

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM
15th September 2024 - 16th Sunday after Trinity

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 15 th September	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
Sunday 22 nd September	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis 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

The September **Women's group meeting** will be a Film Night at St Mary's on **Tuesday 17th September** and start at the earlier time of 7.30pm. This will be co-hosted by the **men's group** and open to all. We will be showing 'Tinderbox', a film about Israel and Palestine, sent to us by Christian Aid. It is not suitable for children under 13yrs.

The Tinderbox is a rare and thought-provoking examination of injustice and conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. You'll hear from a wide variety of contemporary voices as well as explore how history continues to play out in the daily lives of people on either side of the divide. Light refreshments will be provided. (the film lasts approximately 90 minutes)

The last of the 10th season **Lunchtime concerts** will be at 12.45 pm on **Thursday 19th September** at St. Francis when Langley Park School students will play for us. As usual, tea and coffee will be available beforehand, and entrance is free. Do come along and bring a friend for what will be a very varied and entertaining concert by these talented youngsters.

Sponsored Richmond Riverside Walk, Saturday 28th September 2024

You are invited to raise funds for Christian Aid's Climate Justice project by participating in this walk, with friends and family, if possible, along the River Thames, thanking God for the beauty of his creation. It is a splendid opportunity for us to unite and work towards a common goal. By participating, we can collectively make an impact in mitigating the effects of climate change and fostering a fairer, more equitable world for vulnerable communities in the Global South.

- 10:30am at St Matthias Church, Church Road, Richmond, TW10 6LL.
- Arrive in good time to register and have a cup of tea/coffee.
- At 11am we will start the walk with a short prayer. The walk will officially end at 3:00pm at St Anne's Church Kew Green, Richmond TW9 3AA.
- 3 mile (short) and 8 mile (long) walking options are available
- Donations or sponsorship to Christian Aid

Please contact Richard (Richard.ford73@ gmail.com 0208 289 2432) if you can join us or would like more details.

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 and Pauline Jackson.

October/November magazines – Please can you let Beryl berylbolton@hotmail.com at St. Mary's and Nicky nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk for St. Francis know if you have any items for the next edition of the Parish magazines by **Sunday 15th September**.

Next gardening session at St. Francis is on 5th October.

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

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.

Here is the link if you wish to download the **September edition of the Bridge**
<https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/the-bridge-newspaper/>

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'.

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

Lord of creation whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First reading Genesis 1. 1, 24-31

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²⁴ God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-5, 10-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

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