



St Francis

Church

January 11th 2026

Newsletter & Notices

Worship/Services this week

Sunday's Morning Service will see the return of **Revd Canon Christopher Hall**. Believe this or not, Christopher has celebrated his 90th birthday since he was last at St Francis on Remembrance Sunday! **Tuesday's communion** will be led by **Revd Barrie Cheetham**, a retired Minister from The Haven URC.

As always, please make them welcome!

The SCC meet this coming **Monday**. Please remember them in your prayers as they compose the advert for our new incumbent and discern the way forward for St Francis

Did You Know?

Most of our regular users are now back at St Francis, making full use of our facilities. Did you know that eight groups use our premises during the week and that the only day the building is not regularly in use is a Friday?

Praying for Church and Community

Our meetings this month will be on Mondays, 12th and 26th January from 2 to 3pm in church.

There is much to pray about in this new year. Please join us if you are able!! "This is what the Lord says..... "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!"" Isaiah Ch 43 v 16, 18 and 19

Hazel and Betty

An Appeal for Donations - A Note from David

Last week for the Appeal !!!!

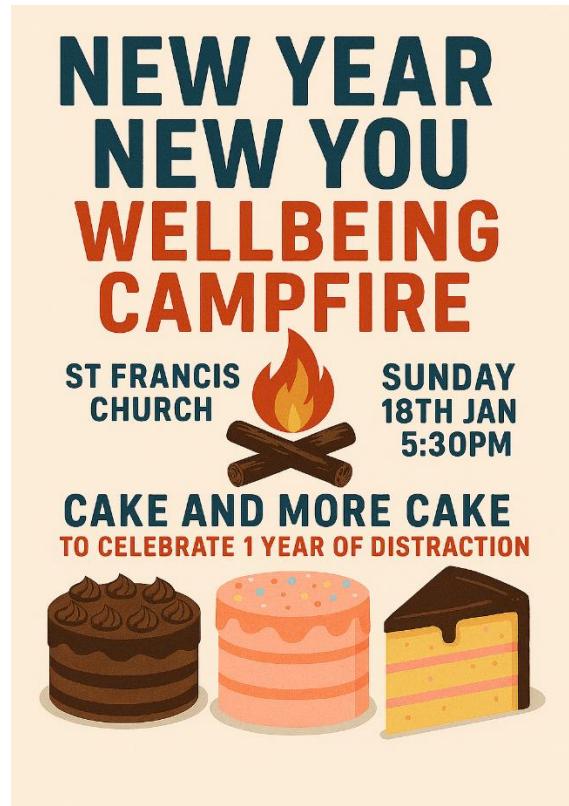
Are you, or anyone you may know ,about to get rid of old children's toys, craft kits or boardgames? If so, I could kindly take them off your hands as donations to the Nursing Home I work in!

I am based in a wonderful Nursing Home that cares for 38 residents who all have differing degrees of dementia. My role is to try to engage them in activities that are both mentally, physically and emotionally and spiritually rewarding and a way through this is by using different stimuli such as board games, large colourful picture books, arts and crafts – anything to make and games in general. I would be **so very grateful** for any donations you may have – and so would my wonderful residents too! Please chat to me any Sunday at Morning Service if you wish!!

Many Thanks in advance, David.

Campfire Service

Our next **Wellbeing Campfire** will be on the 18th January at 5:30pm at St. Francis Church – either inside or out, depending on the weather!! Come and join us as we think about **'New Year, New You'**!. It will also be an ideal time to celebrate 1 year of **Distraction!**
We very much look forward to seeing you there!!



Our Little Thought of Hope for The Week

The Hope of The World

**‘Life with Christ is an endless hope,
without Him a hopeless end.’**

"According to my earnest expectation and hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Philippians 1:20, 21



A Christmas Tree thank you

Thank you to the team for the St Francis Christmas tree.

To Jane for sourcing the tree and arranging delivery, to Scott for putting up, and then taking down plus the lighting, to the helpers for decorating, Barry, Carol V, Carlyn, Joan B. Thanks also to the kind person(s) who watered the advent wreath.

Elaine T

From Alan

Thank you to everyone who has returned drying up cloths and dish cloths to the kitchen after washing. We are in a better position now.

**Thank you.
Alan Flemming**

Forest Church

****Please find below the Forest Church dates up until the summer:**

11th Jan
8th Feb
8th Mar
19th April
10th May
21 June
19 July.

Next Newsletter

Please send any information that you would like included in the next Newsletter (**January 18th, 2026**), by **Wednesday 14th January, 9pm**. My email address: phillipsdavid807@gmail.com

Diary Dates – January

Wednesday 14th January – up until 9pm to submit NOTICES for entry into next Newsletter, **Sunday 18th January 2026: phillipsdavid807@gmail.com**

- **Praying for Church and Community**, Mondays 12th and 26th, 2pm-3pm at St. Francis
- **SCC Meeting** on Monday 12th January – St. Francis Church.
- **Campfire Service**, Sunday 18th January – St. Francis Church.

