

*"A living, loving church without walls"*  
**Notices for the week commencing**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023, Trinity 13**

We welcome everyone to our Service of Holy Communion this morning. Please do stay for refreshments and a chat after the service, and do take this notice sheet home to refer to forthcoming events.

**The Collect for today**

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Today's Readings**

*The reading from the New Testament is taken from Romans, Chapter 12, verses 9-21, starting on p 173 in the Pew Bibles.*

*The Gospel reading is from Matthew, Chapter 16, verses 21 to 28, starting on p 19 in the Pew Bibles.*



**Points for your prayers:**

We pray for peace in Ukraine and the other places of conflict in our world.

We pray for all those in our world who are threatened with starvation and who have nowhere to call home.

We pray for all in our parish who are unwell, and ask that you bring healing and relief to those who are suffering.



We give thanks for all those who have given up their time to organise and run MakeLunch during August.

### Coming up this week:



Happy Birthday to all those who had a birthday or a special celebration in September! There will be cake with coffee or tea after this morning's service.

The Baptism of Melody Jennifer Louise Cornwell will be taking place today at 12.30pm. Please pray for Melody and her family at this important stage in her life.

We ask for prayers for all those who are on the Local Leadership Team (LLT) as they meet this Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm, as they seek to serve God.



*The next Midweek Communion at St Francis will be taking place on this Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00 noon.*

Please remember the family and friends of Martin Hovey who has died recently. His funeral will be this Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in St. Mary's Great Chart, then the interment of his ashes takes place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 4.00pm.



**Churchyard Clearing-** this is now the time of year when we cut back all the grass in the churchyard to allow fresh growth in the conservation areas in the Spring. We're asking for volunteers who are able to help in this task- we plan to get this done in a fortnight's

time- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 12.00noon, then Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> from after the morning service until 2.00pm, weather permitting.

There is a sign-up list on the font. Feel free to bring your own tools to help with this; refreshments provided! Thank you all very much!



***“Ride and Stride” will be taking place to raise funds for Friends of Kent Churches on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please sponsor Gill, Michael, Rachel or Monica. (Each church receives 50% of the sponsorship money back, and FoKC have also been very generous with grants to us for a variety of projects.)***

***On the afternoon of Sat 30<sup>th</sup> September, from 1.00pm to 5.00pm, there will be a formal launch of the Hub at 3.00pm to mark our partnership working with Uprising. Please put this date in your diaries and come and support us as we begin this exciting new adventure with God. There will be a barbecue provided for all to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you at St Francis’ Church!***



***Harvest Supper  
Bangers, Mash & Bingo***

***This will take place at 6.30pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall. Food will be served at 7.00pm, with a vegetarian option available. Please bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle; all proceeds from the evening will go into the Janus Fund, Stage 1, to upgrade the main pathway into the church. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children, either via <https://harvestsupper2023.eventbrite.com>, or from Lin Briscall on 07963 173893***

***The Village Quiz, with a pulled pork supper, takes place on 28<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 7.00 for 7.30, with tickets priced at £15.00.***



***A further Coffee Morning will be taking place at Gill and Michael’s on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, then finally in 2023, our annual Festive Christmas Evening will be taking place at Godinton House on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - more details to follow nearer the time...***

## Appeal for the Ukraine

All the information as to ways in which you can support this very worthwhile cause are posted on the notice board in the church porch. Please do come and ask if you have any questions- and please keep those donations of goods or money coming! *Janet Thompson*



Contributions to this noticesheet from anyone in our congregation are welcome- if you feel that you have something that you'd like to share with the rest of the congregation, please email me, Tony Shaw, at [tony.shaw53@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tony.shaw53@hotmail.co.uk), or telephone 01233 634355 to leave a message - thank you.

**N.B. The closing date for copy for the next noticesheet is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at noon - thank you.**



Next week: Our service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August will be a service of Holy Communion, beginning at 10.00am, to which everyone is very welcome.

*And finally...*



*Sometimes you just have to pick yourself up and carry on...*