

The Link

ST FRANCIS • OLD SARUM • LONGHEDGE

APRIL 24



WHAT'S ON AT HOPE CHURCH

Messy Church

Rev Suzie Allen arrives!

MISSION FOCUS

Womens' Refuge
&

Mission Aviation Fellowship

WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

APCM
28th April

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“Witnesses” at Hope Church

This month Hope Church are looking at “Witnesses”. On the 7th we will look at the story of Thomas and wonder about our own doubts.

Worship at St Francis www.st-francischurch.org.uk

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

9.30AM FRIENDLY TRADITIONAL SERVICE

11AM FAMILY SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S GROUPS

REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED FROM 10.30AM

7th April 2024

Fruit of the Spirit: Love

Matthew 22.36-40, Galatians 5.13-18, 22-25

BIBLE FOCUS 7PM

7PM 1ST SUNDAY BIBLE FOCUS

7PM 3RD SUNDAY ENCOUNTER

(ENCOUNTER ALTERNATES WITH ST PAUL'S CHURCH)

21st April 2024

Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

Ephesians 4.1-6, Galatians 5.13-18, 22-25

ENCOUNTER 7PM ST PAUL'S

14th April 2024

Fruit of the Spirit: Joy

Nehemiah 8.8-12, Galatians 5.13-18, 22-25

28th April 2024

10.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), joint service with Hope Church

EVENSONG AT ST LAWRENCE

Every second Sunday in the month at **6pm** (NB new time!) 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.saintlawrence.org.uk



Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" opens with words about showers in April. It's also a month famous for rain in England due to the popular saying: "April showers bring May flowers."



This reflects the common occurrence of wet weather during the month. April is a transitional month between winter and spring, characterized by changing weather patterns. These are associated with the warmer temperatures which increase atmospheric moisture as spring progresses.

We might actually find April showers quite useful if we are British. Rather than enduring an awkward silence with someone we recognise but hardly know, we can revert to a safe conversation about having a lot of weather recently. Too much or too little of the wet stuff is usually a safe topic. Although we might complain about the rain, we know that it is actually necessary and good in appropriate amounts.

Some things we know are good for us, but not pleasant (like medicine) whilst other things are pleasant but not good for us (like chocolate). I don't think that there are very many things that are both.

See how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity!
Psalm 133:1

But Psalm 133 reminds me of the daily miracle when family members can live together in close, loving, happy, and harmonious relationships.

It's one of the few things both **good AND pleasant**. The Psalm ends with the promise that a family living in unity is the place where God chooses to "bestow his blessing: even life for evermore".

That is something really worth working for with all our energy. Let's seek that blessing in our families and in the family of God.

Wishing you God's blessing in your close relationships,

Jean de Garis

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Hope CHURCH

Meetings at Hope Church have continued as usual, with the exception of 25th February, when we had a very special service led by Bishop Andrew of Ramsbury. This service started with a short slide show illustrating Hope Church's journey, from its inception as a small worshipping community led by the reverend Penny Joyce, up until the present day. The Bishop gave an inspiring talk on the words of Jesus to "take up your cross and follow me" and what this may mean to us today. Sung worship was led by Jean de Garis and members of the Hope music group. All in all, it was a lovely, memorable service and we all enjoyed meeting the Bishop, who made a point of talking to everyone there.

For the future, we are looking forward to the imminent arrival of the Reverend Suzie Allen, who moves into the house in Robin Road on 4th April and who will be formally licensed on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.00p.m. in St Lawrence Church, Stratford-Sub-Castle. As Hope will be sharing Suzie with St Lawrence, the exact arrangements for what services will be led by Suzie in which location have yet to be worked out. It will be an exciting challenge working out the logistics!

We are also looking forward to celebrating Easter at Hope on 31st March and to the annual Easter Egg Hunt on 30th March, from 2.00 – 4.30p.m. At £1 per child, the Easter Egg Hunt is great value. As well as the hunt itself and the reward of an egg for those taking part, tea and cake will be served in the Longhedge and Old Sarum Community Centre afterwards. Why not come along and join in the fun?



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THE BLESSING OF OLD SARUM COMMUNITY PANTRY AND WARM SPACE

There is nothing quite like the smell of bacon cooking or, if you are vegetarian, biting into hot cheese toasties. You can experience both of these things every Wednesday morning between 9.30 and 12.00 o'clock at Old Sarum Community Centre.

It is a warm and welcoming place, with the opportunity, if you live on the Old Sarum or Longhedge estates, of becoming a Pantry member for just £1. You are then able to browse the cupboard shelves, fridges and freezers, choosing 10 points worth of food for £3.50 or 15 points worth for £5. Amazing value!



Steadily, local residents are finding it is an excellent place to drop in and meet up with friends or perhaps make some new ones over a tea/coffee. It is run by volunteers and is a wonderful example of the difference that can be made when the community comes together to make full use of the Blessings of their Community Centre. If you haven't visited yet, do come - you can be sure of a warm welcome.

I would like to thank all those who have made this generous venture possible and pray that it may continue to thrive and grow.

April Hall (Hope Church)



St. Lawrence Church

The Right Reverend Dr. Andrew Rumsey,
Bishop of Ramsbury

**will be leading the
Licensing Service for Revd Suzie Allen
as Associate Priest
at St. Lawrence Church and Hope Church**

**St. Lawrence Church
Tuesday 23rd April
at 7pm**

All are welcome to join in this joyous occasion,
after which refreshments will be served in the
Reading Room

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

what's coming up April '24

SUNDAY 7TH AT 10AM | ALL AGE WORSHIP

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

This week our theme is: Thomas - Do we have doubts?

SUNDAY 14TH 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 21ST 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: Witnesses

SUNDAY 28TH AT 10.30AM | APCM AT ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Combined service with St. Francis for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

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

MISSION

We have two missions this month: one local and one in the wider global community, both doing essential work.

MAF, Mission Aviation Fellowship, is one of the operations we support.

In case you have not had the chance to read my earlier reports on the work of MAF, I will start with brief details about what this amazing organisation does:

MAF is an organisations that helps isolated communities in need, using small planes to access remote locations. The concept started in 1945 when 3 young pilots felt that this was something that they could be involved with. Starting with one plane, it has grown enormously, and now operates 138.

MAF's vision is 'To see isolated people changed by the love of Christ.'

- Imagine if your community had no roads and little access to the outside world
- How would you or your family reach a doctor if you were sick or injured? How can you receive an education or job opportunities?
- This is the reality for millions of people
- Jungles, mountains, swamps, insecurity and a dilapidated infrastructure are all barriers to receiving physical and spritual care and a hope for the future.



This map shows how much time is saved by air travel



MAF combines the work of evangelism and the love of Jesus Christ, bringing the Gospel to people along with looking after their medical welfare and spiritual needs. They use planes positively to spread the peace of God rather than negatively to spread conflict.

MAF partners with many other charities and their latest news magazine explains how they help a medical mission with a portable laboratory to check the safety and quality of medicines being supplied to rural communities.

Each quarter they produce a magazine full of articles about recent work they have done, together with a small booklet that gives subjects for prayer for every day of the week.

Currently they are concerned about the difficulties of finding and training more pilots. Just as important are the engineers who maintain the planes - without engineers there can be no flights. MAF run their own training school but they do need candidates to train. Would you be interested in this amazing opportunity to have a career full of variety and excitement which spreads the news of Jesus' love and is also vital to support those who live in remote locations?

To find out more email HR@MAF-UK.org or phone 01303 850950

MAF also has an excellent website if you want to know more about them!

Sally Reed

MISSION



Salisbury Women's Refuge

2023 was our first year without any funding from Wiltshire Council under any form of contract; we do claim Housing Benefit for our residents, and were able to agree a higher weekly rate for this during the year, but it was still a difficult year financially, and forced us to concentrate on fund-raising to a greater extent than we have done previously. I was delighted that we were successful in some of our bids, to the tune of £35,000, but fund-raising is a time-consuming and frustrating exercise, and we will have to repeat this success every year (with an increased amount) to keep the Refuge running.

On a more positive note, we have completed almost all of the major items of repair and refurbishment that we had identified, so our costs in this area should be lower for a few years at least.

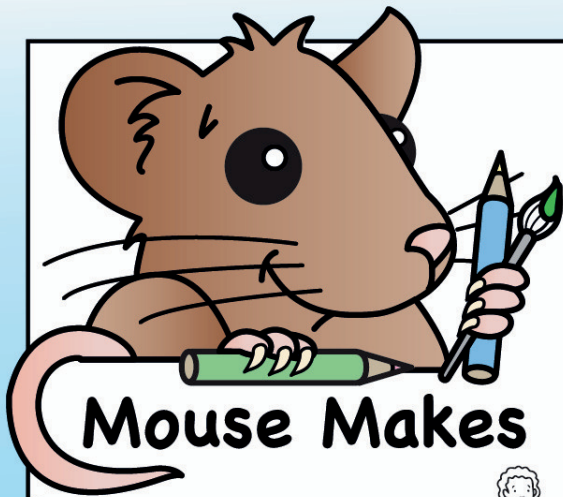
We managed one noticeable first during the year – a baby was born in the Refuge! We have had new babies there before, but this time the mother did not allow time to get to the hospital. The baby featured a few weeks later as the baby Jesus in our annual crib service, sleeping peacefully throughout. The service was led by our very own Jean de Garis, and our organist Nicola played a keyboard to accompany the singing, so there was good support from St Francis.

Following resignations during the year we will very soon be starting to look for new Trustees. If anyone feels that they want to help the Refuge going forward, and would like to find out about what being a Trustee involves, please contact me.

Thank you

Colin Reed





Mouse Makes



How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?

Read John 21:14



How many disciples were there? Who were they?

Read John 21: 11

Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing. They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked; "Have you caught anything?" "Not a thing" they answered.



He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some." So they did and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net.

Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"



READ

the story in **John 21**

How many fish did they catch? Read John 21: 11

A large illustration of a fishing net containing a grid of letters. The net is surrounded by many cartoon fish. The letters in the grid are:

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

DISCIPLES • TIBERIAS • SEA • SIMON PETER • THOMAS • NATHANAEAL • JOHN • DAY FISHING • BOAT • NIGHT • CAUGHT • NOTHING • WATER • SHORE • FISH • CAST • NET RIGHT • FIND • HAUL • LORD • FULL • LAND • FIRE • BREAD • BREAKFAST • JESUS

TEAMS BEHIND THE SCENES - SOUND AND VISION

AT ST FRANCIS...

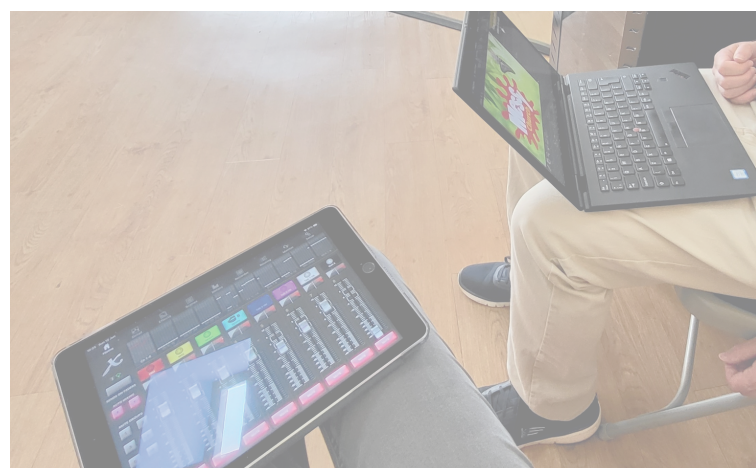
One of the many “teams behind the scenes” at St Francis can be found working hard at the back of church every Sunday. The sound and vision desk is a hive of activity as the team make sure that the sound levels are right for the singers and instruments of the worship band and that everyone in church can easily see the words to songs, that images or videos are clear and, most importantly, that everything happens in the right order!

Every Sunday two volunteers run the desk, one on sound and one on vision. Our thanks go out to all of them as it can be quite high pressure when things don't go to plan (or if clergy swap the order of service unexpectedly!) Thank you to Brian, Calum, Martin, Moira, Sam, Marie, Graham, and all those who have served in this way before them.

The sound and vision desk - a thing of beauty to those who are technically minded, is alive with screens and wires going in all directions!

...AND AT HOPE CHURCH...

If operating St Francis's audio visual system is like serving dinner from your own well-equipped kitchen, at Hope Church it's more like a roadside picnic - wondering whether everything is in the hamper and packing up in a hurry because another family is hovering by the bench! When Hope started, we used equipment kindly loaned by Lytchett Minster. Soon John, who first learned about tech thirty years ago from Gareth at St Francis, was ready to design our own system. It needed to be extremely flexible as regards layout and capability, rapid to set up and put away, and must all be stored securely in limited space. Oh yes, and he had to stick to a budget! He built a rack-mounted system making use of wireless technology where possible, projecting visuals onto a bare wall and mixing sound via an iPad. Everything is set up and run each week by father-daughter team John and Emma. They are currently enjoying having more sound channels to mix as our worship group grows and develops.



CHICKEN & CHORIZO JAMBALAYA

from the BBC Good Food website

L Prep: 10 mins **E** Easy **F** Serves 4
Cook: 45 mins

A healthy Cajun-inspired rice pot recipe that's bursting with spicy Spanish sausage, sweet peppers and tomatoes.

Ingredients

1 tbsp [olive oil](#)

2 [chicken breasts](#), chopped

1 [onion](#), diced

1 [red pepper](#), thinly sliced

2 [garlic cloves](#), crushed

75g [chorizo](#), sliced

1 tbsp Cajun seasoning

250g [long grain rice](#)

400g [can plum tomato](#)

350ml chicken stock

RECIPE TIPS

USE UP LEFTOVER CAJUN SEASONING

Cut 2 chicken breasts into strips, mix

1 tbsp of Cajun seasoning with a little oil and rub all over the chicken. Fry for 6-8 mins until golden and cooked through.

Serve with guacamole, soured cream, a tub of salsa and some flour tortillas.



Method

STEP 1

Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a large [frying pan](#) with a lid and brown 2 chopped chicken breasts for 5-8 mins until golden.

STEP 2

Remove and set aside. Tip in the 1 diced onion and cook for 3-4 mins until soft.

STEP 3

Add 1 thinly sliced red pepper, 2 crushed [garlic](#) cloves, 75g sliced chorizo and 1 tbsp Cajun seasoning, and cook for 5 mins more.

STEP 4

Stir the chicken back in with 250g long grain rice, add the 400g can of tomatoes and 350ml chicken stock. Cover and simmer for 20-25 mins until the rice is tender.

WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

STRICTLY COME LADIES



SHOW AND TELL SUPPERTIME

For our meeting on April 19th you are invited to come and try a choice of Pasta dishes. Then take us down memory lane by bringing in something that helps you tell a story. Ladies of all ages welcome - 7.30pm in the BeatriceRoom
Contact: Jenny Pankhurst Tel:328761 April Hall Tel:414296 or Jacky Macleod
email: jacky.macleod1@ntlworld.com

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, or to be added to the email distribution list, contact kris@richardson.net or any of the organizers.

Monday, April 22, 10:00am/12:00pm

Meet outside the Salisbury Odeon at 10am for a “behind the scenes” tour exploring the Medieval Building and it’s subsequent life as a theatre and cinema. Cost £5 donation to the Odeon chosen charity Mind. (Warning: there are stairs to be climbed) . Lunch follows at Jenny’s Bistro Café at Noon, Unit 4 Market Walk. Come for the tour, or the lunch or both! Please confirm your attendance to Kris Richardson Smith at kris@richardson.net or 07793 500331.

Tuesday, May 7, 12:30 for 1:00pm

Join us at Everyman Cinema to watch Roman Holiday at 1:00pm. All are welcome to this Dementia friendly event. It is free, but donations to Silver Salisbury are welcome. Complimentary tea or coffee will be available.
For more information or questions, please contact Catherine Turrell at CATHERYN.TURRELL62@OUTLOOK.COM or 01980258251 or 0754197289.

ST FRANCIS
LIFE WITH GOD

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

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. .



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12 - 18 MAY 2024

Money raised will:-

- Contribute to disaster relief
- Help long term sustainable development schemes in struggling countries such as Somalia
- Contribute to campaigns for trade justice and sustainable development

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

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.

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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.

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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 for an information pack



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.

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APRIL 2024

WHAT'S ON

EVERY WEEK:

MONDAYS St Francis Community Singers 2.30pm

TUESDAYS POLO (Parents of Little Ones) St Francis 9.45am

THURSDAYS Teddybears Toddler Group 10-11.30am

FRIDAYS Friday Cafe at St Francis 9.30 - 11.30 am

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

SUNDAY 7TH

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

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

SUNDAY 14TH

HOPE 10am Messy Church

St Francis 9.30 & 11am

St Lawrence Evensong 4pm

WEDNESDAY 13th Mothers' Union 9.45 St Francis

SUNDAY 21ST

HOPE 10am Sunday Gathering

St Francis 9.30, 11am

7pm ENCOUNTER at St Paul's Church

SUNDAY 28TH

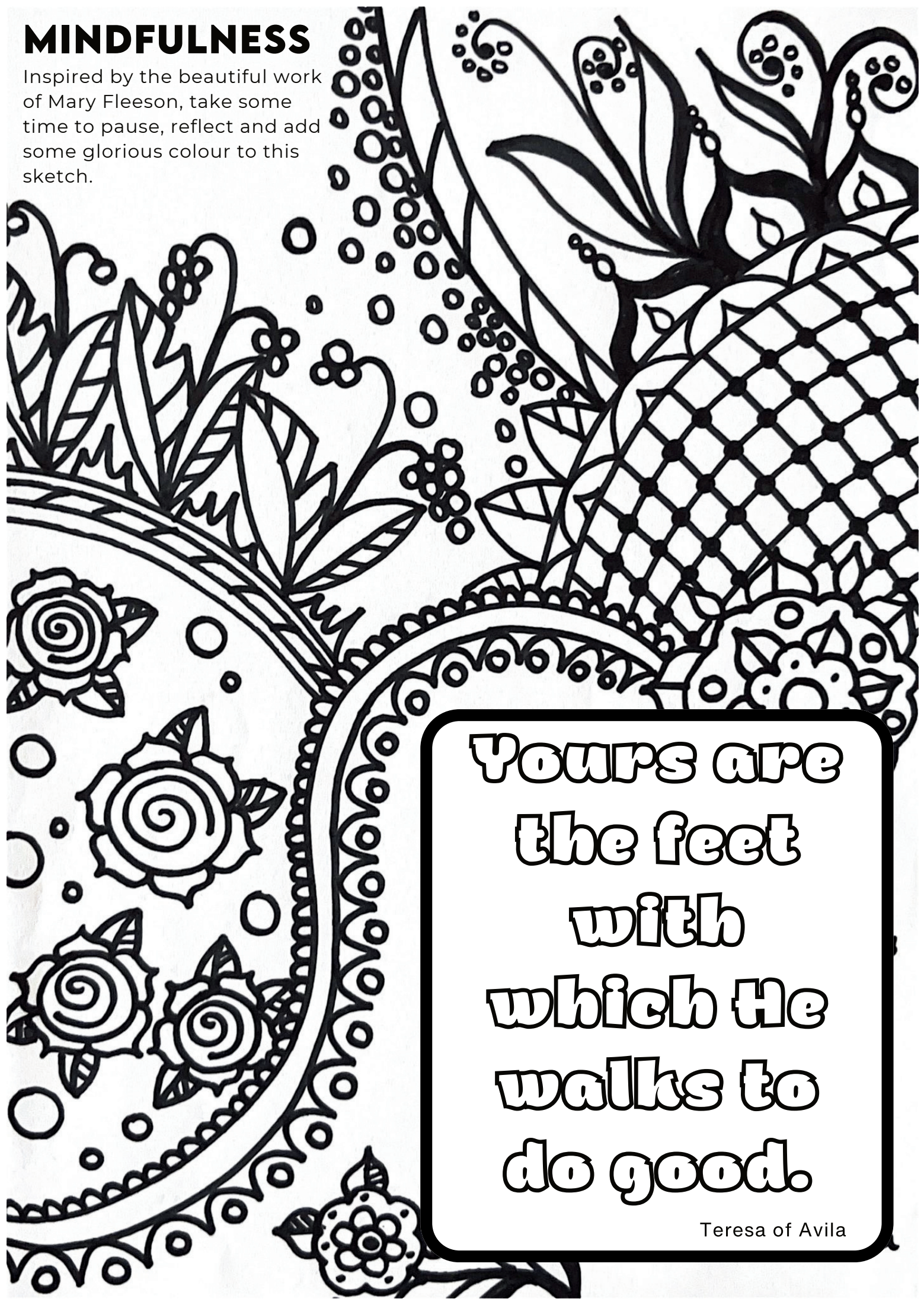
Joint service at St Francis together with the Hope

Church Community for the Annual Parochial Church

Meeting at 10.30am. No service at Hope Church

MINDFULNESS

Inspired by the beautiful work of Mary Fleeson, take some time to pause, reflect and add some glorious colour to this sketch.



**Yours are
the feet
with
which He
walks to
do good.**

Teresa of Avila