

ST MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM

25th MAY 2025 EASTER 6

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 25 th May	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
Thursday 29 th Ascension Day	7.30 p.m. Service in St. Mary the Virgin, Addington Village
Sunday 1 st June	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis 10.00 a.m. Joint Service at St. Mary's

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

Collation and Induction Service

To celebrate the arrival of our new Vicar, the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils of the United Benefice of St Francis of Assisi and St Mary of Nazareth invite you to attend Reverend Matt's Collation and Induction Service on Monday 7 July at 7.30pm at St Mary's. The service will be conducted by The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark, and The Venerable Greg Prior, Archdeacon of Croydon, and it will be followed by a reception in the hall. Please indicate your attendance by adding your name to the signup sheets which are available at both churches until Sunday 22 June. We are expecting a full church for this important occasion and seek volunteers to help ensure it runs smoothly. There's space on the signup sheet to say if you are able to assist.

Upcoming Events

Just a reminder to everyone about the **Garden Party on Saturday 14th June from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at St. Mary's.** **Message from Chris Fitzgerald:** If anyone has any bedding plants to contribute to plant stall please bring along on the day. Thanks Natalie

Saturday 14th June 7.00 p.m. Beckenham Chorale present Favourite Opera Choruses at St. Georges Church, Beckenham High Street **BR3 1AX** Join us for a summer treat as we journey throughout the opera and operetta world, visiting Paris, Babylon, Seville, the Duchy of Lotharingia, Scotland, Carthage, Imperial China and a village in Calabria on our Grand Tour. In a lighter vein, we travel with Gilbert & Sullivan from Cornwall through the English countryside and up to London via Venice! Can you work out what you are going to hear? Why not come along and see if you are right!

We are delighted to be once again able to showcase the talents of Richard Pearce at the piano. Richard is a conductor, pianist and organist recording and broadcasting on Radio 3 with the BBC Singers and is a regular with the Philharmonic and the BBC Symphony Orchestras. You may well have seen him at the Royal Albert Hall for the Last Night of the Proms! **Book now on Ticketsource**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beckenhamchorale/t-dvdkgdg>

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) John Richards and Joan Baker who has had a stroke and is in hospital on end-of-life care. Please also pray for the soul of Mary Sanders who died recently and remember her daughter Daniella.

Notices

Will **St. Mary's congregation** please note that as from **Sunday 1st June**, we will be re-introducing the offertory hymn and bags will be passed around. Thank you.

St. Mary's will be **spring cleaning** the church during the half term week from **Monday 26th to Saturday 31st May**. Jobs apart from the cleaning to include sanding down the vestibule doors and revarnish, revarnishing the main doors and the pews. Lots of help will be needed so if you are able to help, please contact Gifty. Thank you in anticipation.

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.

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

Foodbank Table in St Francis: Once a month, we will have a 'Foodbank donation table' at the back of the church for you to bring in your food donations for the Foodbanks that we collect for. Please look out for the next collection date which will be published in advance in the pew sheet and the food items that will be collected. If you have any questions, please contact Nicky Nightingale nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk

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 sanctuary pedestal at St. Mary's has been arranged and donated by Merri for John's birthday.

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 bo@manusmedical.com

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Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading: Acts 16: 9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' she prevailed upon us. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: John 14: 23-29

²³ Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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