

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM
23rd March 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 23 rd March	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Francis 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Sunday 30 th March Mothering Sunday	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Mary's 9.15 a.m. Morning Praise at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Morning Worship 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 will be open on **Wednesday 26th March 10am -12.00pm** and **Wednesday 2nd April 10am - 1.00pm**. The 2nd of April will be the last one until it resumes in the first week in October.

Cheryl Davies' funeral will be held at St. Mary's on Friday 4th April at 12.30 and the service will be live streamed. Smart casual dress colours welcome. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Chartwell Cancer Trust (see donations page on link below). There will be drinks in the vestibule following the service while the family attend the Crematorium for a short committal at 2.00 p.m. Everyone is then invited to join the family at The New Inn Station Approach, Hayes at 2.15 p.m. onwards. Parking by Ringo only opposite in the public car park. If you intend to go along, would you please text/WhatsApp 07710712258 (Helen's mobile) for catering purposes. If you don't have a mobile phone, please let Kay Mussard know that you intend to go (0208 650 8389).

<https://cheryl-davies-1951-2025.muchloved.com>

Action Aid Coffee - Saturday, 5th April. Do come along for coffee/tea, cake and chat.

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, Sarah Challenger Francis (Gillian's daughter) and Kim Teare and her family at this difficult time. Please pray also for the soul of Cheryl Davies and remember Brian, Michelle, Helen and all the family at this sad time.

Notices

David Taylor's Retirement: It is not possible for me to put into words, thanks enough for the voucher and the card you gave me on Sunday. It was my intention to open it at any other business, however I wasn't quick enough, the hall cleared and beat me to it. So please accept my heartfelt thanks, it was I admit a shock, I expected nothing like that at all, so emotional. God bless you all. Dave Taylor.

"Move the Organ Fund" - We have launched this fund to cover the cost of moving our Organ to its new position. Contributions can be by Cheque (payable to St. Francis), Cash given to David Wada or by Credit Card using the SumUp machine in the Church. The aim is to raise £1500. Any questions, please speak to David.

Our thanks to **Kate and Valerie** for all the hard work that they have done as Churchwardens, especially during the Interregnum.

Will members of St. Mary's who have a **Children's Society Box** please hand in to Dave or Wendy Taylor for the annual count as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 Gifty Nortey or Jackie Greatorex.

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.

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'.

No flowers during Lent.

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

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: Luke 13: 1-9

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them —do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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