

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

9th February 2025 4th 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

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| Sunday 9 th February | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St Francis 9.15 a.m. Morning Praise at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Morning Worship at St. Francis 3.00 p.m. Healing Service at St. Francis |
| Sunday 16 th February | 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 |

Services are livestreamed on YouTube during the main services, weekly at St Mary's and whenever possible at St Francis.

Weekly services/Prayers

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| 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

Valentine's Lunch at St. Mary's – Saturday 15th February 12.30pm: This is our annual event organised by the men of St. Mary's for church funds. The cost is £12 per person. You can book your place through Beryl on 0208 289 8097, berylbolton@hotmail.com or by signing the list in St. Mary's vestibule. Numbers will be limited to 40 so book early to avoid disappointment. When booking we need to know if you would like mushroom or tomato soup, and whether you would like cheese, ham or pate with your ploughman. There will also be a raffle. **List will be removed after the Sunday service.**

Saturday 22nd March St. Georges Church, Beckenham concert by Beckenham Chorale
Mozart C Minor Mass Exsultate Jubilate. www.ticketsource.co.uk.beckenhamchorale
Tickets £20, £15, £5 to include drink and programme. Online and on door from 6.15pm
See attached flyer.

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 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.

We have sent a cheque for £550 this week to **Action Aid** from the proceeds of our St Francis Saturday coffee mornings. Please continue to support us the first Saturday each month - everyone welcome. Barbara Goodchild

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.

Welcare in Bromley (St Mary's and St Francis): For many years Margaret Bond and I have been our Church representatives for this Charity. I am now resigning but would be pleased to know that someone else would be interested in taking on this position. It is a local Charity supporting many needy families in the London Borough of Bromley. Another way of supporting it would be to become a 'friend' This means making a regular donation to the Charity. Please contact me if you would like to know more.
Merri Womack

Read and download The Bridge from: southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

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.

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

9th February 4th Sunday before Lent

Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Luke 5: 1-11

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore.

Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.'

⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'

⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: John 21: 1-12

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶ He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord.

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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