

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM  
**17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

**Services over the next two weeks**

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis 10.00 a.m. Joint Service at St. Mary's 11.45 a.m. Baptism at St. Mary's
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis 4.00 p.m. CTWW Service at WW & Shirley Baptist

*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	<b>Pray for growth of the church held at 130 The Avenue Is taking a break and will recommence on the 26<sup>th</sup> November.</b>
Wednesday at 9:30am	Morning Prayer at St Francis
Wednesday at 10:30am	St Francis' open for <b>private prayer</b> till 11:30am
Thursday at 9am	Morning prayer at St Mary's

**Upcoming Events**

**Stephen and Elouise Fletcher** are having their son, Louis, baptised at St Mary's today, Sunday **17<sup>th</sup> November** at 11.45. All are invited to attend.

**Women's Event 8.00 p.m. at St. Francis Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Men's Group – Bromley and Shrubland Foodbank Collection:** This year's Christmas collection will be held on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November**, from 10am. to 2pm. The stall will be set up adjacent to Croft radio shop, in the high street. Please come and support us, bringing gifts for the food bank. Thank you. Stephen.

**Concert St. Georges Beckenham Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7.00 p.m.** See previous pew sheets.

**Churches Together in West Wickham. Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>** - a short service at 4pm, followed by a short meeting to explore CTWW activities for 2025 at West Wickham and Shirley Baptists. All welcome.

## **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November St. Mary's Christmas Market 10.30 a.m.– 2.30 p.m.**

Help is needed for the three days before the Market and on the day. Please contact Natalie Outten on [Natalieoutten2@ntlworld.com](mailto:Natalieoutten2@ntlworld.com) or Tony Ivey on [iveytony@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:iveytony@yahoo.co.uk) if you could help or sign the lists in the vestibule at St. Mary's. We would also appreciate any unwanted presents to help stock the gift stall, bottles of wine for the Water to Wine stall and chocolates for the Chocolate stall. Thank you.

### **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 Jean Pogose.

### **Notices**



The shoe boxes are all ready to be sent off. Thank you to the ladies of Gates Green WI and St Mary's.

**Read and download The Bridge from: [southwark.anglican.org/thebridge](http://southwark.anglican.org/thebridge)**

**On the Restoration of the 'Common Cup' (the shared chalice) at the Eucharist:** The Church of England has asked us to restore the 'Common Cup', i.e. to return to the practice of receiving the consecrated wine at the Eucharist from a shared chalice.

The Common Cup is important in the celebration of the Eucharist because it is a sign of our unity, both with each other and with Christ.

The Liturgical Commission has expressed the theological ideas behind this as follows. Drinking from a common cup is a strong symbol of unity, and of a Christian's belonging to, and responsibility towards, others and, not least, Christ. Before the crucifixion, Christ prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want' (Matthew 26:39b). The cup from which the communicant drinks is not their own, but Christ's cup of self-sacrificial love.

**We shall be returning to the use of a shared chalice from Sunday December 1st  
Advent Sunday**

A few points of detail are set out below:

1. There is absolutely NO OBLIGATION to receive the wine at Communion. We entirely understand that some people may feel anxious about this. If you do not wish to receive the wine, then simply leave the altar rail after you have received the bread (wafer).
2. Intinction by communicants (i.e. dipping the wafer in the wine in the chalice) is not permitted.
3. It would be very rare for a healthy person to get sick just from drinking out of the common cup.

For members of St Francis, if you have any questions please speak to a member of the PCC as we will be discussing this at the next PCC meeting. For the congregation at St Mary's, do speak to members of the Ministry Team.

**Singers** are still needed to make a strong choir for the **Big Christmas Sing. (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Donations** of mince pies or cash in lieu would be much appreciated. Please give to David Wada at St. Francis and Margaret Bond or Kay Mussard at St. Mary's. Thank you.

There is a box at the back of St Francis for donations of mince pies and a list for volunteers. If you would like to help with refreshments on the day that would much appreciated. Please add your name to the list or speak to Gill Kehoe.

**The second Community Christmas Tree Festival will be held between 14-21 December** at St Francis Church, and we are looking for volunteers to help during the following opening times:

- Saturday 14 December – 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Sunday 15 December – 12.00noon – 3.00pm
- Wednesday 18 December – 10.30am – 1.00pm
- Friday 20 December – 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Saturday 21 December – 10.00am – 1.00pm

If you are able to help either to Welcome and support with any questions or to help serve refreshments (tea/coffee/biscuits) please can you sign up on the sheets available at St Francis and St Mary's or let either Kate Dyer [katedyer41@hotmail.com](mailto:katedyer41@hotmail.com) or Nicky Nightingale [nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk) know.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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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](mailto:nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk) or 8916 9855) for St Francis'.

Items for pew sheet to Beryl [berylbolton@hotmail.com](mailto:berylbolton@hotmail.com) **Deadline is Thursday MIDDAY**

Items for St Mary's website to Gifty [office@stmarywestwickham.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarywestwickham.co.uk)

Items for St Francis' website to Bo [bolaptop1@outlook.com](mailto:bolaptop1@outlook.com)

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Collect**

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**First Reading: Hebrews 10.11-25**

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup> 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts and I will write them on their minds',

<sup>17</sup> he also adds 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Gospel: Mark 13.1-8**

**13** As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray.

<sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

**Post Communion**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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