

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM
13th OCTOBER 2024 20th Sunday after Trinity

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 13 th October Harvest	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis 9.15 a.m. Morning Praise at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Morning Worship at St. Francis
Sunday 20 th October	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis

Services are livestreamed on YouTube during the main services, weekly at St Mary's and whenever possible at St Francis.

Weekly services/Prayers

Tuesday at 10am	Pray for growth of the church held at 130 The Avenue Contact Jean Pogose (8289-5996) for more information.
Wednesday at 9:30am	Morning Prayer at St Francis
Wednesday at 10:30am	St Francis' open for private prayer till 11:30am
Thursday at 9am	Morning prayer at St Mary's

Upcoming Events

Harvest Sunday will be celebrated this coming Sunday. We will be collecting tinned and dried foods, toiletries, and cleaning items for the Foodbank at our services.

The Scouts will be holding a Bake Sale in the hall after the Church Parade service at St. Francis on **Sunday 13th October** at 11:30am. Please donate a cake and come along and eat a cake. Thank you for your support.

The **Diocesan children, youth and families ministry conference is being held on Saturday 9th November at St John's, Waterloo.** The theme is "Small changes, Big impact". Individual tickets cost £15 per person. Group tickets cost £10 per person for orders of 4 or more from the same parish. All tickets include lunch and refreshments. See attached flyer and letter from the Bishop and Archdeacon of Croydon for more details. Further information and booking can be found here <https://southwark.anglican.org/cypconference24>

Beckenham Chorale presents Faure Requiem Blackford - Mirror of Perfection on **Saturday 23rd November** 7pm at St George's Church, Beckenham. Conducted by Mark Griffiths with St. Paul's Sinfonia Jonathan Brown Baritone, Emma Walshe Soprano. Tickets £20/£15/£5 including free drink and programme online or on door from 6.15 p.m. www.ticketsource.co.uk or www.beckenhamchorale.org.uk

Notices

Please pray for the following people associated with our community:

Vicky Pearce, Jane Smith, Rowena Griffiths, Daphne Dack, John Dack, Sue Jones, Barry Burford, Pam Tabner, Barbara Goodchild, Marcia Chandler, Tim Curtis, Pauline Jackson and John Godfrey.

More singers are still needed to make a strong choir for the **Big Christmas Sing. (Saturday 7th December at St. Francis 'Church)**. Details of practices and times, etc., are on posters in church or please see Geoff. N.b. Previous experience is not essential.

"It is time, once again, for the **St Francis Children's Society Boxes** to be opened, and I would be grateful, therefore, if they could either, be brought into church or I could collect them from your home. Many thanks, Christine Morton (020 8777 9213)"

Link to Hope Family and Elderly Shoebox Appeal : This very worthy charity sends shoeboxes from all over the UK to very poor areas in Ukraine, Moldova Romania and Bulgaria. Camilla Johnson from St Johns coordinates the donations from this area. I have supported it for some years both by filling shoeboxes with my granddaughters each October Half Term and by helping out at the "Shoebox Superhub and Hospital each Autumn.

I have left leaflets in the vestibule which outline which gifts should go in the shoeboxes. If you would like to support this scheme, I can collect your shoebox from you. The closing date is 8 November. If the thought of filling a shoebox is too daunting any donations which are suitable to go in a shoebox will be very gratefully received.

More details can be found on the "Link to Hope" website. The videos of the people receiving the boxes at Xmas time are very moving as they live in such abject poverty.

Sharon Newman - 078117 42062

Warm space: We are planning to extend the times of the Warm Space at St. Francis so that we are open each Wednesday from November. We hope to be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Thank you to those who have already told me that they can help with this. We always have two volunteers on at a time and in general they do a 2-hour shift. If anyone else is happy to volunteer to help, please could you get in touch with me by email.

We are also looking for new ideas for the Warm Space perhaps some special activity that people can join in with. If you have any ideas and would be prepared to get involved with putting it on just get in touch. Maybe you could run a painting morning or a “knit and natter” or have other wonderful ideas. Thank you. Kate.

katedyer41@hotmail.com

Community Lunch: For the last 6 years, **Coney Hill Baptist Church** have hosted a Community Lunch on the third Wednesday of each month. However, the volunteer team has become somewhat depleted, and it is becoming a struggle to maintain the good standards our guests have become accustomed to. Any offer of help would be greatly appreciated, but specifically we are looking for people who might come and help us clear away at the end of our time together, so to be available just for 2 hours 12pm-2pm, once a month. If you can help or know anyone who might be interested, please contact either: Christine Milburn (Lunch coordinator) 07943 329962, or Ian Hamlin (minister) 07543 561868.

The Big Christmas Sing Saturday 7th December @ 4.00 p.m. at St. Francis

a Churches Together in West Wickham event, raising funds for Christian Aid.

Geoff Mussard & David Wada have started to organise this year’s Big Christmas Sing in aid of Christian Aid. It will be our 11th. consecutive year.

For it to happen we have to recruit helpers to assist mainly on the day with:

Refreshments, Projection, Welcoming, Seating, Distribution of Christian Aid envelopes and more. Last year we did not have enough helpers resulting in undue strain for ‘the few’.

Some of the tasks listed also need prior preparation, and there are further ways in which help is needed, e.g. in distributing publicity to churches, local shops, etc...

Our choir, based on the West Wickham Choir, will be joined by members of the other churches in West Wickham, with the Choir from Valley Primary School & the Chamber Choir from Hawes Down Primary School. We hope that Jacqueline Turner will also sing again for us. Choir rehearsals will be on Thursdays 28th November and 5th December

at 7.30 at St. Francis.

Please let **Geoff or David** know how you can help as soon as possible and **certainly by 14th. October**, so that the arrangements can be made for things to go ahead.

We will continue to collect items for the **Bromley Homeless Starter Pack Scheme** for those starting out in a new home with nothing. Starter Packs for families in need include cutlery, crockery, duvet covers (not duvets) pillowcases, tea towels, saucepans, frying pans, bath towels, toothbrushes etc. Please continue to bring these items to St. Francis.

Foodbank donations to St. Mary's or St Francis' Church. Items needed: tinned vegetables (including tomatoes and potatoes) hot and cold meat tins, cooking sauces, UHT milk, squash, UHT fruit juice and jam. *They have plenty of pasta, cereal, tea and biscuits.* You can also donate financially here: <https://bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>. Thank you for your continuing support.

Flowers: If anyone would like a pedestal at either church in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special anniversary etc., please contact Merri Womack (8777 8772) for St Mary's (or there is a list to sign in the vestibule at St. Mary's) or Nicky Nightingale (nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk or 8916 9855) for St Francis'.

Both churches have been decorated for Harvest by the flower arrangers. The sanctuary pedestal at St. Mary's has been donated by Gifty for the 5th anniversary of her sister's passing and has been arranged by Annette Cordery.

Items for pew sheet to Beryl berylbolton@hotmail.com **Deadline is Thursday MIDDAY**

Items for St Mary's website to Gifty office@stmarywestwickham.co.uk

Items for St Francis' website to Bo bolaptop1@outlook.com

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Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,

may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

26 When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11

⁶ Remember this saying,

“A few seeds make a small harvest,
but a lot of seeds make a big harvest.”

⁷ Each of you must make up your own mind about how much to give. But don't feel sorry that you must give and don't feel you are forced to give. God loves people who love to give. ⁸ God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others. ⁹ The Scriptures say,
“God freely gives his gifts to the poor, and always does right.”

¹⁰ God gives seed to farmers and provides everyone with food. He will increase what you have, so you can give even more to those in need. ¹¹ You will be blessed in every way, and you will be able to keep on being generous. Then many people will thank God when we deliver your gift.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 16-21

¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich towards God.”

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.