

# THE SOCIETY OF SAINT FRANCIS ~ EUROPEAN PROVINCE

## The Communication ~ September 2019

### 1. Events

**Maureen** writes: The young people who have been holding climate change demonstrations in protest at the lack of government action to reduce climate warming, during school time on Friday afternoons, have invited adults to support them on 20 September, 2019, as part of an international movement and day of action for the protection of life on the planet.

There are to be demonstrations in lots of towns and cities, so you don't necessarily have to go to your nation's capital city to join in. Maureen is intending to join the Nottingham protest which starts at 11 am. You can find out where the nearest demonstration is to you, on the Students climate change website, or via the Christian Aid website, or social media. If you are in the UK, the student climate change website is <https://ukscn.org/>

### 2. People

**Joseph Emmanuel** writes:

Thank you for praying for Vocations; Thank God it is working! We have two men preparing to join us in September: **Anthony** (a nurse and carer) and **John** (a driver for Royal Mail) and two more men **Danny** and **Jake** are hoping to join at the beginning of 2020 (subject to the usual legalities). We continue to have a very encouraging stream of Enquirers and thanks are due to the Brothers who host them and speak with them; it is greatly appreciated by those who come to explore our life.

**Jemma** will be deputising for Frances at the Ministers' Meeting in New York, and then staying with the sisters in San Francisco for a couple of months to further consolidate her English.

### 3. News from the Province

**CSF Assistant Minister:** From 5th –15th September while Sue is in the USA for the Ministers' Meeting any urgent CSF Provincial matter should be referred to **Beverley** as Assistant Minister please.

**Benedict** writes: I leave for the USA for the Ministers' Meeting this Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September returning Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. I will probably not have email access whilst I am away so if anything urgent arises please contact Brother **Philip Bartholomew** whose mobile number is 07961 509119.

**Sue** writes: Many thanks to all the sisters and brothers who have hosted **Frances, Juliana and Jemma** this summer. They all really appreciated the warm hospitality and kindness shown to them, and found their time here to be very beneficial.

**Formation for Life:** Sue writes:

**Newsletter:** Our thanks to **Christopher Martin** for his work in this sphere. Now that he has asked to step down from this role we are grateful to **Hilary** who has agreed to compile the Formation for Life Newsletter which goes out with the Provincial Communication. Hilary therefore asks that we send information & recommendations about courses, books and any other formation resources to her for inclusion, preferably by email [hilarycsf@franciscans.org.uk](mailto:hilarycsf@franciscans.org.uk), or by post.

**Diocesan courses:** The Formation for Life group reminds us to make use of the courses and other formation events offered by the dioceses in which we live, as well as other local agencies. Some of these courses relate particularly to ordained ministry, but many are highly relevant to other paths of Christian life and ministry, including our own. Please ensure that your house receives information about courses etc. offered by your diocese, and that this information is accessible to all members. Consider which courses would be beneficial for you, and join them where possible. As well as enriching our formation, participation in such events raises our profile in our local dioceses. Should any diocese be unwilling to include resident Franciscan sisters and brothers in this way, please inform your Minister about the situation.

**Chris Martin** writes:

Car hire: Many of us have been having difficulty renting cars and vans recently, due to the added security and credit checks. We have therefore set up a business account with Enterprise, so you are no longer needing to rent in your name, and so can avoid the credit checks.

To book a car or van to hire please go to:

<https://partners.rentalcar.com/businessrentalsouthwest/>

You will still need to enter your debit card numbers and so your friary will be charged rather than a central account.

Travel Insurance

We are now with a different travel insurance company and so the instructions as to what to do in an emergency have changed. Please see the attached document for the new instructions to take with you on your travels. Sara is still administering the travel insurance.

**Nicholas Alan** writes: Don't forget that house reports are due now! Please send to me and Chris Martin.

**4. News from other provinces:**

**Province of the Solomon Islands**

- Br. Jonas Balugna has stepped down from Minister and Br. Luke Manitarra is now Acting Minister Province. We have said good bye to Harry Belavalu, Thomson Awetaku, Hilton Togara, Amos Helo, Wilson Malama, Willy Taoni and Selwyn Tione ...
- Three Brothers, Jonas Balugna, Thomas Hereward Peleba and Harrison Rodosky are sent on Leave of Absence for a year and Hubert Tototo and Matthew Sikoboki have both returned to the Community after their leave of absence.
- Two Brothers Stephen Watson Hovu and Worrick Marako were accepted for Life Professions and Luke Manitarra to be Ordained Priest is also accepted for this year 2019.
- Br. Paul Tula is sent home after his mother died. He'll wait for the decisions in preparation for the new friary establishment in Vanuatu.

**Province of the Divine Compassion:**

Damian Kenneth writes: On 24<sup>th</sup> July, Anglican Action held a memorial service with a tree planting to remember the many contributions Br **Kentigern** made to the life and ministry of Anglican Action during his time here in Aotearoa New Zealand. Speakers recalled his variety of gifts and talents and his thoughtful and positive stance on issues.

**5. Itineraries**

<b>Benedict</b>	<b>Sue</b>	<b>Christopher John</b>	<b>Helen Julian</b>
<u>September</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>September</u>
1 - 5 Leeds	1-4 Southwark	Aug 31 – Sep 3: USA – Los Angeles	1 – 2 Darlington 3 – 4 Family
5 – 16 USA Ministers' meeting	5-15 New York: Ministers' Meeting and SSF PoA Centenary	4 – 15: Holy Cross Monastery, West Park 15 – 18: Manhattan / NY Mission house	5 – 14 Ministers' Meeting
16 – 18 Leeds 18 London 19 – 26 Leeds	16-23 Southwark 24-25 Mill Hill – Conference of Religious Committee	19 – Oct 2: UK (19-22) Alnmouth (22-24) Leeds (24-27), Glasshampton	15 Travelling 16 – 23 Darlington
27 – 29 Alnmouth: Chapter 30 London New Life Group	26 Southwark 27-29 Alnmouth – SSF Chapter 30 Southwark	28 - PNG Church Partnership, Cambridge Then Plaistow, London	24 – 28 Edinburgh (family) 29 – 30 Darlington

Please send material for the October issue to **Nicholas Alan at Glasshampton** to arrive by 12.00 noon on **27<sup>th</sup> September** either by email ([secretaryssf@franciscans.org.uk](mailto:secretaryssf@franciscans.org.uk)) or by post (St Mary at the Cross, Glasshampton, Shrawley, Worcester, WR6 6TQ). Thank you.