

MONTH OF COMPASSION AT ST FRANCIS – AUGUST 2024

God's dream is that you and I and all of us will realise that we are family, that we are made for togetherness, for goodness, and for compassion.

Desmond Tutu

Compassion literally means “to suffer together.” It is defined as the feeling that arises when you are confronted with another’s suffering and feel motivated to relieve that suffering. Jesus’ life and ministry is a testimony to the transformative nature of compassion: think of the feeding of the 5000 (or more!) which is told in all 4 Gospels, his response to the woman caught in adultery, his healing of Jairus’ daughter, how he wept with Mary and Martha before raising Lazarus and even his care for his mother from the cross.

This month we explore how we at St Francis respond to the call to lead compassionate lives in what we do, say and pray for.

SUNDAY DETAILS:

FIRST SUNDAY - 4 AUGUST

Self Compassion

SECOND SUNDAY – 11 AUGUST

Women and Compassion

THIRD SUNDAY – 18 AUGUST

The Fruit of Compassion

FOURTH SUNDAY- 25 AUGUST

Compassion and Social Concerns

The Caring Window in the Church of St Mary and St Andrew, Whittelsford. Installed 2023. Artist Ben Finn

