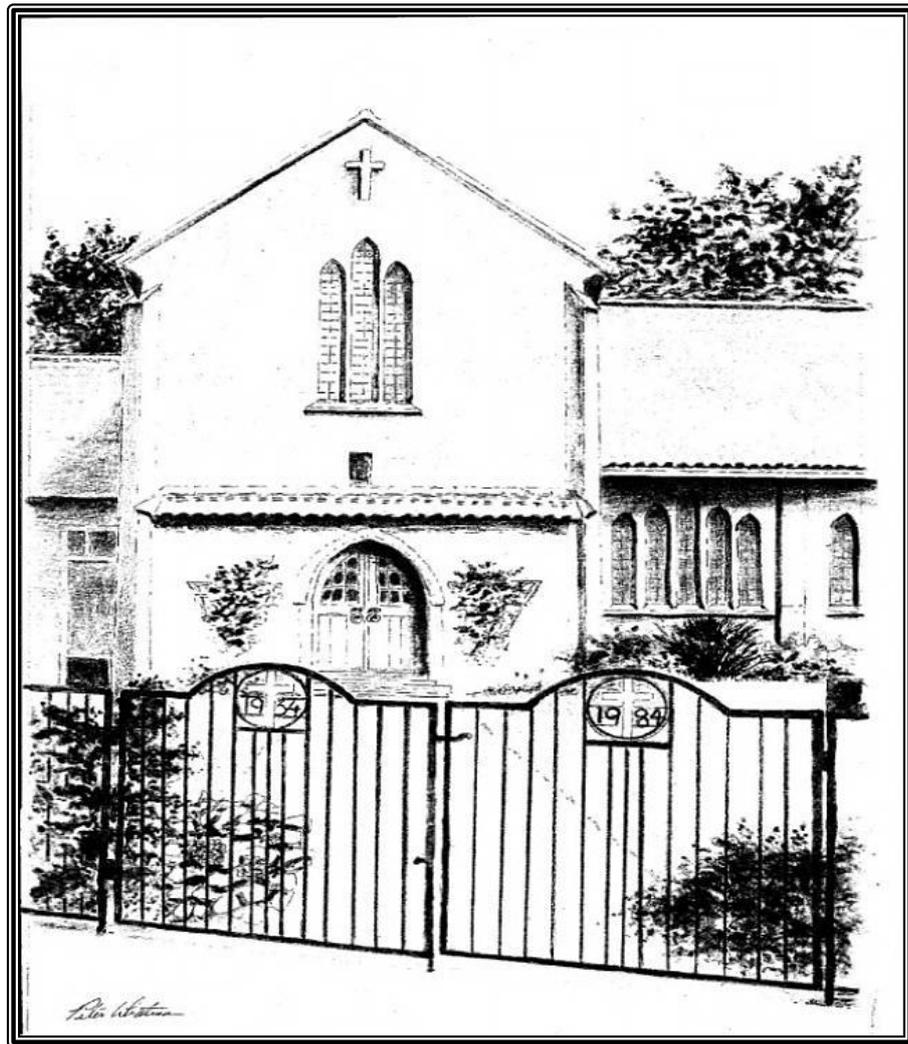


APRIL/MAY 2022

**ST MARY OF NAZARETH
WEST WICKHAM**



***A WELCOMING FAMILY WITH CHRISTIAN
FAITH AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO***

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NORMAL SERVICES

Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays only)
	9:15 a.m.	Sung Communion & Crèche (joint service at 10am on the 1 st Sunday of the month, sometimes at St Francis)
All age Service:	9:15 a.m.	Normally on the 2 nd Sunday of the month
Messy Church:	3:45 p.m.	Normally on the 2 nd Friday of the month
Holy Baptism:		By appointment
Other Services:		Refer to the Calendar in this magazine
Weddings/Banns, etc.:		By appointment

LETTER FROM RICHARD

Dear friends,

"April is the cruellest month," writes T. S Eliot in his opening to *The Waste Land*, a statement that will almost certainly be fulfilled this April, when we see the introduction of higher National Insurance payments and an increase in the energy price cap. And I am writing this when we have yet to see the impact on our economy of the economic sanctions being imposed on Russia. Another way of putting this is to say that April will see increasing numbers of people falling into poverty, with parents having to go without meals themselves in order to feed their children. What this feels like was vividly brought to life in the second film in our occasional series of film nights at St Mary's: "I, Daniel Blake".

Those familiar with the film will remember the scene in which a young mother is so hungry that she cannot help herself grabbing a can from a shelf in the food bank she has been referred to, opening it then and there and cramming the contents into her mouth. Shortly after this watching this film, while having a mini-retreat at a convent in Lewisham, I was moved to write the following poem:

Day after day,
putting food on the table
for others,
but not yourself,
doing the best you're able
to hide from them the sacrifice.

But now,
as you walk the stacks
of food,
something cracks.

Despite yourself you grab the can –
no knife, nor fork,
just hands to cram
full your mouth,
oblivious of those around
turning at the sound
of hunger satisfied.

And then the shame!
But why?

How in a land of plenty
are plenty left to choose
to heat or eat,
to feed the kids,
deny themselves,
then lift the lids and “feast”
on food on food bank shelves?

It is to the credit of both St Mary’s and St Francis’ that we are actively involved in supporting the Bromley food bank, and you can read more about that elsewhere in this magazine.

This April, of course, also sees us celebrating Easter and the hope that Jesus’ resurrection from the dead brings to us all. We live in a broken world, as the need for food banks and the war in Ukraine testify, but God’s raising of Jesus from death also testifies that God is ultimately in control, whether it is immediately apparent or not. And that is a hope worth holding on to.

Have a hopeful and blessed Easter.

Richard

SERVICES FOR APRIL

Friday 1st

3.45 p.m. Messy Church at St. Mary's
Led by Messy Church Team

Sunday 3rd

LENT 5 Passion Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Led by Hazel O'Sullivan

10.00 a.m. Joint Holy Communion at St. Francis
with reading of the Passion
Led by Richard Ford

Sunday 10th

Palm Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Led by Hazel O'Sullivan

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Led by Hazel/Preacher: Debbie Adams

10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Led by Richard Ford/Preacher: Debbie Adams

Thursday 14th Maundy Thursday

7.30 p.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Led by Hazel O'Sullivan/Preacher: Ken Bryan

Friday 15th

Good Friday

11.00 a.m.

CTWW Service at St. Francis

Led by CTWW ministers

2.00 p.m.

An hour at the Cross at St. Mary's

Led by Richard Ford

Sunday 17th

Easter Sunday

8.00 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Led by Hazel O'Sullivan

9.15 a.m.

Family Communion at St. Mary's

Led by Richard Ford/Preacher: Hazel O'Sullivan

10.45 a.m.

Family Communion at St. Francis

Led by Hazel O'Sullivan

Sunday 24th

Easter 2 St. George

8.00 a.m.

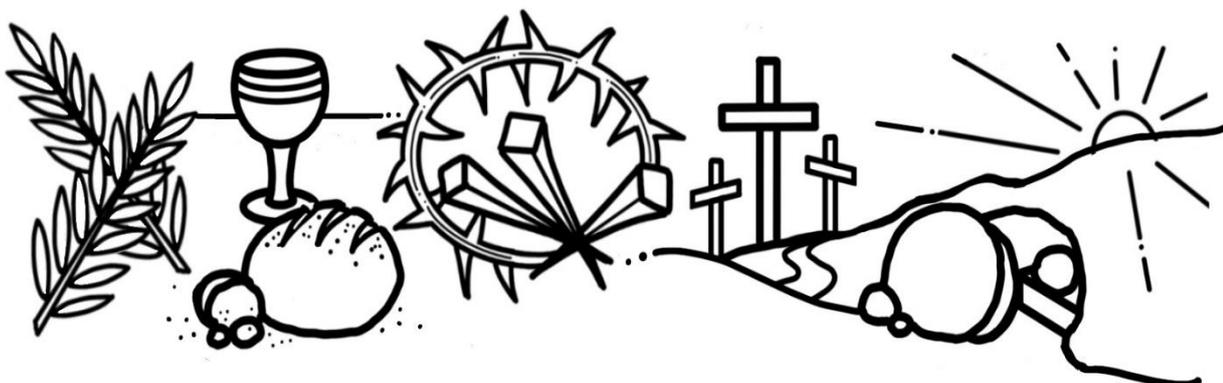
Holy Communion at St. Francis

Led by Hazel O'Sullivan

10.00 a.m.

Joint All-age service at St. Mary's for
St. George's Day

Led by Ken Bryan/Preacher: Hazel O'Sullivan



SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday 1st

Easter 3

8.00 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Led by Hazel O'Sullivan

10.00 a.m.

Joint Service at St. Francis

Led by Hazel O'Sullivan/Preacher CAP

Sunday 8th

Easter 4

8.00 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis

Led by Richard Ford

9.15 a.m.

Morning Praise at St. Mary's

Led by Richard Ford

10.45 a.m.

Worship for all Ages at St. Francis

Led by Hazel O'Sullivan

Friday 13th

3.45 p.m.

Messy Church at St. Mary's

Led by Messy Church Team

Sunday 15th

Easter 5 Christian Aid Week

8.00 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Led by Hazel O'Sullivan/Preacher: Ken Bryan

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Led by Hazel O'Sullivan/Preacher: Ken Bryan

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis

Led by Hazel O'Sullivan/Preacher: Ken Bryan

Sunday 22nd Easter 6

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Led by Richard Ford

9.15 a.m. Baptism with Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Led by Hazel O'Sullivan

10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Led by Richard Ford

Thursday 26th Deanery Wide Ascension Day Service
Venue TBC

Sunday 29th Easter 7

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Led by Hilary Fife

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Led by Ken/Preacher & Celebrant: Hilary Fife

10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Led by Hilary Fife

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On-line and paper-based resources for worship at home will continue to be circulated each week in addition to services taking place in person. At the current time, services are planned in the church building and on-line, but this is subject to change at short notice, dependent on local restrictions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic. Please check the weekly pew sheet for up-to-date information on times and location.

READINGS FOR APRIL

Date	Reading	Reader
3rd	Isaiah 50: 4-9a	
10th	Phil. 2: 5-11 Luke 19: 28-40	Bob West Debbie Adams
17th	Acts 10: 34-43 Luke 24: 1-12	Stephen Howe Hazel O'Sullivan
24th	2 Tim. 2: 3-13 John 15: 18-21	Hazel O'Sullivan

READINGS FOR MAY

1st	Acts 9: 1-6 Rev.5: 11-end John 21: 1-19	CAP Speaker
8th	Special readings for Morning Praise	
15th	Acts 11: 1-18 John 13: 31-35	David Taylor Ken Bryan
22nd	Acts 16: 9-15 John 14: 23-29	Beryl Bolton Hazel O'Sullivan
29th	Acts 16: 16-34 John 17: 20-end	John Womack Hilary Fife

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

Parish Lunch

The April Parish Lunch is on **Wednesday 6th April at 1.00 p.m.** in the hall and the cost is £6. Please contact Beryl Bolton (0208 289 8097) if you are unable to attend.

Holy Week and Easter

Finally, we will be able to look forward to our Holy Week and Easter with some certainty about what will and will not be possible. We will be keeping our services to those which are familiar, rather than introducing something new:

- *Palm Sunday* (10th April): Holy Communion at 8am in St Francis', 9.15am in St Mary's, 10.45am in St Francis'.
- *Maundy Thursday* (14th April): Holy Communion at 7.30pm in St Francis'.
- *Good Friday* (15th April): Churches Together service at 11am in St Francis'; An Hour at the Cross at 2pm in St Mary's.
- *Easter Sunday* (17th April): Family Communion at 8am in St Francis', 9.15am in St Mary's, 10.45am in St Francis'.



Celebrating Scouting

Before the pandemic hit, we had a good relationship with the 7th West Wickham Scouts and contributed to and supported their Gang Show in March 2020. Since then both we and they have been meeting on-line and it has been difficult to maintain this relationship, so we are looking forward to gathering together again for a service on **Sunday 24th April at 10am** in St Mary's to celebrate St George, the Patron Saint of Scouting. Do come to support the 7th West Wickham and hear about what they have been doing during the past two years and how they hope to return to things like camp later this year.

Advance Notice

Our **Garden Party** will be held on **Saturday 25th June 2022** in the church gardens, weather permitting. More details to follow closer to the time in the pew sheet.

Answers to this month's crossword

ACROSS: 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Defy.

DOWN: 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able

May

West Wickham Village Day

The West Wickham Village Day last took place in Blake Park in 2019. This year they are returning, and Churches Together in West Wickham are looking to be a blessing to our community at this event with some hospitality and family spaces being provided. Please do put the date in your diary – **Monday 2nd May** – and be prepared to sign up for some cake baking, prayer, and volunteering on the day.

Parish Lunch

The May Parish Lunch is on **Wednesday 4th May at 1.00 p.m.** in the hall and the cost is £6. Please contact Beryl Bolton (0208 289 8097) if you are unable to attend.

Christian Aid Week

This year Christian Aid Week is from **15th-21st May 2022**. The theme for the week is fighting hunger and the materials focus on Zimbabwe, a country where the impact of climate change is keenly felt and where drought leads to widespread hunger. In rural Zimbabwe, seven out of ten women rely on farming to earn a living. With no rain, women can't grow enough food and they struggle to provide for their children.

Every gift. Every action.
Every Prayer. Everyone
of us can change lives.

PARISH MATTERS

Valentine's Ploughmen's Lunch

On Saturday 12th February, about 40 of us were once again treated to a delicious ploughmen's lunch organised and served by the men of St. Mary's under the expert supervision of Rob West. We had a choice of mushroom or tomato soup, followed by a ham or cheese ploughmen's and a selection of desserts accompanied by white or red wine and ending with coffee. The ladies present were all presented with a red rose.

Due to the pandemic, this event did not take place last year and it was lovely to be back socialising face to face with friends old and new. There was a raffle and a total of £ 377.49 was raised for church funds.

A big thank you to Rob West, Geoff Mussard, David Taylor, Stephen Howe, Ken Bryan, and Chris Fitzgerald from us all and we look forward to next year!!

Beryl Bolton

Concert including Three Wise Camels by Roger Jones

On Sunday 27th February, I plodded on to St. Mary's to meet up with "3 Wise Camels". The Camel soloists, Bob West, Claire Cordery, and Roger Owen were brilliant, backed by a talented augmented choir, ably led by Geoff Mussard. Everyone worked so hard, and the resulting performance was excellent.

Jean Mathers played a solo on her flute, which was beautiful.

I then plodded on to the hall, where there was a delicious tea and cakes, ably organised by Annette Cordery and Julie Conway. Thank you one and all for a wonderful afternoon! A total of £406. was raised for church funds.

Margaret Bond

Dem Bones, dem bones

It has been said that the body of any organisation is made up of four types of bones....

*There are the **Wishbones** – who spend their time wishing someone else would do something about the problem under discussion....*

*There are the **Jawbones** – who spend their time talking about the problem.*

*There are the **Knucklebones** – who spend their time knocking everything that everyone has already done or would like to do.*

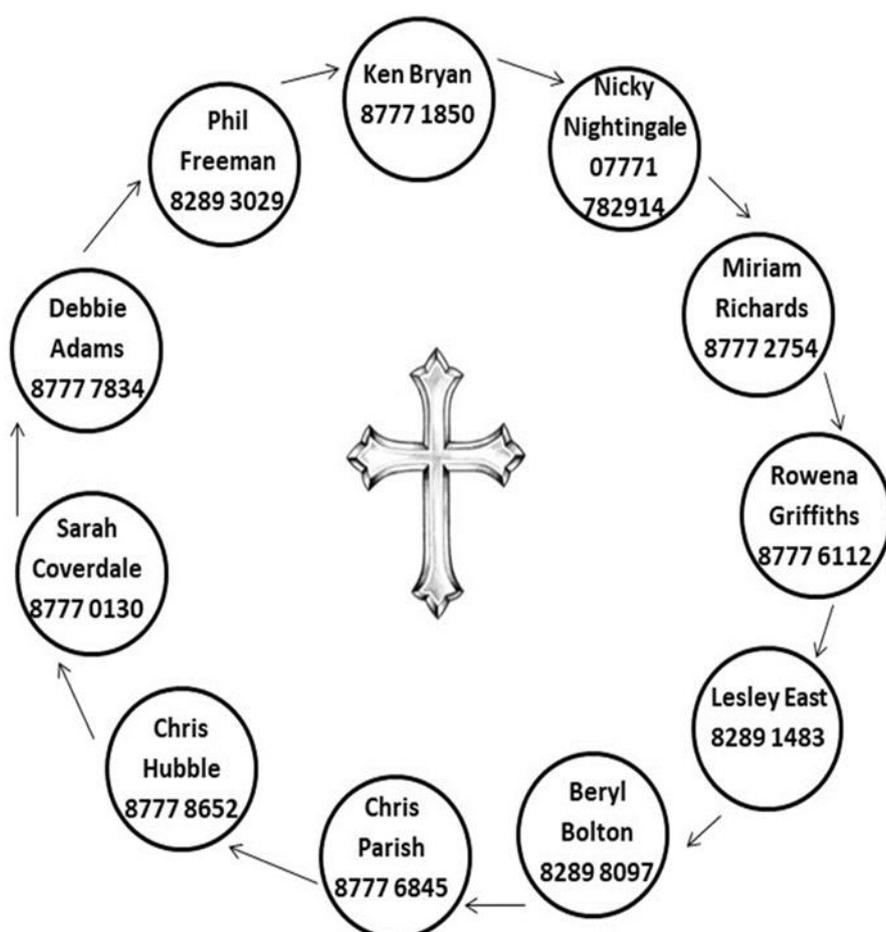
*Finally, there are the **Backbones** who quietly come along, get under the load, and carry it!*

Which type of bone are you?

St Francis and St Mary's Prayer Chain

Many people find they are given strength and peace of mind when they know that they, or their loved ones, are being prayed for. And the more people who are praying for someone, the better!

If you would like prayer for yourself, please call anyone on the chain below and they will pass a message on around the circle. If you like a name added to the intercessions list in our services, (which will be on-line as well as in-person) please state this when you make contact.



April

**10th
Palm Sunday** As Jesus entered Jerusalem, let him enter our life that he may rule in our heart always.

**14th
Maundy Thursday** Father, we thank you for inviting us to share in the supper which your son gave to his church to be a memorial of his Death and passion. May we be strengthened by his Presence and united in his love.

**15th
Good Friday** As our Saviour Christ suffered death upon the cross for our sake, may we follow the example of his life on earth and be sharers in his resurrection.

**17th
Easter Day** Alleluia! Blessed be the Lord Jesus, who has risen from the tomb and opened the gate for us to eternal life.

**23rd
St. George** Pray that we may be wisely governed and that we may serve our community and country to the best of our ability.

**25th
St. Mark** As we are firmly grounded in the gospels may we be faithful to their teaching, both in word and deed.

The Wonder of Easter

Living God, we praise you for the wonder of Easter - this day that changed the world for ever! We rejoice in the victory of Jesus: his triumph over evil, hatred, despair and even death itself. Living God, we praise you for the victory you have won, and for the assurance it brings that nothing in life or death can ever separate us from your love. To you be praise and glory. Amen.

FOCUS

May

1st Let our words and actions draw people to you, Lord
St. Philip & Jesus
St. James

14th Like the apostles, may we stay faithful, united in
St. Mathias prayer and the breaking of bread.

26th We give thanks that the risen and ascended Lord
Ascension Jesus has promised to be with us for ever.

Our Suffering World

In sorrow Lord, we pray for all those many whose lives have been maimed, murdered or traumatised by the brutality of others – All those many who have suffered bereavement of loved ones. Comfort all who have lost their homes through deliberate destruction. Give courage and strength to those who must flee their country in search of refuge and help. Lord, we pray for their safety and that they may find a secure place to live and neighbours who will welcome them. We pray for world leaders and all in positions of authority, that they do not misuse their powers but rule with wisdom, justice and integrity.

We pray for our own government as they face many challenges in the months ahead.

We give thanks that we are able to come to you, Lord, in prayer, knowing that you hear us always.

Amen.

Vision Feedback

Last year we set out a vision for the united benefice of those activities that we might develop together as we come out of the restrictions imposed in response to the pandemic. Much of our early work has been in strengthening our work of compassion and in February and March we fed back on two aspects of this which are summarised below:

Foodbank support

The involvement of our two churches in food bank support goes back about ten years, when a home group started a food donation point at St Mary's and Pam Sear agreed to be the contact person, as well as to deliver the donated food to the warehouse. When Covid started the collection point moved to the vicarage doorstep which has resulted in a considerable increase in the amount of food donated and a recognition by local people of both of our churches' support for the Bromley Food Bank, since St Francis' is also a donation collection point.

During Covid, our donations were delivered first to SJ's, St John's community centre in Coney Hall, by Hazel and then Ken Bryan took on delivery to the Bromley Food Bank warehouse in Downham. When the warehouse was forced to close for a short period, Ken took the collection to the Shrublands Food Bank, who were extremely grateful, as they had supplied sixty families over the Christmas period and were very low on stocks.

An important addition to the way in which we collect food was instigated in the run-up to Christmas 2019, when Tim Shingler organised a High Street collection on Crofts' Corner. Initially the

Men's Group supported him, but now others are involved, and we also collect at Easter and in the summer. The next collection will be on April 9th, followed in the evening by a concert being organised at St Francis' by Tim and Roger Dyer to raise funds for the Fuel Bank, an offshoot of food banks, to help those struggling to keep their pre-payment meters topped up. It is ironic that those in greatest financial difficulty are often those who are most reliant on the most expensive source of energy.

Our collection of food and its delivery to the warehouse is only the tip of the iceberg. Other work is undertaken by volunteers, both at the warehouse and at the food bank centres, where clients collect their food. What follows is a description by one of our volunteers who works at one of the centres.

The volunteers arrive and unload supplies that have been delivered from the main warehouse. They stop briefly for an update on the situation, and one of the group may say a prayer. Unpacking the warehouse delivery takes some time, and everyone works together to get this organized as soon as possible, checking dates and stacking boxes in sections.

Food bank clients arrive with a voucher for the number of dependents in the home, issued to them by one of over two hundred organizations, such as Citizens Advice, job centres, schools, care professionals and doctors' surgeries – Kate Dyer tells me that she has been involved providing vouchers to patients of hers who are in need.

A food voucher is valid for one visit to the food bank and entitles the client to non-perishable food for 7 days. The vouchers are for

emergency food supplies to support people in a crisis situation; they are not intended for long-term use.

Because of Covid restrictions and the small premises, clients have to wait in a corridor. When it is their turn to come in, they are welcomed and offered a chair by a volunteer who checks the voucher, enquires about any dietary requirements, if additional support is necessary and provides contact details for this additional support, if appropriate. If that is the case, an email will be sent to the referee outlining the help the client might need. Every client is offered a selection of non-food items such as washing powder, shower gel and sanitary items. While the manager is talking to the client, other volunteers pack the food into bags. If a client is ill, disabled or for some reason unable to come to the food bank, it is possible to arrange for the food to be delivered to them.

In the last couple of years, both churches have been involved in delivering the food bank Christmas hampers to those nominated by a variety of organizations as being in particular need. This work is done by those whom Kim Teare, our coordinator, describes as “all the lovely people from St Francis’ and St Mary’s,” who last Christmas delivered some fifty hampers to families in West Wickham and the surrounding area. The “hampers” contain the extras that the families would otherwise have to go without at what for families on low income can be a very stressful time of the year.

Many members of our churches get involved in the food bank, and I’m not going to give their names to spare their blushes. Their reasons for becoming involved, do illustrate the point that James, the brother of Jesus, makes in his New Testament letter: “faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” (James 2.17)

- Being a person who can't stop myself from volunteering, when something needs to be done, I....
- I became involved ... as I wanted to assist people who were in a less privileged position than me. I had read about the increasing pressures of people struggling to afford the essentials and the problems with obtaining benefits, to which they were entitled. I am a practical person and wanted to offer some help.
- I felt as there was a need on our doorstep, I couldn't ignore it. It had been on my mind for quite a while.... My support is small so I would not want it played up in an article. Some people did the Soup Run for years without many people knowing who went each week.

And finally, an anecdote from Pam Sear that shows how easy it is to find oneself in need of the services of a food bank: I was delivering some food to the church in Bromley. There was a well-dressed lady waiting in the vestibule with a small suitcase. I thought to myself, "I wonder where she is going on holiday." At that moment she was called into the food bank room, and I realized what she was there for. It taught me not to make assumptions about the sort of people who need help!

Richard Ford

Telephone befriending: using the power of love wisely

When Jesus is in the wilderness for 40 days, he sees the devil's three temptations for what they are:

- Creating some bread from a stone would give him a benefit in meeting his own hunger ... but that would be of no benefit to others.

- He was offered partnership with the devil, giving him a shortcut to status and power ... but that wouldn't show anything of God's kingdom.
- Finally, he's given the chance to become a celebrity ... but that would result in cutting himself off from many ordinary people who'd be unable to relate to him as a result.

All of the options offered by the devil are about using power in a worldly sense. We are open to the same temptations every single day: our own benefit over others; following the ways of this world, rather than God's kingdom; or gaining approval from others rather than from God. Jesus faces up to the justice issues associated with these temptations, but he meets them with love rather than an impressive show of strength. Although it might be more impressive to heal a whole neighbourhood all at once, Jesus chooses to have a deeper relationship with individuals to understand their issues first, before helping them in some way. This is how God's kingdom is formed - by coming alongside individuals to find out what it is that they need and then providing for that need.

In practice this coming alongside others might mean supporting a neighbour who's recently lost a loved one or cooking a meal for someone who struggles with doing their own. However, you might feel difficult doing this kind of thing for people that you know, and this is where our telephone befriending service comes in.

The service starts with a referral from NHS social prescribing, which is where a link person in the local GP surgery puts someone in touch with local people and activities that might help them to feel better, including the community befriending team who are part of St John's church in West Wickham. Having received the referral, the St John's

team matches the person with a volunteer telephone befriender, who will telephone for a chat on a weekly basis, helping them to gain confidence in making social connections, or just raising their mood on a regular basis. The St John's team also supports the volunteers. Currently there are 25 people supported, with the team of volunteers, including six from St Francis' and St Mary's.

As well as being in contact on the telephone, the scheme is also looking at meeting face to face. Now that all restrictions have been lifted, we'll be looking at having our own opportunities for face-to-face social interactions and promoting this and other befriending schemes.

This befriending service has been a blessing, both to those doing the befriending and to those being befriended. One of those involved from our churches talked to me about how her befriended partner was reticent to start with, but over time, little bits of information came out about her childhood, which gave an interesting background. The conversations were very rewarding, and the befriender left these feeling very upbeat and optimistic about the progress being made.

Another person explained how the woman she's in contact with never gets out of her house and so is glad of the phone calls that are made.

And someone else values the calls that she makes because they can take her mind off some of the difficulties in her own life, by focussing on another and allowing them to talk about their family, their medical needs, and the support that they get from friends and neighbours.

God has given us the power of love. Can we use this wisely and resist the temptation to solely meet our own needs or for the gain of our own group over another and get on with building God's kingdom one conversation at a time?

If you've got any questions about our befriending or want to be involved in a one-to-one befriending relationship, please talk to Kate Dyer (katedyer41@hotmail.com).

Hazel O'Sullivan

Finally, we'd like to thank all those, named and unnamed, who responded to Richard and Hazel's request for help in providing information for this article to demonstrate some of the ways in which members of our churches are involved in our local community.

Support for Ukraine

You cannot help but be moved by the horror that so many people are going through in Ukraine. We are continuing to pray for the situation and many individuals have given generously to the DEC appeal. We are also talking about what we can practically do as churches and in April and May we will be hosting and running two events to raise funds:

- On Saturday 2nd April St Francis' is hosting a 'cake and craft' event to raise funds for the Link to Hope Ukraine Appeal. Link to Hope is the organisation which is supported by the St John's Autumn Fair each year and they already have volunteers on the ground helping Ukrainian refugees in Romania, Moldova & Bulgaria, as well as Ukraine. Book a

workshop here: <https://fb.me/e/6jZILHyGn> or drop in for some tea and cake any time from 2-5pm.

- On Saturday 21st May we will have our own coffee morning at St Mary's, with additional support from the WI and the Brownies to provide craft and other activities. We hope for lots of cakes to be baked. More details to follow.



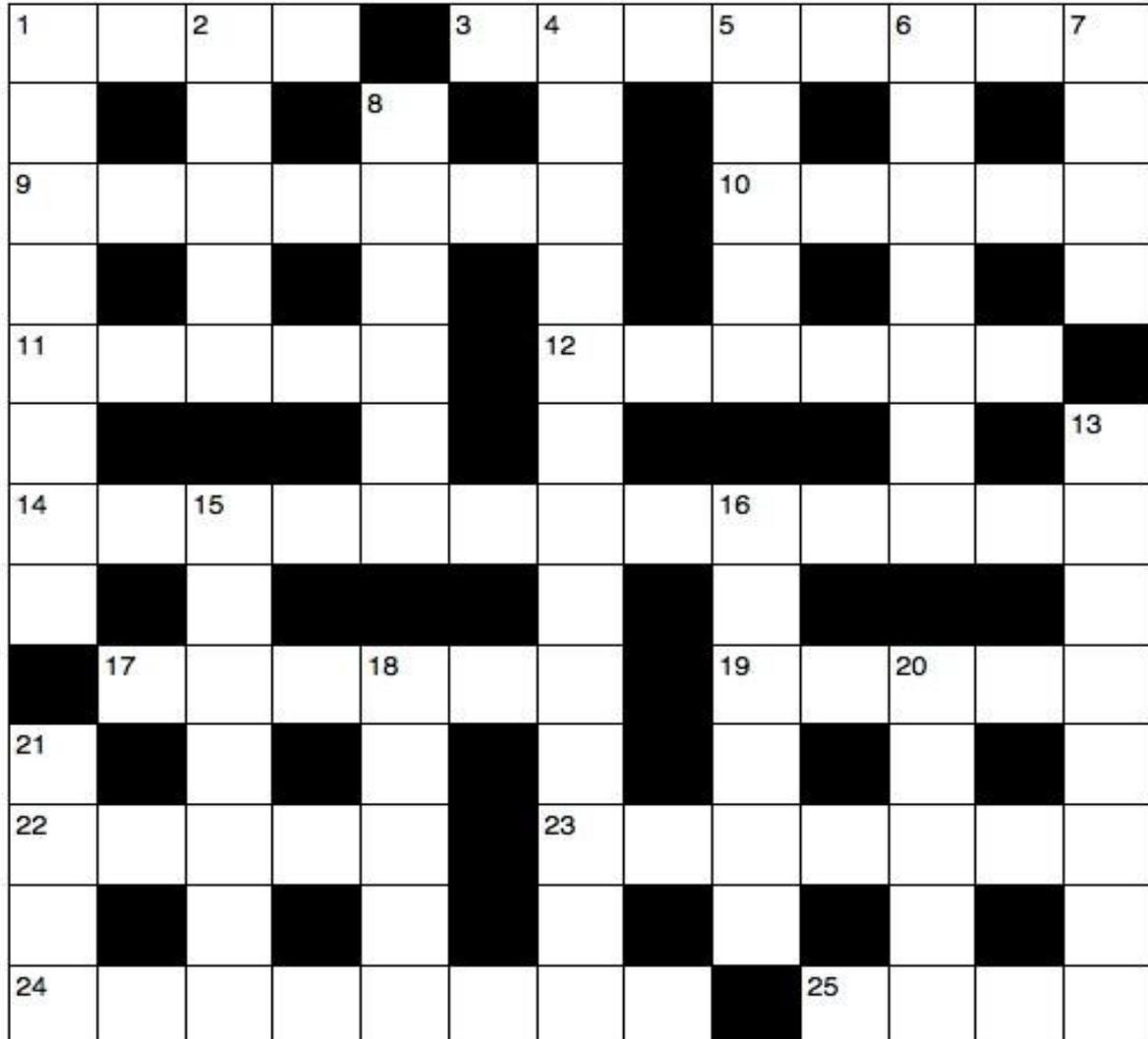
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CROSS
WORD



Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)

- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

The NIV bible was used to set the crossword.

Answers on page 9

WE ARE ALL GUILTY

Well, I am. At times! Of complacency of leaving it to others to sort out!

BUT we do have a duty when it comes to the safeguarding of children **OR** vulnerable adults in the church.

There is a manual in our church vestibule entitled, '*A Safe Church*', which is for reference by anyone and acts as a guide to safeguarding matters.

If you do have a genuine concern about such a matter, then you may wish to speak to Kay Mussard, our Safeguarding Officer or one of the following: our Vicar, Rev. Hazel O'Sullivan or to one of the churchwardens.

HAVE YOU OR WILL YOU BE MAKING A WILL?

If so, please consider leaving a legacy to St. Mary's.

Legacies we have had in the past have been a great blessing and encouragement and enabled us to carry out important work. It is helpful if the bequest is given without conditions so the PCC can use the money as they feel appropriate.

Please give this prayerful consideration.

To make a Will is one of the kindest things you can do so your wishes are known.

ROTAS

April

Welcoming in Church

8.00 a.m. services

3 rd	St. Mary's	Debbie Adams
10 th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe
17 th	St. Mary's	Debbie Adams
24 th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe

9:15a.m./10.00 a.m. services

3 rd	10.00 a.m.	Joint service at St. Francis
10 th	9.15 a.m.	Claire Bull/Dot Smythe
17 th	9.15 a.m.	Natalie Outten/Phil Nortey
24 th	10.00 a.m. Joint	Pauline Christy/Linda West

Coffee

10 th	9.15 a.m.	Mrs. C. Davies/Mrs. L. West
17 th	9.15 a.m.	Mrs. C. Bull/Mrs. J. Greatorex
24 th	10.00 a.m.	7 th West Wickham Scout Group

Church Cleaning

Friday 1 st	Mrs. M. Bond/Mrs. C. Cordery
Thursday 14 th	Mrs. B. Bolton/Mrs. M. Womack
Friday 29 th	Mrs. C. Bryan/Mrs. A. Cordery

Church Flower Pedestals

Saturday 16th April 9.30 a.m. onwards - Everyone to decorate for Easter.

ROTAS

May

Welcoming in Church

8.00 a.m. services

1 st	St. Mary's	Debbie Adams
8 th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe
15 th	St. Mary's	Debbie Adams
22 nd	St. Francis	Stephen Howe
29 th	St. Mary's	Debbie Adams

9:15a.m./10.00 a.m. services

1 st	10.00a.m.	Joint service at St. Francis
8 th	9.15 a.m.	Julie Conway/Annette Cordery
15 th	9.15 a.m.	Jackie Greatorex
22 nd	9.15 a.m.	Merri & John Womack
29 th	9.15 a.m.	Malcolm Hubbard/Mike Messinger

Coffee

8 th	10.00a.m.	Mrs. M. Bond/Mr. M. Messinger
15 th	9.15 a.m.	Mrs. A. Cordery/Mrs. J. Mathers
22 nd	9.15 a.m.	Mrs. B. Bolton/Mrs. G. Nortey
29 th	9.15 a.m.	Mrs. M. Womack/Mr. J. Womack

Church Cleaning

Friday 13 th	Mrs. K. Mussard/Mr. G. Mussard
Friday 27 th	Mrs. M. Bond/Mrs. C. Cordery

Church Flower Pedestals (If anyone can donate a pedestal for the 8th, 15th & 29th, please let Merri know on 0208 777 8772)

22nd For John's birthday donated and arranged by Merri.

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