

THE SOCIETY OF SAINT FRANCIS ~ EUROPEAN PROVINCE

The Communication ~ October 2019

1. Events

Benedict writes: See below for an email I have received from Tim Higgins, the acting Minister Provincial of the Third Order, with news of the death of Sir **Hugh Beech TSSF** who was well known to many brothers and sisters. I have written a reply to Tim on our behalf. Do please pray that Hugh will be at peace: I am sure his family will be grateful to know that he, and they, are in our prayers. Hugh was a remarkable man and I hope that we will be informed if there is a Thanksgiving Service so that those who knew him can attend if they wish.

[Tim Higgins TSSF writes: You may know that Hugh Beech died recently, I imagine that you have come across him and the great work he has done among us over many years. TSSF was represented at his funeral 26th September at the College of St Barnabas.

I have been asked by the family to make sure that Franciscans, especially First Order, close to Hugh are aware. His daughter made special reference to Alnmouth. It seemed to me that the best thing was for me to get in touch with you and ask if you could pass on this news. I understand that there is planned a Service of Thanksgiving for Hugh in London. Details are not confirmed yet but it likely to be in London perhaps at the end of November.]

2. People

Liz has been appointed Rector of the Upper Soar Benefice in Leicester Diocese. This is a group of rural parishes, near Broughton Astley where she is currently living. Her licensing etc. will probably take place in November, and she expects to move into the Rectory in February 2020. We offer Liz our congratulations and on-going prayerful support as she prepares to move into this new sphere of ministry as a Sister.

Loveday Alexander, who helped to lead our General Chapter, is drawing towards the end of her treatment, which appears to have gone well. She thanks us for our prayers and support.

3. News from the Province

Kevin had sent a letter to Chapter requesting release from his vows and from membership of the Society of St. Francis. After discussion Chapter voted with great sadness to release Kevin from membership of the SSF. The Provincial Secretary would be writing to the Minister General and Bishop Protector for ratification of this release, after which the Bishop Protector would contact the Archbishop of Canterbury recommending release from his vows as a religious.

4. Itineraries

Benedict	Sue	Christopher John	Helen Julian
<u>October</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>October</u>
1 Leeds		To – Oct 2 Plaistow.	
2 Shepherds Law		Oct 2 – 5 Geneva.	
3 - 6 Leeds	1 - 6 Southwark	Visiting Franciscans	
7-8 Mirfield, Leaders Meeting	7-10 Mirfield - CLARC	International in their 30th anniversary year.	
9 Bradford Immigration Court	10 pm Suffolk Family visit		
10 Leeds	11-13 Ely TSSF Chapter	Oct 6 – 14 Sri Lanka.	
11 - 13 Ely TO Chapter			

14 - 25 Leeds	14-27 Southwark	Oct 14 – Nov 15 Stroud	
25 - 17 S. Mellitus Ordinands at Swanwick 28 - 31 Leeds	28-31 Oxford – ASSP visitation	Nov 16 – 27 London. Central Fund Trustees’ meeting, and various Lambeth Conference preparatory meetings for the pastoral support team. From Nov 29 Stroud	

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