

REGULAR SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Monday

9:10am – 10:30 Scramblers
10.30am - Noon Coffee in Church
2:00 - 4:00pm - Trefoil Guild
(1st Monday of each month)
6:15 - 7:30pm - Brownies
(St. Francis Centre)
8:15 -10:00pm - Ranger Guides
(St. Francis Centre)

Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00am - Scramblers
6:15 - 7:30pm - Brownies
(St. Francis Centre)
7:30pm - 9:00pm - Guides
(St. Francis Centre)

Wednesday

1:15pm Bingo (St. Francis Centre)
6:00pm Brownies
(St. Francis Centre)
7:30pm Ladies Group
(St. Francis Centre)
(1st Wednesday of each Month)

Thursday

10:00am Eucharist
11:00 - 12:30pm Scramblers
12:30pm Lunch Club (St. Francis Centre)
7.00 pm Choir Practice in Church

Friday

9:30 – 11:00am Scramblers

Sunday

THE DEPARTED

Clara Nash
Graham Hopewell

ANNIVERSARIES

06/10/1948 Albert Harris
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Welcome to St. Francis in the Parish of Bedminster



MEMORY VERSE

'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.' [Mark 10:14b]

Sunday 4th October 10.15 am

The 18th Sunday after Trinity

Patronal Festival

President: Andrew Doarks

Preacher: Andrew Doarks

Readings: Genesis 2.18-24

Reader: Pat Brown

- Hebrews 1.1-4;2.5-12

- Gospel: Mark 10.2-16

Intercessions: Anita Manning

Eucharistic: Dianne Allen & Val Sully

Welcome: Barbara Hill & Pat Brown

Coffee: Chris & Dianne Allen

Sunday 11th October 10.15 am

The 19th Sunday after Trinity

Leader: Dave Lane & Pete Wilson

Speaker: Joanne Smith

Readings: Amos 5.6-7,10-15

Reader: Pam Selley

- Hebrews 4.12-End

- Gospel: Mark 10.17-31

Intercessions: Sheila Lilliman

Eucharistic:

Welcome: Wendy Hopegood & July Williams

Coffee: Becky, Alastair & Tilly

Marston

October

WORD & SPIRIT

Sun 4th 6.30pm St Anne's
Brislington

AMERIND GROVE COMMUNION

Sat 10th 3pm Picador House

DCCs

Wed 14th STA Second Weds

DCC SUB-GROUP

Wed 21 STF Third Wed even
numbered months (Oct,
Dec, etc)

STA - SHOEBOX PACKING

Saturdays 17th and 24th 10am

November

Sun 1 Word & Spirit StA 6.30pm

Sat 7 Amerind Grove
Remembrance 3pm
Regal House

Wed 18 STF DCC Third Wed odd-
numbered months (Nov,
Jan, etc)

Sun 22 Christ the King

Mon 23 Communications Meeting
8pm, Rectory

December

Fri 11 Christingle 3.30 StA

Sat 12 Lantern Parade

Sun 13 Christingle 5pm StF

Wed 16 DCC
Fri 18 Luckwell Park Carols 5pm?
Sat 19 ALDI Carols 10-12pm
Amerind Grove 3.30pm
Sun 20 ALL AGE Carols 4pm StF
Sun 20 StA Carols 7.30pm
Thu 24 Crib 4pm StA
All Age Carols 5.30 pm StF
Joint 11pm STF
Fri 25 Joint Service 10.15am StF
Sun 27 Parish Service 10am StA

Prayers written at DCC

At the Vision Day three things were recommended by those attending for us to take forward as priorities for our prayers and endeavours, they are Spiritual Growth, Mission and Family.. Andrew asked us to write prayers for us to pray at the DCC on these subjects they are as follows.

Spiritual Growth

Lord, help us grow deeper into our relationship with you and resemble Christ more closely.

Lord, look down upon our need at St. Francis and help us to develop and grow in our spiritual lives. Help us to pray and to recognise you as our guide and helper so that we come to know and love you more.

Mission

Lord, we pray that we may work together to spread your word, amongst the local community and that we your Church may grow stronger day by day.

Family

We pray unity within the family, care for each other within the church and beyond. Encouragement, guidance and support win our lives.

Father, we pray for all families, our own, our church, our community and the world.

Shoebox appeal

There is a list of items that could be included in the shoeboxes at the back of the church. The packing will be taking place at St. Aldhelm's on Saturdays 17th and 24th October 10am. If you are unable to help with the packing please bring any items you have to St Francis by Friday 16th.

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What problem did God address in the Genesis reading?
2. Have you ever felt surrounded by people but all alone?

3. The Hebrew word for 'helper' (*ezer*) in the Old Testament refers mostly to God. How does this affect our understanding of the role of husbands and wives?
4. Why did the Pharisees ask Jesus this question about divorce?
5. Jesus answers their question by going back to Genesis. How does this set the spiritual bar even higher?
6. Why did Moses allow divorce?
7. Except for the very powerful, women in Jewish culture weren't allowed to divorce their husbands. In what way could divorced women earn money?
8. What do the verses 13-16 have in common with 2-12?
9. We are called to be like children in our faith. What does that look like in practice? How is it different to our current attitude if at all?
10. Why does the kingdom of God belong to 'such as these'?
11. How can the church better serve victims of divorce?
12. What can this church do about loneliness?
13. Does our culture value independence too highly? If so why is that?