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“When daffodils begin to peer..”*

We've picked our first daffodils and I can see more buds on the way, so spring is in the air!

About time, you might say. We've had some very crisp weather, though it's been often sunny, and we've had some heart-warming services too.



Mid winter was suitably marked on Sunday 2nd July with a special liturgy and seating in the semi-round. Mince pies followed, washed down by mulled wine.

David and the worship team had prepared a very effective and moving liturgy, something a little different. Our thanks to them.

We celebrated “Disability Awareness” too with Eva presenting a sympathetic account of her work with dementia patients.

Warm thanks to those involved in our parish luncheon after church on Sunday 23rd July, again a sumptuous feast, including pumpkin and pea and ham soup.

There are many things we do well at St Francis! And there's much more to come—see later for a note on Jazz and wine.

Saturday Study group at St Francis continues

Saturday afternoon gatherings with the topic “Generous Orthodoxy,” have been very well attended with some lively discussion generated.

Starting point had short video presentations by very talented speakers. The series continues over the next two Saturdays, 12th and 19th August, 3 to 4pm in the St Francis lounge.



This coming Saturday 12th we have Bishop Rowan Williams. “It's not a long talk” says Neil. “Instead a bunch of very short talks with pauses between for reflection and discussion”.

No previous experience needed - all are very welcome. There's tea, coffee and bikkies too.

Diary notes

August

- 12 study
- 19 study
- 20 survey
- 30 friendship group

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*Shakespeare's “A Winter's Tale”

A special welcome to our visitors today

Exploring a fresh look at our established worship patterns

A St Francis liturgy? One of the questions the worship committee has been considering is creating another printed liturgy for our regular Sunday Eucharist.

Our current practice is in general to rotate p404, 456 and 476. Sometimes, of course, as at Easter, Pentecost, pet blessing and so on we print a special service sheet, often one we can re-use.

What we are working on is a Eucharist service, including a Great Thanksgiving, so that we can add a fourth item in rotation.

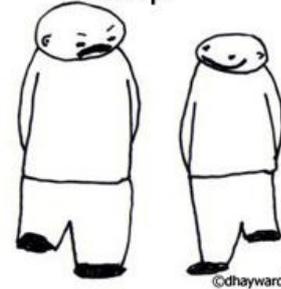
We have a sub-committee looking at a variety of sources, and Edward our enabler is adding his expertise.

We plan to have this St Francis Liturgy ready for our patronal festival on 8th October Sunday. As a "one-off" service it requires only the ap-

proval of our enabler. If it is to become a regular Eucharist liturgy it will need to go to our bishop. It's worth the trouble, we think, and we'll be interested in your reaction.

If you have any thoughts on the matter see Lindsay or any member of the worship committee.

Of course you encourage people to speak their minds. The trick is, slowly over the years, to put their minds to sleep.



**“...worth
the
trouble..”**

Do you have the magic touch?

We're lucky to have electronic aids to help in our worship. Our sound system is working well: it's probably best if those a little hard of hearing sit a few rows back so that they are in front of the speaker up in the rafters.



We also have a radio mike, so that the presider or preacher can move away from the lectern. Our TV screen can sometimes be useful in

showing illustrations, though we appreciate it's not easily seen from all pews.

Last month David led a Saturday workshop where a number of us learnt to set up the screen, to connect up the mikes, and to adjust the controls.

If you missed that training session and are interested in helping, do see David or any of the MST.

Incidentally, if you have some recorded music you think might add to our worship, please see any of the team. We'll listen.

Healing service today 11.15am

Sarah will visit St Francis on 20th August to lead workshops

You'll be pleased to hear that St Francis made a good response to the Diocesan survey. 30 people filled in the form, mostly on line, and the person over-seeing this exercise, Archdeacon Sarah Moss, equally pleased with our response, is at the moment working on the figures.



Then on Sunday 20th August she will be here to consult with us. She'll speak in the sermon slot, then after morning tea, lead the

first of two workshops. This will focus on the results produced by the survey and your comments.

We'll have a shared lunch, then the second workshop will work on suggested lines of action arising from our analysis of the survey.

At our recent cluster meeting, see below for more on this, we talked with Helensville people who had recently had these workshops with Sarah.

They found them most helpful, a fruitful exercise, with Sarah a positive and warm coordinator.

So do put this your diary now, Sunday 20th August. It would be great to have 30 participants!

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Local Shared Ministry units eat and talk

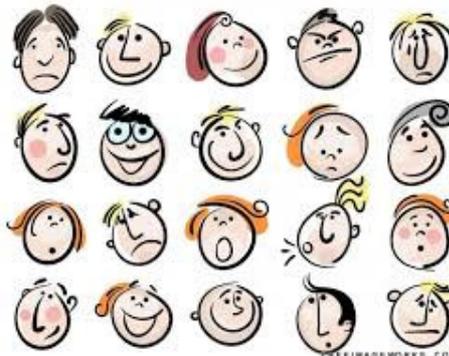
The Westie cluster meeting at St Paul's, Te Atatu last Thursday was a warm, lively gathering. There were about 25 there, 3 from St Francis joining with Te Atatu, Huapai and Helensville for soup and rolls, then discussion in groups.

The focus was the question of “succession”, what can we do about future leaders. Edward facilitated the event.

Each group had members from all four LSMs, so part of the enjoyment was renewing old acquaintances and meeting a few new ones.

No startling conclusions were reached, but one idea we could explore came from Te Atatu. Every 5th Sunday they have a non-Eucharistic service which gives the chance for a non-priest to lead the worship.

We finished at 8pm, a welcome early night. Our next meeting will be at the LSM conference in November at the Vaughan Park retreat centre, Long Bay. Then Helensville will host a gathering in the new year.



It was good to sense the general feeling of optimism in the participants. And several hope to join us for our wine tasting later this year! See back page for details.

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Readings for August

6th The Transfiguration
Daniel 7:9-10 and 13,14; 2 Pet 1: 16-19; Luke 9:28b-36
13th: Gen 37:1-4, 12-28; Romans 10: 5-15; Matt 14: 22-33
20th: Gen 45: 1-15; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt 15: 21-28 Archdeacon Sarah Moss is with us and will preach the sermon, give the results of our survey and run a workshop based on the results,
27th Exodus 1 verse 8 to chapter 2 verse 10; Romans 12: 1-8; Matt 16: 13-20

Remember: 3pm Holy Communion last Sunday every month.

11.15am Healing service 1st Sunday even months, today then 1st October



Happenings from near and afar

Jazz and wine:

On Saturday 27th August 3—5pm we plan an entertainment with a twist, not matching wine with food, but matching wine with jazz!



Details are still being worked out, but the general idea is to bring a bottle of wine to share together with your favourite jazz recording.

Or just come and join in the fun. Bottles will be “masked”, that is covered in brown paper bag. It’s amazing how wrong the experts can be in guessing the wine, but that’s part of the enjoyment.

See Herman or Lindsay if you’re interested.

“The Pickle King”:

Entertainment of a different kind! This revival of a theatre hit is a lovely piece of comedy, gentle, charming and beautifully and imaginatively staged. It’s running now at Q theatre in Queen Street. There are matinées as well as evening shows. Can we consider a party from St Francis? See Christine.

Sign:

Thanks to Neil our new sign is up and working, another step along the way towards engaging our local community.

Takeaways:

From Mark Pierson comes this idea: have something physical that people can take away from a worship event. At our spring service we often give you a seed or a plant; recently we gave you a green square. Mark says: “When I can’t remember the story of a particular piece I throw it away. I’ve had one piece for 30 years.”

More Intercessors!

It would be great to have more intercessors and readers. If you’d like to be on the roster, call or email Christine landcnash@pl.net or 817-1419.

Reading workshop:

Let us be heard clearly and easily. This is for all readers and intercessors: use of the microphone and clear articulation, an enjoyable two hours with fun exercises and lots of benefits! Date will be announced soon.

Friendship Circle:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th August. More details later.

