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St Chad's Regular Worship with Holy Communion every Sunday at St Patrick's
Except for the 3rd Sunday in the month which will be
Less formal non communion service
Our next service: Worship— with communion
At 11.30 9th September 2018

SUE SAYS: Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting a tomato in a fruit salad.



**ST CHAD'S
ANGLICAN-METHODIST CHURCH
A WARM WELCOME
TO OUR SERVICE
10.00 am 2018
2nd SEPTEMBER 2018
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH
WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
FATHER'S DAY**

I was surprised -- and delighted -- when our new Pope took the name of *Francis*. And since, he has lived-up to my considerable expectations. No doubt my pleasure was because of my significant spiritual experience during the war, at Assisi, home of St Francis.

We'd spent several weeks camped on the outskirts of Rome where I'd appreciated visiting numerous historic churches -- wonderful ecclesiastical museums. But except for Michaelangelo's statue *The Pieta*, in St Peter's, none gave me deep meaning.

Pursuing the Germans North, one day our Padre took me to ancient Assisi. The churches of St Francis (in the crypt of which, he is buried) and St Clare were interesting. But the real treasure lay a few miles up Mt Subiaso behind Assisi. It's not on the tourist map at all. In fact there's little there to see: just St Francis' little old monastery -- which he named *Il Carceri* -- and the adjoining sparse woods with here-and-there, shallow scooped-out caves where various of his Franciscan Brothers came to meditate and pray.

That's all. But, nowhere else, have I been so struck by the presence of God! No lightening flash; just indescribable warm profound peace.

Perhaps the experience was heightened by it being in the midst of war. I don't know.

Twenty-five years later, Dormobile-touring Italy with our family, nearing Assisi I felt that it was foolish taking two blasé Teenagers to *Il Carceri*. They'd seemed consistently unimpressed with most of my shared Italian "treasures".

I risked it. And they were amazingly subdued as we poked around St Francis' haunts. And apparently it had some deep impact. For there's yet another sequel.

A number of years later, our eldest, with husband and their two youngsters full of life and energy, visited Assisi -- and *Il Carceri*! (Now she is not religious. Respectful of her parents' faith, yes; but with no church affiliation.)

"Dad" she said, with surprise when they returned home to NZ, "It was amazing what happened to the kids when we took them up to that Carceri place behind Assisi. They were struck dumb!"

But I wasn't surprised in the least. I can't help believing, that somehow, over 8 centuries ago, God was present there with Francis and his Brothers. And strangely, that impact lingers.

Peter Stead

Is instant (well almost) communicate really a blessing? We see every-day film of the terrible fighting, bombing, starvation, suffering and much more happening in the world. The planet itself is in revolt. Has Man caused climate change?

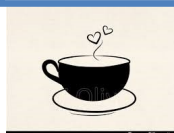
I started reading Revelation the other night. It could have been reporting events of today. Wars, famines and the rest have been happening forever. Do we ever learn. But we are probably more aware of it all in this digital age.

I remember being at a church women's group back in the late 70s. Talk got around to TV and one lady complain that the News at 6.00 now showed such graphic details—even blood. Not very nice when you are eating your dinner! I didn't suggest that there was an OFF switch on the TV and the time could be better spent having a conversation with their children and picking up worries before they got to be problems.

Humanity is like an enormous spider web, so that if you touch it anywhere, you set the whole thing trembling. Just as John Donne believed that any man's death, when we are confronted by it, reminds us of our common destiny as human beings: to be born, to live, to struggle a while, and finally to die. We are all of us in it together. As we move around this world and as we act with kindness, perhaps, or with indifference, or with hostility, toward the people we meet, we too are setting the great spider web a-tremble. The life that I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and that in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place and time my touch will be felt.

Our lives are linked together—with our God.

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Please join together for refreshment and chat after the service



PRAYER MINISTRY

We ask for your prayers – that God who knows each person or situation, may bless each one according to their needs.

Bishop Ross Bay: Bishop Jim White: Rev. Marilyn Welch: Rev. Chris Harris: Marston would welcome your prayers, but no visitors.

Rosemary remains in hospital. She is progressing, and is in good hands. So please continue your thoughts and prayers.

It was great to see Hilary in church last Sunday. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Dear Lord, we also bring to you others who we know in our hearts and we pray that you will look with mercy and grace upon our needs.

We would appreciate it if you would let Maureen— Pastoral Care Co-ordinator of anyone needing prayer. (tel: 021 1150598)

THE OP SHOP WILL BE CLOSED

FROM THE WEEKEND 18th February 2018

SERVICES AT ST PATRICK'S

1st—3rd—and 5th Sundays will be 10.00 am

2nd and 4th Sundays will be 11.30 am

2nd Sunday 9th September Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am

3rd Sunday 16th September Worship— no Communion 10.00 am

4th Sunday 23rd September Worship with Holy Communion 11.30 am

5th Sunday 30th September 10.00 am

HOME GROUP meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. Please contact Paul Haines (021-761367) for more Information.

MONTHLY DISCUSSION GROUP Next meeting FRIDAY 14th September at 11.30 am 45 Meriot Heights, Kumeu. John and Maureen.

Jenny has kindly organised an evening out at the movies for the next meeting on Wed. 5th September. "The Book Club" is showing at the Events cinema at Westgate at 5.50 pm, so she suggests that if you would like to carpool, meet at St Patrick's carpark at 5.15 pm. Please let her know if you are making your own way to the cinema. Then stay on for a meal at the Westgate Food Court to complete the evening out. Thank you, Jenny, I'm sure it will be an enjoyable evening, Althea

READINGS FOR TODAY

James 1: 17-27

Mark 7: 1-8

REQUEST FROM THE EDITOR.

Please would the Preacher let Sandra know which Readings he/she will be using for the upcoming Sunday Service