

# The Link

ST FRANCIS • OLD SARUM • LONGHEDGE

SEPTEMBER 2025

## WHAT'S ON AT HOPE CHURCH

**NEW SERIES:**  
FRONTLINE  
**Messy Church:**  
14<sup>th</sup> September

## MISSION FOCUS

**MOTHERS' UNION &  
ALABARE**

## WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS

**COMMUNITY SHOW**  
13 SEP  
**ALPHA & ALPHA YOUTH**  
START 23 & 21 SEP

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## WORSHIP AT ST FRANCIS

### SEPTEMBER:

#### 7 JESUS' WAY OF FULFILLING THE LAW

Matt 23.1-12 / Matt 5.17-20

#### 14 IF LOOKS COULD KILL

Genesis 4.1-12 / Matt 5.21-26

#### 21 SEEING WITH PURE EYES

1 Timothy 4.11-5.2 / Matt 5.27-30

#### 28 MISSION SUNDAY

John 4.34-38

### Regular Sunday Services

- 9.30am Friendly traditional service
- 11am Family service with children's groups
- Refreshments are served from 10.30am



## STRATFORD SUB CASTLE SUMMER SUNDAY CAFÉS - 2025

Cafés take place on the first Sunday of the month from May to September, with the proceeds being donated to a different local charity each month.

Sunday Opening Times are 2.30pm to 4.30pm. As well as our ever-popular homemade cakes, we will have homemade scones with jam & clotted cream, and homemade savoury cheese scones with cheese and chutney, all at very reasonable prices. So why not come along and treat the family!

Located in the Reading Room, SP1 3LL (opposite St Lawrence Church), there is ample free parking, plus disability access and facilities. We have seating indoors as well as outdoors in our garden area, weather permitting.

**To fertile vales and dewy meads,  
My weary wandering steps he leads.  
Where peaceful rivers, soft and slow,  
Amid the verdant landscape flow.**

These words were penned by Joseph Addison (1672 – 1719) about the Avon River. Addison lived a little further up the river from us in Milston, a hamlet just north of Durrington. The words are based on Psalm 23, which highlights God's creation as a place of restoration and rest.

How have you been enjoying nature this Summer? I have discovered the river path from Salisbury along the Avon to Stratford-sub-Castle. It offers a treasury of reeds and bullrushes, otters and bats. There are plenty of references in the gospels to Jesus loving nature, from his allegories based on natural processes to his being up early to pray on the mountainside.

Taking notice of the changes and delights of nature can play a part in having a good sense of wellbeing. There is a page about this at [francischurch.org.uk/good-mental-wellbeing](http://francischurch.org.uk/good-mental-wellbeing).

With blessings,

*Joe*

Rev Joe Stone



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# what's coming up September '25

Our Sunday services are held  
at Old Sarum Community  
Centre, Pheasant Drive, Old  
Sarum SP4 6GH

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 10AM**

**ALL AGE**

Frontline Sermon Series (1)

Theme: **All the difference in the world.**

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 10AM**

**MESSY CHURCH**

Join us for our monthly all-age session of  
food, faith and fun! The theme is:

**Really Royal, Fame and Fortune:  
King Solomon & the Queen of Sheba**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 10AM**

**SUNDAY GATHERING WITH HOPE KIDS  
AND COMMUNION**

Frontline Sermon Series (2)

Theme: **Wherever we are.**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 10AM**

**ALL AGE**

**With 'GAMEZONE' for kids, to allow adults  
to get the most out of the Frontline  
material.**

Frontline Sermon Series (3)

Theme: **Whatever we do.**

**NEW!**



As the Summer holidays give way to the normal rhythms of the school year, this month I am going to let the photographs do the talking: On the 22<sup>nd</sup> June it was the 'Food for Thought Barbecue' and on 29<sup>th</sup> June it was the Hope Church Big Day Out at the Dorset Heavy Horse Farm - expertly organised by Joy. The church family had a wonderful time ... I did too, apart from having a go on the vertical drop slide (which was 'interesting!'). During September, we are starting the Frontline sermon series which is an eight-session course that'll help you grow more like Jesus where you are - I can't wait for you to join us!



Rev Suzie.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER



# Josh's Sports Day



Join us at  
Old Sarum and  
Longhedge  
Community  
Centre  
20<sup>th</sup> September  
2-4pm



Come and tackle the  
obstacle course for  
everyone!

Follow the QR code for  
the Just Giving page and  
a summary of Josh's story:



Play games and help us raise  
money for this vital society.  
1 in every 2000 people in the  
UK is affected by  
a blood disorder.

## What is haemophilia?

Haemophilia is a lifelong, inherited bleeding disorder. In haemophilia one of the clotting factor proteins important for blood clotting is either partly or completely missing. People with haemophilia take longer than normal for bleeding to stop. They may have bleeding into joints and muscles without having had an injury, so treatment is aimed at reducing spontaneous bleeding.

## Why are we fundraising with a Sports Day?

Exercise and physical activity play a huge part in living with haemophilia helping to protect their joints, as well as being essential for living a full and healthy life - and that's the same for everyone not just those with bleeding disorders!

## DROP BY OUR FUNDRAISING EVENT!



Just Giving QR  
Code available  
at the door for  
your donation -  
no donation is  
too small!



- Snacks and drinks available
- Obstacle course designed for under 5s, but great fun for everyone!
- Games for all, e.g. Tin Can Alley and Giant Jenga

## IS GEN Z COMING TO CHURCH?

Could it be true that a Quiet Revival (as the report is called) is taking place? Another reasonably large survey commissioned by the Bible Society's research team suggests it could be.

In March 2025 Bible Society repeated a survey they had carried out in 2018, asking 13,000 people if they went to church (It was 19,000 in the 2018 study).

Perhaps to their surprise, but, as suspected by others, and to the incredulity of still many others, they reported that attendance at church once a month in England and Wales had increased from 8% in 2018 to 12% in 2025, and the increase was mostly seen among those aged 18 to 34, defined generally as those born between 1997 and 2012; that is, those now aged 12 to 27 in 2024.

A more detailed breakdown showed that in every age-group, men are attending more than women, except for those aged 65 plus, where the percentages are equal. For men aged 18 to 24, this meant an increase from 4% in 2018 to 21% in 2024 and for women from 3% to 12%, respectively.

Whatever the reason some Gen Z people are coming to church, the report's findings agreed with other studies - that churchgoers are often happier than those not going to church.

As for denominations, the Roman Catholic growth has been substantial and widespread. The Daily Telegraph 'Features' supplement in April had the headline: 'The extraordinary resurgence of Catholicism in Britain', and explained, "Gen Z want to belong - modern life can be lonely .... They have digital friends but never meet them. They are crying out for community." The Catholics have 1.8 million people attending Mass on a Sunday.



Over the summer we have been running our annual Church on the Green family services at St Francis. This year we have been learning about how Jesus described Himself, looking at a different 'I am' each week - I am the way, the truth, the life; I am the light of the world; I am the true vine; I am the good shepherd; I am the bread of life.

As we've looked at each theme we've thought about what that means for us and our lives.

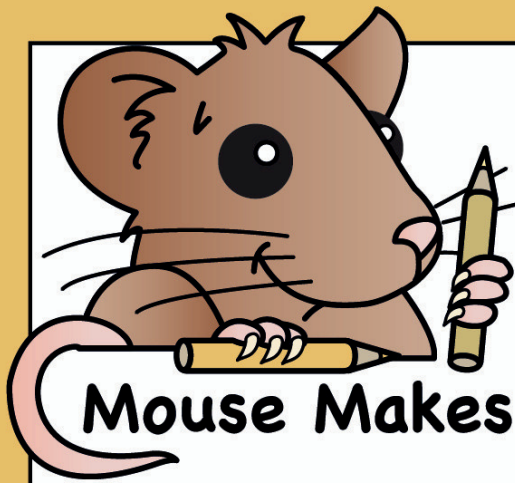
Over the summer we've tried leaf bashing, clay printing, making stick candles and a weaving frame and we've baked bread on a stick on the fire.



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# Mouse Makes

"May the people **praise** you **God**...  
The **land yields** its harvest, God,  
our God **blesses** us."

- from Psalm 67:5-6

"**Honour** the  
**Lord** with your  
wealth and the  
first part of  
your **harvest**."

- Proverbs 3:9

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.  
He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains  
at the right time. He makes sure that we  
have the harvest at just the right **time**."

- from Jeremiah 5:24

"God... gives you **rain** from  
heaven and good harvests  
at the right times. He gives  
you plenty of **food** and  
fills your hearts with **joy**."

- from Acts 14:16-17

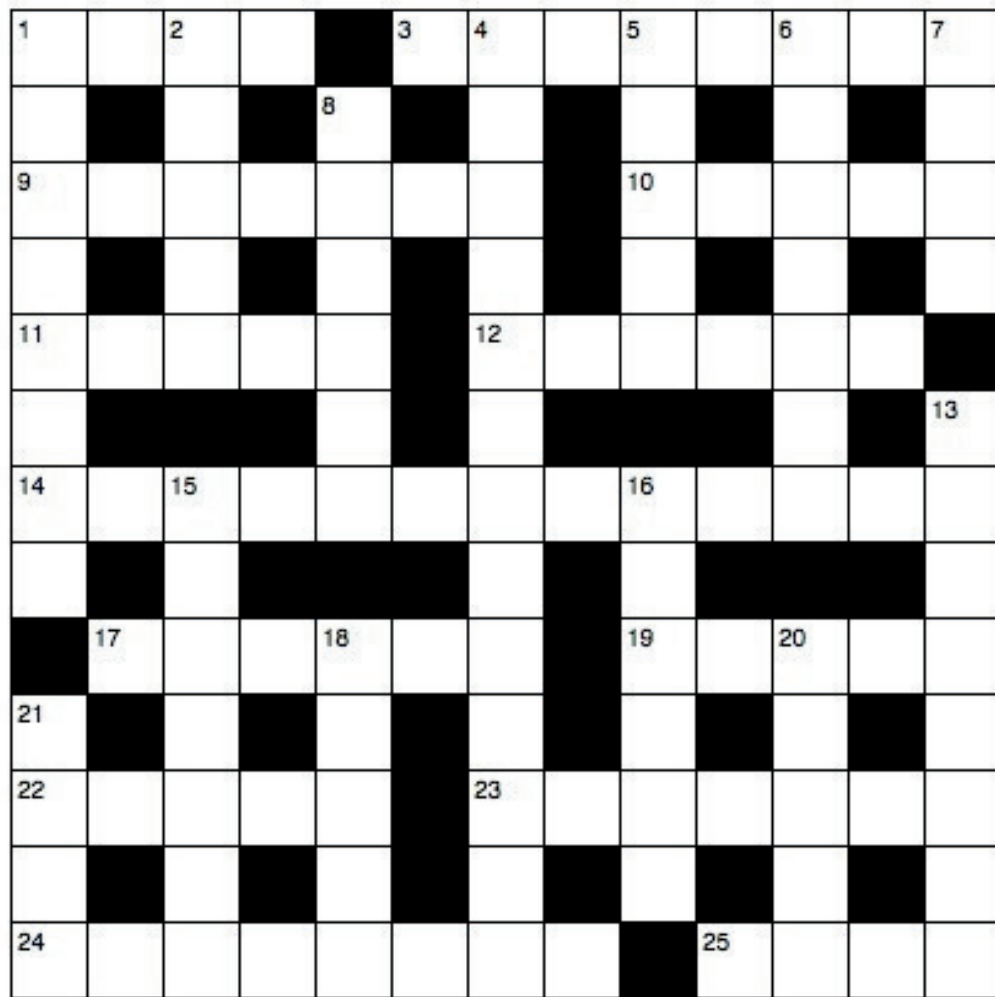
"So the one who **plants** is not  
important, and the one who **waters**  
is not important. Only GOD is  
important because He is the one  
who makes things **grow**."

- 1 Corinthians 3:7

**D E B R E A D C R O P S**  
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Find the words in **bold** type in the bible quotes in the  
wordsearch then look for the words below too!

- PLOUGH • FIELD • SOIL • SCATTER • SOW • SEEDS • SUN
- REAP • PICK • CROPS • GRAIN • CORN • BARN • BREAD • THANKSGIVING



### Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)  
 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)  
 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)  
 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)  
 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)  
 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)  
 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)  
 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)  
 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)  
 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)  
 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)  
 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)  
 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

### Down

- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)  
 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)  
 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)  
 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)  
 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)  
 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)  
 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)  
 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)  
 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)  
 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27-28) (6)  
 18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)  
 20 Episcopal headwear (5)  
 21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

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Government figures published in February for the numbers of people sleeping rough on a particular night in November showed an increase of 20% on the previous year. Alabaré is determined to work to break the cycle of homelessness. Would you help us?

To mark World Homeless Day on Friday October 10th we would love you to hold a sponsored BIG Sleep at Home to raise funds for our local homes and services. It could be in your local church, school or community hall or your garden. We will provide information on how to make it a successful event and during the evening we are planning to join everyone together online to celebrate the impact you are all making.



Do let me know if you can help us, and if you would like to organise a different event – maybe a pub quiz, a darts event or a bake sale – that would be fabulous too! Your one act of compassion will ensure we can bring more of the most vulnerable and homeless off the street, providing homes, restoring hearts and empowering minds. Thank you so much for your support.

Helen Inglis,  
Community Fundraising Officer  
h.inglis@alabare.co.uk




### ST FRANCIS MOTHER'S UNION PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the Beatrice Room at St Francis from 9.45 am for a 10.00 a.m. start. Each month there is a theme or a speaker, followed by our usual time for coffee or tea and biscuits and some socialising.

Parish Communion is at 11.00 a.m. Others are welcome to join us for this service. It's a great group for worship, prayer and mutual support and friendship.




Diocese of Salisbury



## Welcome to Alpha

Alpha at St Francis starts  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30pm  
Contact Jean for more information



**Unpack the Christian faith together.**

- 01 Meet new people.
- 02 Unpack a big question.
- 03 Have an open conversation.

And that's it.

# ANCIENT ANGLO-SAXON TEXT SPARKS 5,200% INSTAGRAM FOLLOWER SURGE

## “Hlyst nu!”

That’s Old English for “Listen up!”

And that’s exactly what’s happening, as a video with an unexpected subject has captured the attention of hundreds of thousands of viewers around the world.

A video of Everyday Faith Editor Alexandra Zhirnova reading the Nicene Creed in Old English has exploded across the Church of England’s digital channels, and beyond, racking up nearly half a million impressions and sparking a global wave of engagement.

The video opens with a short introduction: “What you’re about to hear is the oldest English translation of the Nicene Creed, written in the year 992 by a monk called Ælfric. Ælfric lived a thousand years ago, but his world was not so different from ours. He believed that understanding the word of God would give people hope and guide them in their lives.”

Ælfric translated the Creed, along with parts of the Bible, from Latin into his native tongue; what we now call Old English. While much of the language is unfamiliar to modern ears, some words remain recognisable, and viewers are encouraged to listen closely and share any they spot.

The response to the video has been nothing short of extraordinary. Since its release, it has generated over 400,000 impressions across the Church of England’s social media channels, with over 37,000 engagements including likes, comments and shares.

On Instagram, the video has become the most saved piece of content the Church has ever posted, achieving the highest reach and the second-highest number of impressions of any video on the platform to date. Meanwhile, on TikTok, it has quickly climbed the ranks to become the second most viewed video, with the highest number of comments and shares ever recorded on the Church’s account.

Before joining the Church of England as Everyday Faith Editor, Alexandra completed a PhD in Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic at the University of Cambridge. Her academic work focused on Anglo-Saxon Christianity, with a particular interest in the role of women in the early Church - making her uniquely placed to bring this ancient text to life for a modern audience.

The video's success has also translated into a dramatic surge in followers. In just seven days, the Church saw a 583 per cent increase in new followers compared to the previous week. Instagram alone has seen a staggering 5,200 per cent jump, while TikTok followers have grown by 1,600 per cent. Overall video views across all platforms have risen by 90 per cent in the same period.

And reception has been overwhelmingly positive with the video reaching an international audience, and German, Dutch, and Scandinavian language speakers responding to appreciate how similar Old English sounds to their native languages.

This viral moment comes as the Church marks the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, a cornerstone of Christian belief since AD 325. So, if you haven’t already, why not have a listen and tell us how many words you recognise?

# WHAT'S ON AT ST FRANCIS



JOIN OUR PRESCHOOL FAMILY

## LADYBIRDS PRESCHOOL



Open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 3.15pm Wiltshire  
Term Time Only. Beatrice Rd, Salisbury, SP1 3PN



### COMMUNICATION

We believe that every member of our preschool family has the right to express themselves openly with confidence and feel valued



### SUPPORT

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FOURTH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
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PRAYER ROOM, ST FRANCIS CHURCH



### Salisbury's Tuneful Souls

Salisbury's Tuneful Souls are a friendly and fun community based choir performing well known songs in two/three part harmonies of varied genres led by an energetic, fun and passionate choir leader.

#### Tuesdays

Venue: St Francis Community Church Hall

Time: 7.30pm-8.45pm.

Cost: £7 per session (paid termly)

Why not come along and sign up for a free taster session.

Contact choir leader: Mrs Dawn Knight ALCM (TD)

Email address: [dawn\\_oxley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dawn_oxley@yahoo.co.uk)

## 50S AND BEYOND



Hope you can join us in September. Don't forget to invite family, friends and neighbours; the more the merrier. 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](mailto:kris@richardson.net) or any of the organisers.

### THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER, 10:00 AM

We are joining the Ramblers Wellbeing Walks which will start in the Chorister's Green in the Salisbury Cathedral Close. There are 2 levels of walks, the shorter is 45-60 minutes, mainly over level ground and a longer 90 minute more challenging walk. Please dress accordingly and bring water etc.

No need to book. Contact Kris Richardson with any questions or concerns at [kris@richardson.net](mailto:kris@richardson.net), 07963 500331 or Gordon Stack at [copsewood02@btinternet.com](mailto:copsewood02@btinternet.com) or 07708 835303.

# CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES



Last year we had an extremely successful collection for House of Opportunity Shoe Boxes. To spread the load we collect every week until nearer the time we need to fill them. A box will be in the Beatrice Room and suggestions for donations each month. Please remember it all has to fit into a shoe box!! Do check the House of Opportunity website or Facebook to see what other amazing work is done. <https://houseofopportunity.org/>

**This month we'd love donations of soap, toothpaste, flannels, hair brushes, toys (not cars) and colouring pencils. All items must be new please.**

**Tickets  
£7.50 to include  
crafts & refreshments**

## for Christmas *Create*

**A fun ladies evening to try some Christmas crafts  
Friday 21st November 2025  
7:30-9:30pm at St Francis Church**

Please book by Fri **14<sup>th</sup> November** on ChurchSuite or contact  
Jacky Macleod 07981 789601,  
Emma Turner [emmalsquire@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emmalsquire@yahoo.co.uk)  
or Jane Franchi [admin@st-francischurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@st-francischurch.org.uk)

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**ACROSS: 1, Also, 3, Offering, 9, The Magi, 10, Rules, 11, Soper, 12, Help me, 14, Isaac and Jacob, 17, Scorch, 19, In man, 22, Loads, 23, Inertia, 24, Vicinity, 25, Belt.**

**DOWN: 1, Artistic, 2, Sleep, 4, Faith in Christ, 5, Enrol, 6, Islamic, 7, Gasp, 8, Fabric, 13, Abundant, 15, Archaic, 16, Jailer, 18, Resin, 20, Mitre, 21, Slav.**

# Ladies Together

invites ladies from St Lawrence, St Francis and Hope Churches to meet one another socially on the second Thursday of the month. Meetings are in a variety of locations and for a range of activities - always with time for a coffee and a chat! 10am unless advised otherwise.

**September 11th – 10.30 am**  
**Sarum College**

Enjoy a guided view of the recently installed St John Bible, an artistic biblical masterpiece, courtesy of Head Librarian Jayne Downey.

Stay for coffee, or just come for coffee and chat at around 11.00 am

## 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, we restart on 8 Sep**



## FRIDAY CAFÉ @ ST FRANCIS



The cafe is open to anyone, every Friday 9.30 - 11.30am. Offering fresh filter coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits, all £1 per item, including free refills.



## STRICTLY LADIES

**SEP 19TH 7.30 P.M.**  
**ST FRANCIS BEATRICE ROOM**

Strictly Ladies will once again be meeting for a shared meal on the third Friday of September. Bring either a savoury dish or dessert to share. Nibbles such as crisps also appreciated if it's the first time you have joined us and are not sure what to bring. It will be an opportunity to catch up with friends or, if it's the first time you have come, to make new ones. It will be fun to find out how our bowling evening went in July and enjoy a relaxed evening over a meal.

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.

## ZUMBA





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Jacky Macleod Tel 01722 500659



## EASY APPLE CRUMBLE

**Prepare:** less than 30 mins

**Cook:** 30 mins to 1 hour

**Dietary:**

- **Egg-free**
- **Nut-free**
- **Pregnancy-friendly**
- **Vegetarian**

**Serves 6**

### INGREDIENTS

#### For the crumble

- 300g/10½oz plain flour
- pinch of salt
- 175g/6oz brown sugar
- 200g/7oz unsalted butter at room temperature, cubed, plus a little for greasing

#### For the filling

- 450g/1lb apples, peeled, cored and cut into 1cm/½in pieces (see recipe tip)
- 50g/2oz brown sugar
- 1 tbsp plain flour
- 1 pinch ground cinnamon

### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/ Gas 4.
1. Place the flour, salt and sugar in a large bowl and mix well. Taking a few cubes of butter at a time rub into the flour mixture. Keep rubbing until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs and all the butter is incorporated.
2. Place the fruit in a large bowl and sprinkle over the sugar, flour and cinnamon. Stir well, being careful not to break up the fruit.
3. Butter a 24cm/9in ovenproof dish. Spoon the fruit mixture into the bottom, then sprinkle the crumble mixture on top.
4. Bake for 40–45 minutes until the crumble is browned and the fruit mixture bubbling.
5. Serve with thick cream or custard

### How do you prevent apples going mushy in crumble?

Bramley apples (also known as cooking apples) will cook down and become beautifully soft and fluffy. If you prefer more distinct apple pieces, use eating apples and reduce the sugar quantity a little (as they are naturally sweeter than Bramley apples).

**WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?**

Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose.  
[alpha.org/youth](http://alpha.org/youth) | @alphayth

Have questions about life, faith and purpose?

Save the date: Youth Alpha

young people  
 sharing their experiences

Games

dinner

WATCHING A VIDEO

Asking questions like:

What makes me happy?

What would I ask God if I met him today?

What does forgiveness mean?

Salisbury Baptist Church and  
 St Francis Church

Co-hosted by leaders and youth

**Who:** Everyone within school years 6 to 13

**Where:** Salisbury Baptist Church

**When:** Sunday evenings 5pm - 8pm

Term Time only

September 21<sup>st</sup> - December 7<sup>th</sup>

To find out more or to sign up, get in touch!

Hannah @ SBC: 07786 000256

Sophie @ St Francis: 07830 021272

# Community Show

## 'Bake, Grow, Make, Show'

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

St Francis Church, Beatrice Road, Salisbury

*Do you enjoy baking? Got a good holiday photo? Have you been growing vegetables? Have you taken up a new hobby during lockdown? Do you fancy having a go at flower arranging?*

Then have a go, all abilities and ages welcome

**Closing date for entry forms Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2025.** Schedules available from St Francis Church, 1 Assisi Road or Castlemere Stratford Sub Castle.  
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