

**ST. MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Services over the next two weeks**

Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's
<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	9.15 a.m. Morning Praise at St. Mary's
	10.45 a.m. Morning Worship at St. Francis
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	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 <b>private prayer</b> till 11:30am
Thursday at 9am	Morning prayer at St Mary's

**Upcoming events**

**Warm space** will be open on and **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10am - 1.00pm**. This 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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> **Please note the parking restriction between 1pm – 2pm on The Avenue will be suspended on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of April.**

**Action Aid Coffee - Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April at St. Francis.** 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 John Richards. Please pray also for the soul of Cheryl Davies and remember Brian, Michelle, Helen and all the family at this sad time.

## **Notices**

**Message from Dave Taylor:** It is not possible for me to put into words my 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.

**"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 9<sup>th</sup> February through to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> April ahead of the APCM on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

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

**No flowers during Lent.**

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)

## 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Collect

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 1-18

<sup>1</sup> There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup> He had two wives; the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

<sup>3</sup> Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. <sup>4</sup> On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup> but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb.

<sup>7</sup> So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore, Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

<sup>9</sup> After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup> She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup> She made this vow: 'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

<sup>12</sup> As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup> Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk.<sup>14</sup> So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' <sup>15</sup> But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. <sup>16</sup> Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' <sup>17</sup> Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' <sup>18</sup> And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel reading: John 19: 25-27**

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Post Communion**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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