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Notices for the week commencing Sunday October 4, 2020.



October 4 - The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Although he lived some 800 years ago Saint Francis is still influencing Christians today who seek to follow his teaching and rules of life. He was born into a wealthy family but after being held captive for a year when fighting in a battle he decided to re-evaluate his life. Upon hearing the Gospel of the commissioning of the twelve from St Matthew he chose a life of poverty. He obtained a coarse woollen tunic as worn by the poorest peasants and tied it round him with a knotted rope. He went out into the country preaching to the ordinary people about brotherly love, peace and the need for penance. His example drew others to him and within a year he had eleven followers.

Francis composed a rule '*to follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and to follow in his footsteps.*' The Franciscan order was endorsed by the Pope in 1210.

This was followed by the second order, for women, now known as the Poor Clares. He later formed a third order for laity and clergy who could not leave their homes. They did not take religious vows but observed the principles of Franciscan life in their daily lives. This third order is now known as the Secular Franciscan Order. There are also several Anglican communities inspired by Francis including the Society of St. Francis.

Francis believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his brothers and sisters and in his Canticle to the Sun he mentioned Brother Sun and Sister Moon. Shortly before his death Francis saw a vision of a seraph, a six winged angel on a cross. This angel gave him the gift of the five wounds of Christ, the Stigmata. He died singing Psalm 142 *'I cry to the Lord'*.

How appropriate it is to be celebrating Harvest on the Feast of St Francis. Richard.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

October 4. Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am	Said Eucharist	<i>The Revd Nigel Hinton</i>
	<i>Gospel reading</i>	Matthew 21: 33-end (990)
3.00pm	Afternoon Prayer	<i>Leader Grant Pyner</i>
	<i>Gospel reading</i>	1 John 2: 1-17 (1225)

Sunday October 4 - **Harvest Festival**. This year the festival will be during the 10.00am service on Zoom. As in previous years we invite donations of food and toiletries for Crawley Open House, but this year, not clothing. They may be brought to church at any time the church is open: Sundays 8am - 4pm, Mondays 4-5pm, Wednesdays 4-5pm.

Sunday October 4 – This service of **Afternoon Prayer** at 3.00pm in church will be led by Grant Pyner. The reading will be 1 John 2:1-17. The structure of the service is based upon the Church of England Common Worship for Sunday Evening Prayer. The service will be preceded by music and during the service there will be a song and hymns. Grant.

Private Prayer Open Day – Each Sunday our Churchwardens are opening the church from 8.00am commencing with led Morning Prayer, then for private prayer. At 3.00pm there will be alternating fortnightly Afternoon Prayer or Breathe service. Members of the Parochial Church Council (**PCC**) (when available) will be in attendance on a shift basis throughout to welcome you and ensure the supervision of hand sanitising, social distancing, etc. and noting who enters, as we are required to do under present permissions.

Zoom Services - Although services in our church are limited to the 8.00am Sunday Morning Prayer at present, on-line Zoom services will continue to be held at 10.00am on Sundays, at 8.00pm Compline service at 8.00pm on Wednesdays, and on other occasions. Joining details from the Churchwardens, see their contacts under the Covid-19 explanations below.

Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity. LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT WEEK AND FUTURE EVENTS

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY IN CHURCH

October 11. Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.

8.00am	Morning Prayer	<i>Leader Richard Holroyd</i>
	<i>Readings</i> Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 (608)	Matthew 22: 1-14 (990)
3.00pm	Said Communion	<i>The Revd David Weightman</i>

OTHER INFORMATION

COVID-19 – QR code for Track and Trace: The Diocese requires all places of worship, already collecting visitor details, must also display the **NHS QR code** posters for visitors & church members using the new **NHS app**. St Peter & St Paul Church now has our unique **QR code poster** which may be found on the entrance table just inside the Miller Room. Smartphone users with the app can simply scan the poster to ‘check-in’ for test and trace purposes.

We will continue to use a paper sign-in record, ensuring that we have the information necessary for Track and Trace.

The Church continues to be alive. Distancing from each other continues to be government advice and to prevent the spread of infection to save lives. Our worship of God and our care for each other continue. The Diocese website contains details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study, and community life. The vicar/churchwardens of this church can be contacted in an emergency:-

Richard Holroyd - 01342 833776, beachhutbooks@btinternet.com.

Sue Ellis - 01342 870261, Suebellis@outlook.com.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

Based on the advice given by the Diocese the Churchwardens are allowing limited opening of St Peter & St Paul for individual entry and private prayer as follows or as indicated here in this pewsheet:-

- **Mondays 4.00pm to 5.00pm** -- Church representative will be present.
- **Wednesdays 4.00pm to 5.00pm** -- Church representative will be present.
- **Sundays 8.00am to 4.00pm** – Morning prayer at 8.00am. Afternoon Prayer or Breathe at 3.00pm. Church representative will be present. On some Sundays we are offering a Said Eucharist service.

You are very welcome but we ask you please, for your safety and others, use the sanitisers, read the notices, follow the signage and take notice of the

advice/guidance of the church representative. The Church of England has made it mandatory for the wearing of a face covering during your time in the church. Do not visit the church if you have symptoms of the virus high temperature, persistent cough and loss of taste and smell. If you develop symptoms after your visit let the churchwardens know immediately. A record will be kept of people visiting along with times and dates.

Macmillan Cancer Support - Have you heard the news? I've signed up to go Sober this October, which means I'm giving up alcohol for 31 days this October! But Sober October is much more than giving up the booze. I'm also raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support so they can continue to provide essential support to people with cancer, at a time when they need it the most. I'd appreciate any support you can give throughout the month. Any donation will be much appreciated, so do head to <http://www.gosober.org.uk/users/michael-ellis-3> and send any spare change my way! Thanks in advance for your sponsorship! If I don't complete the month, I will double your donations!!!! Mike Ellis.

Shoe Box appeal – Sue and Gill ask you please to fill a shoe box with Christmas gifts for children in Eastern Europe including toys, chocolate, hats, gloves, scarves. St Peter and St Paul congregation have supported this scheme over recent years. Leaflets with details from Gill Williams 833994, gillwilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk. Sue Joy who lives near Lingfield Church will accept deliveries or collect your gifts. Sue would welcome donations of shoe boxes too please. Her number is 835190 SusanJoy471@hotmail.com. Sue needs all donations to reach her by November 6.

Message from Hilary Weston- Thank you all so much for your prayers during the last two months. I am making a good recovery and hope to be able to attend a Eucharist service soon. When I was told what happened to me while I was in a coma I realised how blest I am that God was working through the nursing staff and ensured that I survived the cardiac arrests to look forward to many more years of life. Hilary.

Message from Joy Maitland - David Maitland went for a colon cancer test on Monday last and he has been given the all clear - no cancer in his colon. Joy has thinks it's time for David's name to come off the prayer list as all the prayers have given him the answer he wanted, the energy of people praying should be given to someone else in need.

The Sick - Please pray for Brian Bell, Pam Marks, Dean Govier, Keith Smith and all whose names have been placed on the prayer board.

Rest in Peace - We remember all those who have died recently. We recall all whose anniversary falls at this time, including others known to us.

Notices for inclusion in the pewsheets for Sunday October 11 should be phoned to Peter Beynon (834858, or email plbeynon@globalnet.co.uk) not later than preceding Thursday please.