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4th Sunday After Trinity

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The St Francis team have reflected on what it is to be a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our growing together in faith.

Or in the terms of the Bible and using James favourite ending to a service.  
Matthew 28:19&20

How do we as Christians follow Jesus call, and make disciples of all nations?  
Answer? Be a disciple, follow Jesus. Remembering His command to obey all the things He taught.

So, how do we follow Jesus properly? Follow His commands and disciple others teaching them what he taught us. We need to know what it is he calls us to do and be!

Putting this into our everyday lives requires wisdom and devotion. Wisdom to know what and how to follow Jesus well. Devotion in the purposeful undertaking to do so, devotion of our time.

I look to the Gospels and letters of the New Testament for guidance on this.

I am reminded of how the first disciples Jesus gathered were able to wrestle with how to follow Him, and even with ideas like wanting to be the greatest in the kingdom! Well, they had Jesus with them in their communal thinking, and for us today we can have Jesus with us too to help us in our own struggles. By having the Bible to hand and prayerfully looking to it and reading it, not just on our own at home, but hearing it in our worship services.

Jesus also promised us that when 2 or 3 gather in His name He is there in the midst of us. This single verse has made me passionate about gathering in small groups to study the Bible and disciple one another. I can say is that it does not matter if you are a brand-new Christian or mature, the Holy Spirit dwells in each of us. When we gather and study the Bible and ask it to speak to our lives today in a small group, everybody there is part of our mutual growing of our faith in Jesus Christ. In fact I'd say I learn so much in these small groups along with the mutual support of each other at a deep level in all areas of life it is a real blessing!

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### Readings

Deuteronomy 30. 9-14 Luke 10. 25-37

### Collect

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

#### St Nicholas Church, Broadway

##### The Dorset Wrecks

Saturday the 19th of July at 7.30pm.  
Book your tickets in advance before they sell out. Half the ticket proceeds will be going to National Coastwatch Institution - Portland Bill & the other to St. Nicholas Church.  
Susana Malik 07944617553 or  
susanamalik@yahoo.com

#### St Laurence Church, Upwey. DT3 5QE

7pm Friday 18th July

Upwey music presents

Patakas John Evans

Tickets: £14 in advance, £15 on the door  
www.ticketsource.co.uk  
Cash bar

#### St Osmund's, Osmington

Patronal Weekend 13th & 14th July

2.30pm - 4pm Saturday 13th July

Afternoon Tea accompanied by music.

Tickets £5 (Advance booking only)  
children under 10 free  
available from marjorieindorset@gmail.com

6pm Sunday 14th July

Patronal Service

Hymns & Pimms

#### St Andrew's Church Rooms. DT3 6BU

##### Carrie Martin

3pm Sunday 7th September  
An afternoon of acoustic music,  
including tea/coffee & homemade cakes.  
Tickets £15 from the Team Office  
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