

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM
22nd & 29th September 2024 - 17th and 18th Sunday after Trinity

This pew sheet will cover 2 weeks, and the next one will be on Sunday 6th

Services over the next three weeks

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
Sunday 29 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 6 th October	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 10.00 a.m. Joint Service at St. Francis 3.00 p.m. Pet Service 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

Announcements

The Archdeacon approved the United Benefice advertisements, and the one for the Pathways site has already been posted, which you can view via the following link:

<https://pathways.churchofengland.org/en/jobs/vicar-of-st-francis-of-assisi-amp-st-mary-of-nazareth-churches-west-wickham-joined-benefice/1461>

The Church Times advert will be posted on the 27th of September. Let's pray the right person is guided to us.

Christian Aid Gaza appeal

As we are fast approaching the tragic anniversary of the increased conflict in the Middle East, Christian Aid have relaunched their appeal to support their [life-saving work in Gaza](#).

They have asked churches to contribute to this if they can.

There will be collection buckets and gift aid envelopes at the back of church.

If you would like to donate on line the direct link to the Gaza appeal is;

<https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-008005>

Upcoming Events

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.

The **funeral** of Keith Earthrowl will be held on the **3rd October** with a committal at Beckenham Crematorium at 1.00 p.m. followed by a service of celebration at Emmanuel Croydon, Normanton Road, South Croydon CR2 7AF at 2.30 p.m. Cakes and refreshments will be served afterwards. Please let the family know if you can join them by contacting Jo 07740 620102 or Sue 07740 585580. Donations to St. Christopher's Hospice are welcomed in place of flowers using the link below.

<https://keith-earthrowl.muchloved.com/>

Pickle Onion Morning Friday 4th October 10.00 a.m. at 44 Pickhurst6 Mead,
Annette's house. Do come along and help prepare the onions for the Christmas Market.
All are welcome and please bring your own sharp knife.

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

Harvest Supper 7.00 p.m. at St. Mary's on Saturday 12th October. There is a list up in the vestibule for you to sign if you hope to come along. The cost is £10 and please bring your own drinks. The meal will be sausages, chips, beans with French bread followed by dessert and coffee. If you are unable to sign up at St. Marys, you can book a place through Beryl 0208 289 8097 or berylbolton@hotmail.com. The supper will be followed by some musical entertainment. Any profit made will be for church funds.

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 and we remember the family of Keith Earthrowl whose funeral is on 3rd 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

September 22nd 2024: 17th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

First reading: James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

⁴ Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SEPTEMBER 29th 2024 - 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Revelation 12: 7-12

⁷ And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,
‘Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹ But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. ¹² Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 38-41

³⁸ John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' ³⁹ But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

Post communion:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

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