

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM
23rd February 2025 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

A message from Richard: I shall be away and unavailable from February 12th to March 2nd inclusive. Should you need a member of the clergy urgently, Carol will be available with the usual contact details: carol.coslett@southwark.anglican.org ; 020 7939 9456.

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 23 rd February	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 2 nd March	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's 10.00 a.m. Joint 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 on 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

Warm space at St Francis: Wednesday mornings from 10:00am – 2:00pm

Saturday, 1st March - Action Aid Coffee morning at St Francis. 10.30 a.m.

Women's Event Tuesday March 11th 8.00 p.m. at St. Francis. On International Women's Day, come along to St. Francis and hear about Welcare. Light refreshments available.

Please pray for the following people associated with our community:

Vicky Pearce, Jane Smith, Rowena Griffiths, Daphne Dack, John Dack, Joan Burford, Pam Tabner, Barbara Goodchild, Marcia Chandler, Tim Curtis. Pauline Jackson, Brian Beadle and Kim Teare and her family at this difficult time. Please pray also for the soul of Charlie Smythe and remember Dot and the family, and for the soul of Cheryl Davies, remember Brian, Michelle, Helen and all the family at this sad time.

Notices

Lent 2025: This year we shall once again be running three Lent Groups: one on Mondays at 8 pm, one on Wednesdays at 10.30 am and one on Wednesdays at 8 pm. Numbers in the Monday group are limited because of space. We shall be rerunning the course that we started in 2020, but were unable to complete because of Lockdown, looking at the events of Holy Week through the lens of the BBC serialisation "The Passion," first seen in Holy Week 2008, starring, amongst others, James Nesbitt, Joseph Mawle and Penelope Wilton. The course will run for five weeks, beginning in the week beginning March 9th for the two evening groups and on the 19th for the morning group. Sign-up lists are now available at the back of both churches.

Easter Egg Evangelism: Again, this year, I shall be bulk ordering the Original Real Easter Egg, the one that contains a 24 page Easter story activity book. I currently need 7 more orders to complete a case, which brings the price down to £5.50 each (single eggs cost £6.20). I'm also happy to order the dark version (6.90 single). There are signing up sheets in both churches, but I'm happy for you to contact me by email (richard.ford73@gmail.com) or phone (02082892432). Richard Ford.

Emergency Contact Consent Form: We are collecting emergency contact information to ensure that, in case of emergency, we have a way to notify family members or other designated contacts promptly. Providing this information is entirely optional but can help us support you and your family in urgent situations.

St Francis - forms are at the back of the church and once completed, please return to David Wada, Treasurer.

St Mary's – forms are in the vestibule and once completed, please return to David Taylor or Gifty Nortey.

St Francis – Revision of Electoral Roll: This year is the 6 yearly revision of the church electoral roll for St Francis. Everyone on the current electoral roll will need to complete

a form which will be at the back of St Francis from Sunday 9th February through to Sunday 30th March. Once you have completed the form please return to Marion Barry, Electoral Roll Officer. If you have any questions, please speak to Marion. If there are any parishioners who are not on the electoral roll but would like to be, now is a good time to get an application form. The roll has to be completed and finalised by Saturday 12th April ahead of the APCM on Sunday 27th April.

For St. Mary's this year is the 6 yearly revision of the church electoral roll. All those on the roll will have to fill in the appropriate forms available from Chris Fitzgerald. If there are any parishioners who are not on the roll but would like to be, now is a good time to get an application form as well. This all has to be done and finalised in time for our APCM which is on Sunday 16th March so all forms must be returned to Chris by Sunday 9th March.

Bromley Food bank – Items required: Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Cold Meats, Tinned Potatoes and Men/Ladies Deodorants. Thank you.

Collection 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.

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'.

The flowers on the platform at St Francis this week are for Margaret Marsh who would have been 90 on 21st February and are at the request of her daughter, Lynda.

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

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15- 25

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ ¹⁹ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man^[a] there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

²³ Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’

²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 22-25

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side of the lake.’ So they put out, ²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.

²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, ‘Master, Master, we are perishing!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, ‘Where is your faith?’ They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?’

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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