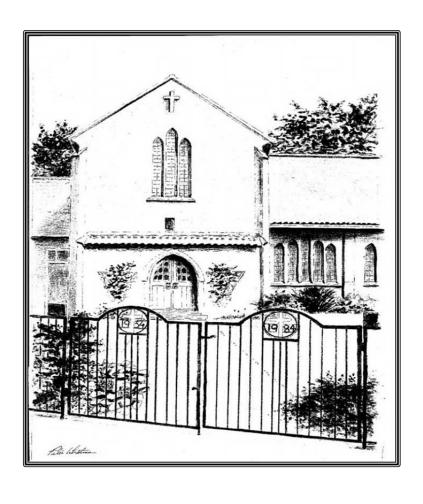
### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025

# ST MARY OF NAZARETH

WEST WICKHAM



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

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Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays only)

9:15 a.m. Sung Communion & Crèche (joint service at 10am on the

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, alternating with St Francis')

Morning Praise: 9:15 a.m. Normally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month Messy Church: 3:45 p.m. Normally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month

Holy Baptism: By appointment

Other Services: Refer to the Calendar in this magazine.

Weddings/Banns, etc.: By appointment

### **Letter from Matt**

#### Dear Friends,

I want to begin this letter by saying thank you for your warm welcoming of Tabitha and I at my Induction. I had been looking forward to being able to properly arrive in the Parish, and it is a pleasure now to be able to have my feet 'under the Altar' as it were, and to begin my ministry amongst you.

At first glance August and September feel like in-between months. August is usually filled with holidays, and September the starting of new things, be it school, college or University. But if we look a little deeper and they contain two important festivals in the life of the Church, celebrations which I want to use as a lens through which to set out some of the ideas that I hope will underpin my ministry with you. I will then draw on the two individuals to whom our churches are dedicated to help illustrate my thinking.

The two festivals I want to reflect on are the Feast of the Transfiguration on 6 August and the Feast of St Michael and All Angels on 29 September, as both tell us something about who we are in God, and of our vocation as Christians. The two individuals I want to reflect on are St Francis and Mary.

In the Transfiguration we see Jesus as he is in his heavenly glory. Like light at the end of a tunnel, the Transfiguration offers us a foretaste of the resurrection, which is why we read it on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. But in the Transfiguration, we also see ourselves as God sees us, albeit in the context of eternity, that is as 'partakers of the divine nature' (2 Peter 1.4). It is a reminder that we are all in the process of becoming, as St Athanasius of Alexandria following the words of St Peter above writes 'God becomes human in order that we might become divine'.

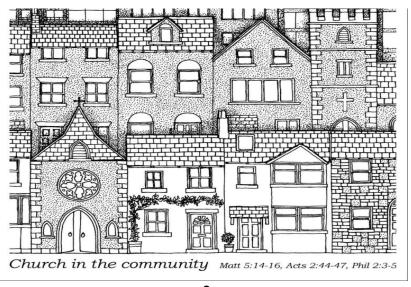
In St Francis we meet a man fully alive with the transfiguring love of God. His was a life marked by love and service, and this transfiguring love was evident to those who met him. Likewise in St Mary we meet someone transformed by the action of God, and someone who sets us an example for our own lives. She bore Christ in her womb and shares him with the world, and this serves as a call for us to bear him in our lives through acts of love and service, that like her we might be Christ bearing and Christ sharing.

In September we celebrate Michaelmas, the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. Interestingly the word Angel comes from Greek and means 'Witness'. Angels are those who bear witness to God, and as Jacob in his dream-vision at Bethel which we read at Michaelmas says, 'surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not' (Genesis 28.16). Their call is ours, to bear witness to the presence of God in this place through acts of love and service.

The ministry of both Church and Vicar is that of 'Incarnational presence', that of bearing witness to the presence of God in the community and helping people to perceive that presence in their own lives. My vision for St Francis and St Mary's is that we follow the call of Michaelmas, to allow ourselves to bear witness to the presence of God in West Wickham through lives marked by acts of service, love and worship of God. That like Mary we might bear Christ in our hearts, and bear witness to him in the world. Finally, that in the light of Christ's Transfiguring presence we may allow ourselves to be changed and transformed, that those with whom we share our community may be transformed and fitted for Heaven.

Yours in Christ.

Matt



# **Calendar for August**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> TRINITY 7

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Matt Drummond/Debbie Adams

10.00 a.m. Joint Service at St. Mary's with livestream

Matt Drummond/Debbie Adams

Friday 8th

3.45 p.m. Messy Church at St. Mary's

Messy Church Team

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> TRINITY 8

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Richard Ford

9,15 a.m. Morning Praise at St. Mary's with baptism and livestream

Richard Ford/Ken Bryan

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship at St. Francis'

Richard Ford/Ken Bryan

Sunday 17th TRINITY 9

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Richard Ford/Ken Bryan

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Richard Ford/Ken Bryan

10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Richard Ford/Ken Bryan

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> TRINITY 10 – St. Bartholomew

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Mary's

Matt Drummond

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Matt Drummond/Richard Ford

10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Matt Drummond

Sunday 31st TRINITY 11

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Carol Coslett

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Matt Drummond/Carol Coslett

10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Carol Coslett



# **Calendar for September**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> TRINITY 12

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Matt Drummond/Carol Coslett

10.00 a.m. Joint Service at St. Francis'

Matt Drummond/Carol Coslett

Friday 12th

3.45 p.m. Messy Church at St. Mary's

Messy Church Team

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> HOLY CROSS DAY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Matt Drummond/Debbie Adams

9.15 a.m. Morning Praise at St. Mary's with livestream

Matt Drummond/Debbie Adams

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship at St. Francis'

Matt Drummond/Debbie Adams

| Sunday 21st | MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVAANGELIST             |
|-------------|--|
| 8.00 a.m.   | Holy Communion at St. Mary's                 |
|             | Richard Ford                                 |
| 9.15 a.m.   | Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream |
|             | Matt Drummond/ Richard Ford/Ken Bryan        |
| 10.45 a.m.  | Holy Communion at St. Francis'               |
|             | Richard Ford                                 |
| Sunday 28th | ST. MICHAELAND ALLANGELS                     |
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8.00 a.m. 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Matt Drummond/Carol Coslett

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Matt Drummond/Richard Ford

10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Matt Drummond

**Bible Readings** 

| <b>Date</b>      | Reading  | Reader                         |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| August           |  |                                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Ecclesiastes 1,2, 12-14<br>Colossians 3: 1-11<br>Luke 11: 1-13 | Bill Howell<br>Debbie Adams    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Genesis 15: 1-6<br>Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16<br>Luke 13: 32-40     | Natalie Outten<br>Richard Ford |

| Date             | Reading                | Reader           |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Jeremiah 23: 23-29     |                  |
|                  | Hebrews 11: 29- 122: 2 | Charlotte Wilson |
|                  | Luke 12: 49-56         | Ken Bryan        |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Isaiah 58: 9b-1        |                  |
|                  | Hebrews 12: 19-29      | Malcolm Hubbard  |
|                  | Luke 13: 10-17         | Matt Drummond    |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Proverbs 25: 6-7       |                  |
|                  | Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 | Margaret Bond    |
|                  | Luke 14: 1, 7-14       | Carol Coslett    |
| Septembe         | er                     |                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Deut. 30: 15-20        |                  |
|                  | Philemon 2: 1-21       | St. Francis'     |
|                  | Luke 14: 25-33         | Carol Coslett    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Numbers 21: 4-9        |                  |
|                  | Philippians 2: 6-11    | Sharon Newman    |
|                  | John 3: 13-17          | Debbie Adams     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Proverbs 3: 13-18      |                  |
|                  | 2 Corinth. 4: 1-6      | Jean Pogose      |
|                  | Matthew 9: 9-13        | Richard Ford     |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | Genesis 28: 10-17      |                  |
|                  | Revelation 12: 7-12 or |                  |
|                  | Hebrews 1: 5-14        | Dennis Pogose    |
|                  | John 1: 47-51          | Matt Drummond    |

# **Dates for your Diary**

### August

#### **Parish Lunch**

The Parish lunch is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 1.00 p.m. in the hall. Please let Beryl know if you are unable to attend on 0208 289 8097.

### **Thursday Lunchtime Concerts at St Francis**

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, we are pleased to welcome back popular soprano Joanne Whalley and her accompanist Valerie Chan. They will be performing some well-known arias and songs by various composers, and piano music by Debussy.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the final concert of this our eleventh series, will be given as usual by the students of Langley Park schools with their director David Bullen. We can expect their cheerful mix of music, both instrumental and vocal, from their talented musicians.

The concerts commence at 12.45pm, admission is free and hot and cold drinks are available beforehand. Please come along and bring a friend, the concerts are always at a high standard and the performers do appreciate a good St Francis reception from us!

### September

#### **Parish Lunch**

The Parish Lunch is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 1.00 p.m. in the hall. Please let Beryl know if you are unable to attend on 0208 289 8097.

### St Francis & St Mary's Women's Group

The next Women's Group event will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm in St Francis Church, West Wickham where you will have the opportunity to experience a 'Soundbath'.

#### The benefits include:

- Reduced anxiety
- Improved sleep quality
- A calmer, clearer mind
- Emotional resilience

Refreshments will be available, and we would be grateful for a donation towards costs.

### **Parish Matters**

### Garden Party /BBQ – Saturday 14th June

Well, the day started off with a very encouraging weather forecast, gazebo expertly erected and all the stalls in place. People arrived steadily and although numbers were down on previous years, I was kept busy with BBQ and pizza orders, and other stall holders looked similarly busy. I wasn't able to circulate but what struck me was the wonderful atmosphere. Lots of chatter and happy faces and not just from the customers!

I would like to say a sincere thank you to everyone who took the time to bake, donate items, serve food, run stalls and spend lots of money. Many thanks to Jean and Charlotte for our two new stalls, and to all the kitchen staff who received lots of compliments for their speedy service. Without you, all our fantastic total of £728.80 would not have been possible.

Natalie Outten

#### **Matt's Welcome Service**

We welcomed over 200 people on the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> July for a joyful celebration as Matt was officially licensed as our new vicar.

The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, and it was clear that everyone was pleased to be part of the service.





I had the chance to speak with several visitors from Matt's former congregation, all of whom shared how much they would miss him. They also spoke very warmly of St Mary's, describing it as a happy and welcoming church – and said they said we were very fortunate to have Matt as our new vicar.

Many thanks to Gifty and her wonderful team of helpers from both churches for all the planning and effort that went into making the event such a success.



Jean Mathers

# From The Registers

Funeral on Tuesday 1st July at 1.30 p.m.

#### Followed by committal at Beckenham Crematorium

Of

#### Joan Baker

#### A Tribute to Joan

Unsurprisingly on Tuesday 1st July, at 1.30pm St. Mary of Nazareth Church was packed with family members plus many scores of friends, parishioners of the joint benefice and representatives from many Scout and Guiding organisations.

We were there to celebrate the life of a true Christian and lay her to rest.

There were heartfelt tributes from firstly her daughter Helen and son Richard plus Anna, one of her nine grandchildren. These were warm, touching and had us remembering Joan on so many different occasions. Laughter and tears in equal measure.

We heard from Ann Woolens and Alison Bruce on behalf of Girlguiding GLK how Joan first became Bown Owl with the West Wickham Brownie Pack at St. Mary's despite never having been a Brownie herself! She later took on numerous roles of Assistant District Commissioner and later District commissioner for West Wickham. Joan was appointed as Beckenham Division Commissioner, a post she held for 11 years, and then Assistant County Commissioner of Greater London (London Boroughs of Bromley and Bexley) for 3 years. Joan retired as County Registrations Secretary in 2002 and after 60 years of service was given the Laural Award.

The West Wickham District started a local Guide Shop which Joan led from 1993 until its demise at the start of Covid. She was also a founder member of the West Wickham Trefoil Guild which still flourishes today.

In her later years Joan's mobility became an issue. Despite this she was always cheerful and pleased to accept a lift so that she could be "there" for many social events. Up until the very last cruel blow, a stroke; Joan was sharp witted and "up with the times" often communicating with her nine grandchildren by means of her I-Pad.

Goodbye and God Bless you as you rest in peace with your Maker.

Rob West



#### Answers to Crossword Puzzle

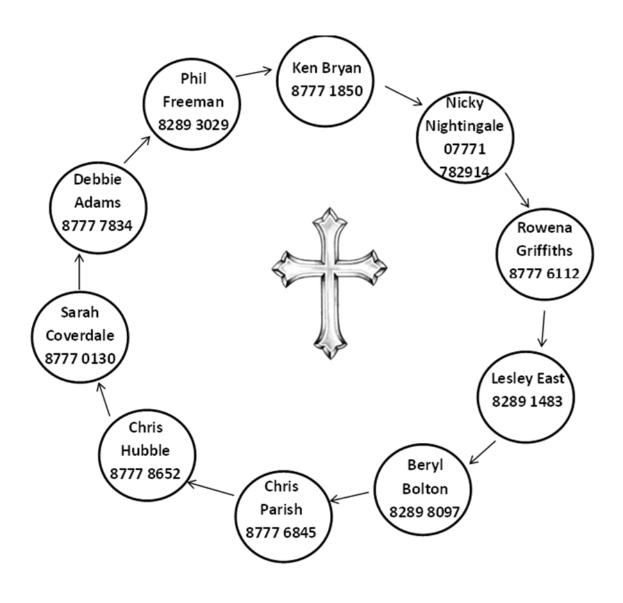
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DOWN: 1, Appeal. 2, Attacks. 3, Earns. 5, Tableau. 6, Ended. 7, Shekel. 9, Zarephath. 13, Rubbish. 14, Ephesus. 15, Useful. 16, Editor. 18, Rhoda. 20, Abuse.

# 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.



# **Prayer Focus**

#### August

In 1457 Pope Callixtus 111 declared the Feast of the Transfiguration to be celebrated in August to commemorate the victory over the Turks at Belgrade in 1456.

### A verse of a hymn by Charles Wesley

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief.
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief.
More and more thyself display
Shining to the perfect day.

#### The Church remembers: -

Mary Sumner – Founder of Mothers' Union 1921 (9th August) Clare of Assisi, Founder of the poor Clares 1253 (11th August) Florence Nightingale, Nurse (13th August)

#### A Prayer by Alison Pepper - Lord of Healing

Lord in my darkest place – Let in your light
Lord in my greatest fear – Let in your peace.

Lord of my most bitter shame – Let in your word of grace
Lord of my oldest grudge – Let in your forgiveness
Lord of my deepest anger – Let it out
Lord of my loneliest moment – Let in your presence
Lord of my truest self – let in your wholeness.

### September

#### Matthew 9 v.37

"The harvest is large but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest."

### Matt's Book Review

2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the only time atomic weapons have been used in anger. It also marks the 80th anniversary since an idea conceived in 1933 at traffic lights in London by a Hungarian physicist (Leo Szilard) became a reality at the Trinity Test Ground in Nevada, where the first nuclear test was conducted. Ever since nuclear conflict has haunted and terrorised the popular imagination, from the long-banned 1966 film 'The War Game' which depicts the effects of a nuclear strike on Britain, through 'Threads' which does the same for Sheffield, to 'When the Wind Blows'.

I have long had an interest in nuclear physics and nuclear weapons – I will admit to being slightly eccentric. I find the idea that something so small could inflict so much damage: as I understand it, the amount of fissile material utilised in the explosion at Nagasaki, as opposed to being destroyed in the explosion, was about 1 gram, the amount of fissile material in the bomb being about 6-7kg. That such a small amount of material could do so much damage, physical as well as psychological is utterly terrifying.

In the past few weeks, I have read three books about nuclear war. The first 'Shockwave: The Countdown to Hiroshima' by Stephen Walker gives a day by day (and sometimes hour by hour) account of the build up to the bombing of Hiroshima. Unlike the film 'Oppenheimer' which centred more on the scientist's post-War reputation, this book shows the build-up, physical, mental and emotional, as we diplomatic to the bombing of Hiroshima. It is an interesting read, though also a frustrating one, particularly given the fact that the Japanese Emperor was coming round to the idea of surrender, and the bomber crews seem to have no remorse or regrets over their actions. (I suppose it must take a certain type of person to undertake such a mission, and they had experienced war in a way I have not.) I suspect that the decision to bomb Japan was not merely one designed to end the war in the Pacific as it was to set the boundaries on the post-War peace with Russia. Truman wanted to set out his stall that Communism was not to encroach

into Europe, and the nuclear bomb was a useful deterrent, that is until Russia gained the same weapon.

The second book is Anne Jacobsen's 'Nuclear War: A Scenario'. As a book it takes a minute-by-minute look at how a 'bolt out of the blue' nuclear strike by North Korea might quickly escalate into all out global nuclear war. (Think trajectories which require nuclear missiles to overfly Russia, and the mayhem that would cause.) It is an utterly depressing read, though also one that is too US-centric - NATO and the UK (which houses a Ballistic Missile Early Warning Service at RAF Fylingdales just South of Whitby) only get a mention when they are relevant to the text. Jacobsen's book is an utterly depressing read, reiterating that the military doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) is just that, madness! It does however show us how tightly corralled the nuclear defensive system is, but also how vulnerable it is both to human evil, but also error.

Finally on my bookshelf is 'Haynes' Nuclear Weapons Operations Manual', which provides both a technical and historical overview of the current state of nuclear weapons. As one might expect this both technical and accessible. It lacks the emotional punch of Jacobsen's book, but unlike Walker's (but like the film 'Oppenheimer') does give some much-needed colour to the science.

These books remind us of the fragility of our current world; a fragility made much riskier by the imagination of one man waiting to cross the road in central London. As the Psalmist writes 'O pray for the peace of Jerusalem' (Ps. 112.6).

Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change. Bob Kerrey

<sup>&</sup>quot;You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late" Ralph Waldo Emerson

### St Francis & St Mary's

### Joint, All-Age, Other Special Services and Events Calendar

#### August

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thank you to Volunteers Coffee Morning at St Francis' 10:30am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint service at St Mary's 10am
- 6<sup>th</sup> St Mary's Community Lunch 1pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Messy Church 3pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Baptism at St Mary's
- 14<sup>th</sup> Lunch time concert 12.45pm St Francis'

#### September

- 3<sup>rd</sup> St Mary's Community Lunch 1pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Joint service at St Francis' 10am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Messy Church 3:45pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Fundraising event at St Mary's
- 14th Non-eucharistic: Education or Creation Sunday
- 16<sup>th</sup> Women's event
- 18<sup>th</sup> Lunch time concert 12.45pm St Francis'
- 28<sup>th</sup> St Michael & All Angels

#### **October**

- 1st St Mary's Community Lunch 1pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Service at St Francis': St Francis' Patronal Service (Gift Day) 10am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Pet service at St Francis' 3pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Messy Church 3:45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper at St Mary's 7pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival All Age Scouts at St Francis'
- 18<sup>th</sup> London Concert Chorus Concert 7.30pm St Francis'
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bible Study

#### November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint service at St Mary's (All Saints) 10am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Service at St Mary's 3pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> St Mary's Community Lunch 1pm
- 9th Non-eucharistic: Remembrance Sunday Scouts at St Francis'

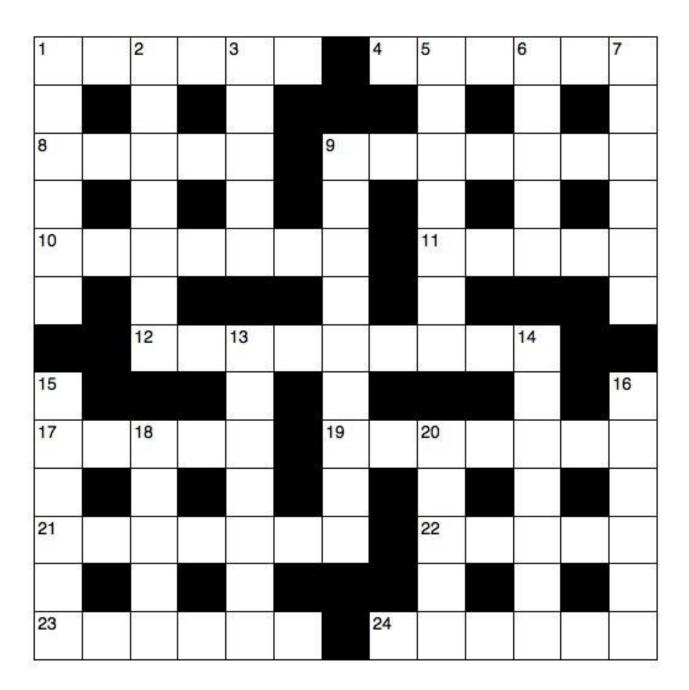
- 11<sup>th</sup> Women's event at St Francis' 8pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Messy Church 3:45pm
- 21st High Street Christmas Lights event at St Francis'
- 29th St Mary's Christmas Market 10:30am to 2:30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday

#### **December**

- 4<sup>th</sup> –6<sup>th</sup> Matchbox performances
- 6<sup>th</sup> The Big Christmas Sing at St Francis' 4pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Joint service St Mary's Patronal Sunday 10am
- 10<sup>th</sup> St Mary's Christmas Community Lunch 12:30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Messy Church 3:45pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Scouts' Carol service at St Mary's 6:30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival at St Francis'
- 14<sup>th</sup> St Francis' Christmas Community Lunch 12:30pm
- 21st Carol services: 10:45am at St Francis' and 4pm at St Mary's
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christingle at St Mary's 4:30pm and Lighting the Lamps at St Francis' 6pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Midnight Communion Services at both churches 11:15pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Joint service at St Francis' 10am



#### **Crossword Puzzle**



#### Across

- 1 'The people were at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
- 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
- 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
- 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
- 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
- 11 '— thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)

- and 15 Down 'All is God-breathed and is for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
- 17 'No of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
- 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
- 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
- David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)
- 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)
- 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

#### Down

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
- 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
- 3 'The wicked man deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
- 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
- 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is —' (5)
- Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
- Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
- Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them —, that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
- 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)
- 15 See 12 Across
- 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)
- She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)
- 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

The Bible version used in our crosswords is the NIV.

Answers on page 11



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#### 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 Charlotte Wilson or Kim Teare, our Safeguarding Officers 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.

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### August

### **Welcoming in Church**

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| $3^{rd}$         | St. Francis | Stephen Howe |
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| 10 <sup>th</sup> | St. Mary's  | Stephen Howe |
| $17^{th}$        | St. Francis | Stephen Howe |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | St. Mary's  | Stephen Howe |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | St. Francis | Stephen Howe |

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

| $3^{rd}$         | 10.00 a.m. Joint | Merri and John Womack        |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| $10^{th}$        | 9.15 a.m.        | Pauline Christy/Linda West   |
| $17^{th}$        | 9.15 a.m.        | Natalie Outten/Phil Nortey   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15 a.m.        | Stephen Howe/Malcolm Hubbard |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | 9.15 a.m.        | Claire Bull/Dot Smythe       |
|                  |                  |                              |

### Coffee

| $3^{rd}$         | 10.00 a.m. Joint | Margaret Bond/Sharon Newman  |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15 a.m.        | Jean Mathers/Natalie Outten  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15 a.m.        | Linda and Rob West           |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15 a.m.        | Debs and Bill Howell         |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | 9.15 a .m        | Deirdre and Chris Fitzgerald |

### **Church Cleaning**

| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Kay and Geoff Mussard           |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Claire and Peter Cordery        |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Margaret Bond and Sharon Newman |

### **Church Flower Pedestals**

| $3^{\text{rd}}$  | Donated and arranged by Beryl for family birthdays |
|------------------|--|
| $17^{\text{th}}$ | Donor required                                     |
| $31^{st}$        | Donor required                                     |

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# **September**

### **Welcoming in Church**

#### 8.00 a.m. services

| $7^{\text{th}}$  | St. Mary's  | Stephen Howe |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | St. Francis | Stephen Howe |
| $21^{st}$        | St. Mary's  | Stephen Howe |
| $28^{th}$        | St. Francis | Stephen Howe |

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

| $7^{\text{th}}$  | 10.00 a.m. | Joint at St. Francis          |
|------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15 a.m.  | Julie Conway/Jackie Greatorex |
| $21^{st}$        | 9.15 a.m.  | Merri and John Womack         |
| $28^{th}$        | 9.15 a.m.  | Pauline Christy/Linda West    |

### Coffee

| $7^{\text{th}}$  | 10.00 a.m. | Joint at St. Francis         |
|------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15 a.m.  | Merri and John Womack        |
| $21^{st}$        | 9.15 a.m.  | Beryl Bolton/Gifty Nortey    |
| $28^{th}$        | 9.15 a.m.  | Claire Bull/Jackie Greatorex |

### **Church Cleaning**

| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Annette Cordery/Christine Bryan |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| $26^{th}$        | Kay and Geoff Mussard           |

### **Church Flower Pedestals**

| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Donor required                                       |
|------------------|--|
| $28^{th}$        | Natalie Outten in memory of her grandma and arranged |
|                  | by Merri   |

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