularly cold and wintry, it's good to be able to bake something warm and filling that will sustain you from the inside. This recipe is a real old favourite with all generations of my family: it's quick and easy to make and is equally good served warm with butter for tea or with custard as a dessert.

You will need:

1 medium cooking apple, peeled, cored and finely chopped

250g (8oz) self-raising flour

½ tsp salt

1 level tsp baking powder

65g (2oz) butter or margarine

65g (2oz) caster sugar

Small handful of raisins (optional)

140ml (scant ¼ pt) milk

30g (1oz) demerara sugar (for the glaze)

1. Sift together the flour, salt and baking powder in a large mixing bowl. Rub in the fat, then add the caster sugar, the chopped apple (and the raisins if desired).
2. Mix to a soft, but not sticky, dough with the milk.
3. Transfer the dough to an oven-proof dinner plate and roll or press down with the fingers to cover the plate. Mark into 6 or 8 wedges.
4. Brush the top with a little milk and sprinkle with the demerara sugar.
5. Bake at 220 degrees C (Gas mark 6) for 20-25 mins until golden brown.



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**What we do:** Sharing life with people on the margins and supporting them to connect with themselves, each other, the planet and God.

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.

You are probably familiar with a quote attributed to St Francis of Assisi, which goes like this: "Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words". We are inspired by that deep commitment to authenticity, to "walk the talk", and we are challenged to let all that we do, both in terms of the way we live and our activities, be an embodiment of the gospel. We sit well with that Franciscan tradition of being a living expression of what following The Way of Jesus might look like.

The walk, however, is not the whole deal. What about the words? "When necessary, use words," is how it goes, not "no need for words". So we are challenged to speak the good news too, to tell the story we are living. Social action and evangelism are the two strands of the DNA of Jesus' ministry. A double helix held together, the integrated whole.





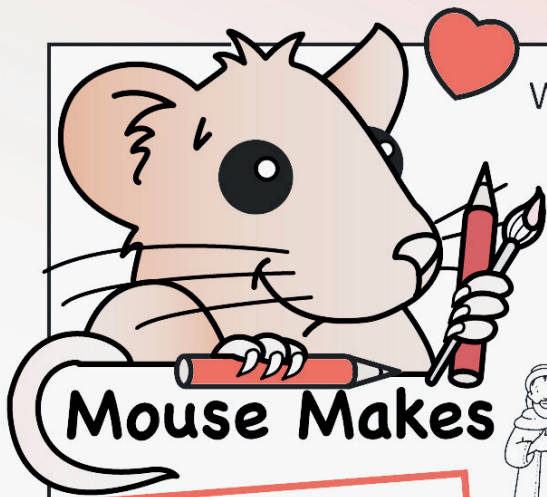
Our work with children and young people, at Breakfast Club, youth club and in our everyday relationships seeks to do the preaching of the gospel by action and example. We demonstrate God's love and care, God's seeing of those who go unnoticed, God's celebrating of those who go uncelebrated, God's concern for people's welfare, for hungry bellies and need for connection. We do practical things and we let others find their own agency by doing things for us and for each other. Of course, we use words as well in all that.

But each summer we go off to summer camp together with a bunch of children and young people. Camp is the place where they get to hear the story they have been experiencing. It's where they get to put words to the good news. It is where we get to name the who and spell out the how and the what and the why. Sometimes it's where the penny drops, but the "Aha!" is more often a slow drip of many years of clubs and camps and sense-making and finding answers to questions they didn't know they were asking. And camp is where they get to find other words, other ways of expressing, which in our Christian traditions we refer to as praise and worship. This year we taught them a song called Say Yes (by Michelle Williams) and it just sort of took off!

The other day, back serving cereals at Breakfast Club when the new term started after the summer break, Chris was singing the Say Yes song to himself. One of the kids, who had been to camp with us for the first time, asked him: "Are you still singing that song?" "Yeah," Chris replied. "So am I!" he grinned happily. Thank God for all the spaces where these children and young people can get to experience the good news of God's love, and for camp and the spaces where they get to put words to that experience – words they can carry home and live by.



Families gathering for our termly cooked breakfast fry up



# Mouse Makes

Who were the first couple?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 2:22-25

Who's wife became a pillar of salt because she disobeyed the angel's warning?

\_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 19:26



Which of Laban's daughters did Jacob love?

\_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 29:18

Who was Moses' wife?

\_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 2:21

Who married Boaz to become King David's great-grandmother and a distant relative of Jesus?

\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 1:5



Which couple helped the Apostle Paul in his ministry?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 16:3

## FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

XIBU HPE IBT  
KPJOFE UPHFUIFS,  
MFU OPU NBO  
TFQBSEUF.

NBSL  
UFO WFSTF  
OJOF

## CONNECT THE BIBLE COUPLES

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| ADAM      | ELIZABETH |
| ABRAHAM   | MARY      |
| ISAAC     | HANNAH    |
| JACOB     | PRISCILLA |
| BOAZ      | EVE       |
| ZECHARIAH | RUTH      |
| ELKANAH   | REBEKAH   |
| AQUILA    | RACHEL    |
| JOSEPH    | SARAH     |

## DID YOU KNOW?

King Solomon had **700** wives! They were princesses of royal birth and he loved them all, but his wives caused him to turn away from God  
See 1 Kings 11:1-3

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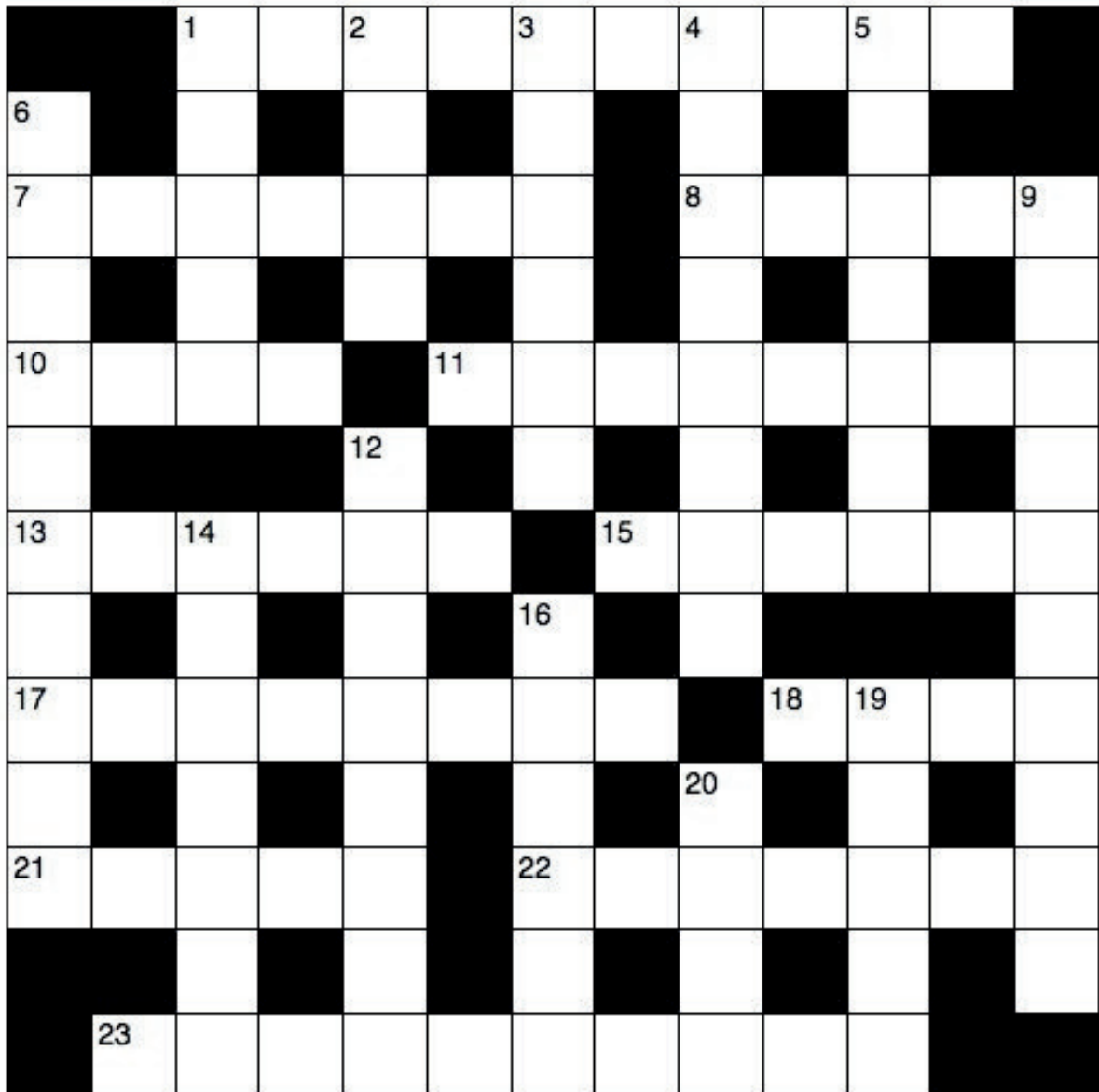
CROSSWORD

**Across**

- 1 Success or wealth (Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
- 7 Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)
- 8 Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
- 10 Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
- 11 Much in evidence after weddings (8)
- 13 Condense (Job 36:27) (6)
- 15 Breakwater (6)
- 17 Give a tan (anag.) (8)
- 18 More usually now called Pentecost, — Sunday (4)
- 21 After living for 365 years, it was said of him that 'he walked with God' (Genesis 5:23–24) (5)
- 22 Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)
- 23 For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

**Down**

- 1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)
- 2 Roman poet from first century BC (4)
- 3 So rapt (anag.) (6)
- 4 Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)
- 5 Paul's 'fellow worker', to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)
- 6 God's foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)
- 9 Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)
- 12 'The Lord... has given the — of Israel to David and his descendants for ever' (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)
- 14 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my — ' (Luke 1:46–47) (7)
- 16 The central element in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)
- 19 'On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of — will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18) (5)
- 20 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)





# 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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# WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS



**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.

9.45am - 11am  
St Francis Church - Chapter Rm

## STRICTLY COME LADIES

FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY

Join us at 7.30pm in the Beatrice Room at St Francis Church when we will be looking at the History of Surnames with Susan Johnson. If you already know the origins of your own name, come along and share that with us! Everyone welcome. More information: Jacky Macleod 0798 1789601, April Hall 414296, Jenny Pankhurst 328761.



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  
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or 07732203452

ST FRANCIS



## 50S AND BEYOND

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, contact [kris@richardson.net](mailto:kris@richardson.net) or any of the event organizers.

**Thursday, February 22, 11:00am**

Meet in the foyer of the Old Castle Harvester, Old Castle Road SP1 3SF for Brunch.

For more information, please contact Melanie at 07813 193660 or [melaniesquire@gmail.com](mailto:melaniesquire@gmail.com).

## Friday Café @ St Francis 9.30 - 11.30 AM

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. .



# St Francis Community Singers

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SINGERS SANG AT VARIOUS EVENTS OVER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. HERE IS THE GROUP THAT SANG AT THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH IN DECEMBER



## 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. Term-time only.

### 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](http://www.homeinstead.co.uk/salisbury-and-romsey)



## PILATES with KATE

Classes Salisbury & Wilton

Private tuition available on request

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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. Licensed Zumba instructor.

## UPHOLSTERY CLASS

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](mailto:susanne@bysusanne.co.uk) for an information pack

crossword  
answers

**ACROSS:** 1, Prosperity, 7, Raisins, 8, Admitt, 10, View, 11, Confetti, 13, Distil, 15, Croyne, 17, Navigate, 18, Whit, 21, Enoch, 22, Trodden, 23, Prophetess.  
**DOWN:** 1, Pride, 2, Ovid, 3, Pastor, 4, Reaffirm, 5, Timothy, 6, Providence, 9, Tridentine, 12, Kingship, 14, Saviour, 16, Statue, 19, Hades, 20, Rome.

# FEBRUARY 2024

## WHAT'S ON

THURSDAY 1st Teddybears Toddler Group 10-11.30am

FRIDAY 2nd Friday Cafe at St Francis 9.30 - 11.30 am

### **SUNDAY 4TH**

HOPE 10am All Age (at Old Sarum Community Centre)

St Francis 9.30, 11am, 7pm Bible Focus & 7pm Youth (years 10-13)

MONDAY 5th St Francis Community Singers 2.30pm

TUESDAY 6th POLO (Parents of Little Ones) St Francis 9.45am

WEDNESDAY 7th Alpha Course at St Francis Lounge 7.30pm

THURSDAY 8th Teddybears Toddler Group 10-11.30am

FRIDAY 9th Friday Cafe at St Francis 9.30 - 11.30 am

FRIDAY 9th Friday Night Youth at St Francis 6-7.30pm (school years 6-9) 7.30-9pm (10-13)

### **SUNDAY 11TH (HALF TERM WEEK)**

HOPE 10am Messy Church

St Francis 9.30 & 11am

St Lawrence Evensong 4pm

MONDAY 12th St Francis Community Singers 2.30pm

WEDNESDAY 14th Alpha Course at St Francis Lounge 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 14th Mothers' Union 9.45

FRIDAY 16th Friday Cafe at St Francis 9.30 - 11.30 am

FRIDAY 16th Strictly Come Ladies at St Francis 7.30pm

### **SUNDAY 18TH**

HOPE 10am Sunday Gathering

St Francis 9.30, 11am & 7pm ENCOUNTER (Youth supper at 6pm)

MONDAY 19th St Francis Community Singers 2.30pm

TUESDAY 20th POLO (Parents of Little Ones) St Francis 9.45am

WEDNESDAY 21st Alpha Course at St Francis Lounge

THURSDAY 22nd Teddybears Toddler Group 10-11.30am

THURSDAY 22nd 50s and Beyond 11.00am Harvester

FRIDAY 23rd Friday Cafe at St Francis 9.30 - 11.30 am

FRIDAY 23rd Friday Night Youth at St Francis 6-7.30pm (school years 6-9) 7.30-9pm (10-13)

### **SUNDAY 25TH**

HOPE 10am Sunday Gathering with Bishop Andrew

St Francis 9.30 & 11am

MONDAY 26th St Francis Community Singers 2.30pm