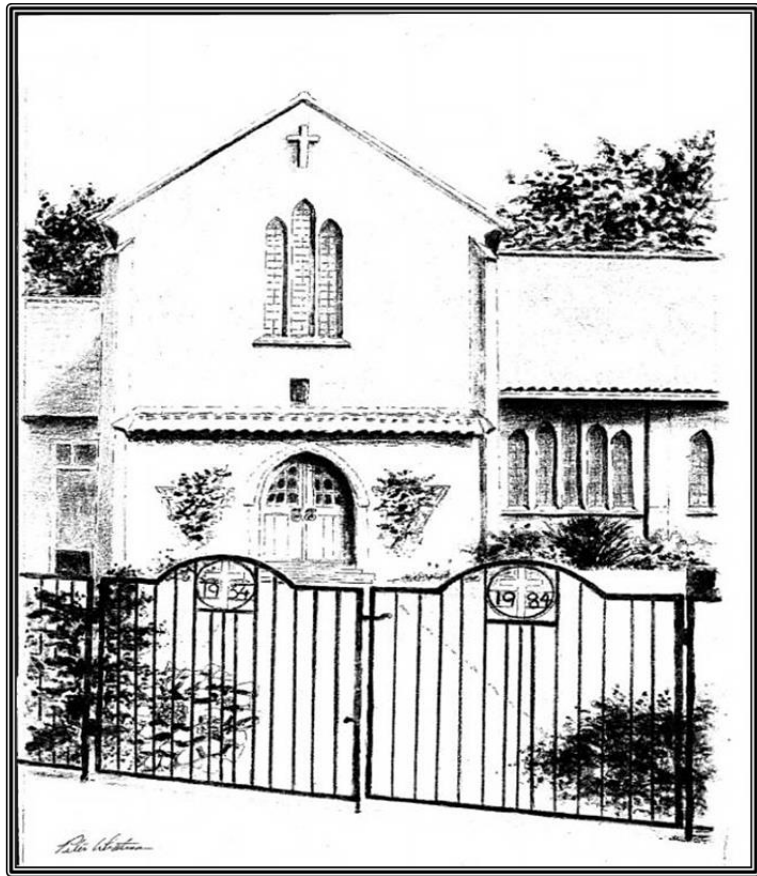


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WEST WICKHAM



*A WELCOMING FAMILY WITH THE
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)
Morning Praise:	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,

Since 1989, the Church has celebrated the period from September 1st to October 4th, as Creationtide, or as it's more often referred to now, the Season of Creation. It was a concept first introduced by the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church, Demetrios I, but now embraced by the Church of England and other denominations.

The importance of the Creation in Christian thinking can be found in, for example, Paul's comment in his letter to the Romans that "the whole of creation has been groaning in labour pains until now," (8. 22) and St Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of the Creatures," where we find the lines:

Praised be you, my Lord,
through our Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains and governs us,
and who produces various fruit
with coloured flowers and herbs.

Recently, however, I was struck by some words in the Genesis story of Creation, where, just after humankind has been created, we find:

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food." (1.29)

No mention there, you'll notice, about us becoming carnivores!

About the same time as I read that, there was a leading article in "The Guardian" about the need for us to reduce the amount of processed and red meat that we eat. The "selfish" argument for this was that the regular eating of processed and red meat led to a greater risk of type 2 diabetes, added to the fact that they are also linked to an increased risk of cancer.

More important, perhaps, and certainly more relevant for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren is the fact that meat and dairy products are by far the most carbon-intensive of foods. In other words, they have an adverse impact on the environment.

The UK's Climate Change Committee, which advises the government on policies to reduce the damage being done to the planet, has proposed a 35% reduction in meat per person by 2050.

As Christians, we're called to be stewards of God's world. One of the ways in which we can exercise that stewardship is by considering what we eat. I'm not advocating the complete elimination of meat from our diets, although the words from Genesis quoted earlier suggest that that is an idea to which we should be giving serious consideration.

But what I am suggesting is that when we may feel overwhelmed by the problems of global warming and climate change and what we can do about them, reviewing and changing our diets is something that we can all do.

The verses that come next in the Genesis story read:

³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

God bless,
Richard



CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 6th

8.00 a.m.

19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Richard Ford

10.00 a.m.

Joint Service at St. Francis Patronal Festival with
livestream

Richard Ford/Lesley East

3.00 p.m.

Pet Service at St. Francis

Richard Ford/Lesley East

Friday 11th

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

Sunday 13th

8.00 a.m.

20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at St. Francis

Richard Ford/Debbie Adams

9.15 a.m.

Morning Praise at St. Mary's with livestream

Ken Bryan/Debbie Adams

10.45 a.m.

Morning Worship at St. Francis

Ken Bryan/Debbie Adams

Sunday 20th

8.00 a.m.

21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Carol Coslett

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Carol Coslett

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis

Carol Coslett

Sunday 27th

8.00 a.m.

BIBLE SUNDAY

Holy Communion at St. Francis

Debbie Foreman/Ken Bryan

9.15 a.m.

Morning Praise at St. Mary's with livestream

Ken Bryan/Debbie Adams

Sunday 27th

10.45 a.m.

BIBLE SUNDAY (cont.)

Morning Worship at St. Francis

Ken Bryan/Debbie Adams

4.00 p.m.

CTWW Service and meeting

West Wickham and Shirley Baptist Church

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd

8.00 a.m.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Holy Communion at St. Francis

Carol Coslett

10.00 a.m.

Joint Service at St. Mary's with livestream

Carol Coslett

3.00 p.m.

Memorial Service at St. Francis

Richard Ford/Ken Bryan

Friday 8th

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

Messy Church Team

Sunday 10th

8.00 a.m.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Richard Ford/Debbie Adams

9.15 a.m..

Morning Praise at St. Mary's with livestream

Ken Bryan/Debbie Adams

10.45 a.m.

Morning Worship at St. Francis

Ken Bryan/Debbie Adams

Sunday 17th

8.00 a.m.

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT Safeguarding

Holy Communion at St. Francis

Richard Ford/Ken Bryan

10.00 a.m.

Joint Service at St. Mary's with livestream

Richard Ford/Jennifer Hyde/Chris Elliott

Sunday 24th

8.00 a.m.

Christ the King

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Carol Coslett

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Richard Ford/Debbie Adams

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis

*Richard Ford/Debbie Adams***BIBLE READINGS****Date****Reading****Reader****October**

6 th	Genesis 2: 18-24 Hebrews 1: 1-4,2: 5-12 Mark 10: 2-16	Joint at St. Francis' Richard Ford
13 th	Special readings for Morning Praise	
20 th	Isaiah 53: 4-12 Hebrews 5: 1-10 Mark 10: 35-45	David Taylor Carol Coslett
27 th	Isaiah 55: 1-11 2 Timothy 3: 14- 4: 5 John 5: 36b -47	Stephen Howe Ken Bryan
November		
3 rd	Isaiah 25: 6-9 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44	Natalie Outten Carol Coslet
10 th	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mark 1: 14-20	Gifty Nortey Debbie Adams
17 th	Daniel 12: 1-3 Hebrews 10: 11-25 Mark 13: 1-8	Bob West Jennifer Hyde/Chris Elliott
24 th	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1:4b - 8 John 18: 33-37	Claire Cordery Richard Ford

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

Parish Lunch

The Parish Lunch is on **Wednesday 2nd October** at 1.00 p.m. in the hall. Please contact Beryl Bolton 0208 289 8097 berylbolton@hotmail.com if you are unable to attend.

Sing a New Song unto the Lord

The Venerable Carol Coslett, Geoff Mussard and Melvin Hughes will be leading a music session at Trinity House on **Saturday, 5th October** from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. They will be looking at why music is important to our Worship, and how to choose hymns and songs to enrich and support Worship. Interested, click on the link below to register.

<https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/whats-on/choosing-music-to-support-worship/>

Pet Service

The Pet Service will be held at St Francis' Church on **Sunday 6th October** at 3pm. Do bring your pet (or a picture of your pet) for a prayer of blessing and tell your neighbours, friends, and family that they are welcome to join us.

Action Aid Coffee Mornings

St Francis of Assisi, Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham

The Action Aid Coffee mornings take place on the first Saturday of the month at St Francis, except for October which will be on **Saturday 12th October**. Timing is 10.30a.m. -11.30a.m. and although only an hour it is ideal for those with busy lives. Please do continue to support this

social time when we are collecting to help people in Kenya learn to look after themselves and manage their land, chickens and bees.

One of our helpers has recently moved away and if you would be interested on being involved or like to have more information, please contact Barbara Goodchild 8777 8782 to find out more. It would only involve making the coffee and perhaps a few cakes (or buying something if necessary) once every six months. You would be paired with someone who knows the ropes!

Barbara Goodchild

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will take place in St. Mary's Hall on **Saturday 12th October** at 7.00 p.m. On the menu is sausages, chips and beans with French bread, dessert and coffee if required. Please bring your own alcoholic drinks. The cost will be £10 per person. There is a list in the vestibule for you to sign up if you hope to come along and this will be removed after the services on Sunday 6th October. If you are not at St. Mary's, you can book your place with berylbolton@hotmail.com or 0208 289 8097 by the 6th October. There will be some musical entertainment after the meal with our thanks once again to Geoff.

Harvest Services

Our All-Age Harvest Services will be held on **Sunday 13th October** at 9.15am in St Mary's Church and at 10.45am in St Francis' Church. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries to be split between the Shrublands and Bromley FoodBanks, both of which are struggling to meet the demand at the current time.



November

In Loving Memory

Our annual service to remember those who have died will be on **Sunday 3rd November** at 3pm in St Francis' Church. This is an opportunity to come and remember with thankfulness, the lives of those you have loved and lost.

If you would like the names of loved ones read out at this service, please complete a sheet that will be in the churches a few weeks beforehand. Also, do let others who might find this service helpful know about it and offer to come along with them to provide support.

Parish Lunch

The Parish Lunch is on **Wednesday 6th November** at 1.00 p.m. in the hall. Please contact Beryl Bolton 0208 289 8097 berylbolton@hotmail.com if you are unable to attend.

High Street Christmas Light Event at St Francis

On **Friday 22nd November**, the West Wickham Christmas Street Lights will be switched on. We will be opening St Francis of Assisi Church, Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham between 3.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. to provide a quiet space for families to come in to look at the Christmas Crib, light a candle and take a moment to think about the real Christmas story. Please do pop in and see us.



Christmas Market

The Christmas Market will take place on **Saturday 30th November** from 10.30a.m. to 2.30p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. See flyer for more information.

Advance Notices

The Big Christmas Sing

A Churches Together in West Wickham event raising funds for Christian Aid.

Saturday 7th December at 4.00 p.m. at St. Francis

Geoff Mussard and David Wada have started to organise this year's Big Christmas Sing in aid of Christian Aid. It will be our 11th consecutive year.

For it to happen we have to recruit helpers to assist mainly on the day with:

Refreshments, Projection, Welcoming, Seating, Distribution of Christian Aid envelopes and more. Last year we did not have enough helpers resulting in undue strain for 'the few'.

Some of the tasks listed also need prior preparation, and there are further ways in which help is needed, e.g. in distributing publicity to churches, local shops, etc...

Our choir, based on the West Wickham Choir, will be joined by members of the other churches in West Wickham, with the Choir from Valley Primary School and the Chamber Choir from Hawes Down Primary School. We hope that Jacqueline Turner will also sing again for us. Choir rehearsals will be on Thursdays 28th November and 5th December at 7.30 at St. Francis.

Please let Geoff or David know how you can help as soon as possible and certainly by 14th October, so that the arrangements can be made for things to go ahead.

St Francis of Assisi, West Wickham

Christmas Tree Festival

14th - 21st December 2024

In December, we are organising our second Community Christmas Tree Festival at St Francis of Assisi, Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham.

Christmas Tree Festivals have become increasingly popular as a way of bringing communities together, raising money for charity, helping the local economy, sharing the joy of Christmas and having a lot of fun!

We are hoping to get as many organisations as possible involved including organisations affiliated to St Francis as well as local businesses. Trees can be any interpretation - they may be real, a branch sprayed up, something made from waste, made of fabric or cardboard. There is no charge for having a tree, but we are asking people to provide a tree complete with decorations at their own cost and all tree illuminations will need to be battery operated for safety reasons.



We would like to create a beautiful space for lots of people to come in and look at the trees, have some refreshments, listen to some music and get ready for Christmas and will be raising money for Welcare in Bromley.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be held between 14th - 21st December 2024 during the following times:



- Saturday 14th December 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Sunday 15th December 12.00noon – 3.00pm
- Wednesday 18th December 10.30am – 1.00pm
- Friday 20th December 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Saturday 21st December 10.00am – 1.00pm

If you would like to take part in decorating a tree or are interested in helping in some way, please contact Kate Dyer katedyer41@hotmail.com or Nicky Nightingale nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH MATTERS

Interregnum Update

We are pleased to inform you that the Archdeacon has approved the United Benefice advertisement, and the adverts can be found on the Church of England Pathways and Church Times site. Links below.

<https://pathways.churchofengland.org/en/jobs/vicar-of-st-francis-of-assisi-amp-st-mary-of-nazareth-churches-west-wickham-united-benefice/1461>

<https://jobs.churchtimes.co.uk/jobs/Vicar-in-London-and-Home-Counties-jn12912>

Heavenly Father, during this vacancy, guard and grow this Benefice as we serve you together in this period without a vicar. Amen

The Churchwardens

And now, for something completely different...

St. Mary's is well known for its social occasions and good food but on the evening of Saturday September 7th we were treated to a new and extremely successful experience.

Tony Ivey organised a Caribbean evening to raise much-needed funds for the church. Huge flags from Africa and the Caribbean decorated the hall and loud music was playing. There was a huge bowl of rum punch on the bar and very tasty it was too. The meal itself was a true Caribbean feast supplied by the Bluejay café. We enjoyed goat curry, spiced fried fish, chicken stew, vegetable curry, rice and peas, etc. This was authentic and delicious, and the portions were very generous (it was the sort of meal we enjoyed so much on our trip to Jamaica, and brought back many happy memories). When we thought we couldn't eat any more we were given large slices of carrot cake or vanilla cake and that too was fabulous.

We were entertained by a talented singer, Dayv Hall, who had composed his own songs. There were some among us who could

dance along to the music which followed but most of us were happy to sit and admire. The whole experience was friendly and sociable, and it was great to meet so many of Tony's friends who had come from all over London to support his event. (Tony has a lot of very good and long-standing friends!)

Although the mastermind for the evening was Tony himself, he was ably supported by his team of helpers, including Stephen, Gifty, Margaret and Claire, and of course Natalie and her mum who were in charge of the raffle. Thank you to all of them.

It was a brilliant evening, relaxed and informal, and I certainly didn't need my hearing aids. Thank you, Tony, for bringing Caribbean sunshine to West Wickham on a dull and damp Saturday evening. Raising over £900 for church funds was the icing on the (carrot) cake and an amazing achievement.

KM

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Saturday 14th September from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon St. Mary's organised an informal coffee morning for Macmillan. Over the allotted time around 40 people came along, and it was nice to catch up with friends we hadn't seen for a while and our regular congregation members. There was a fantastic array of cakes both to eat while there and take home. For those who took part you may be interested to know there were 166 coffee cups in the picture - Dave Taylor and Chris Parish were the nearest with their estimate so won the chocolates. A big thank you to Gifty, Margaret, Julie, Claire, Hannah in organising the event and all those who generously donated cakes. The total money raised for Macmillan was £635.

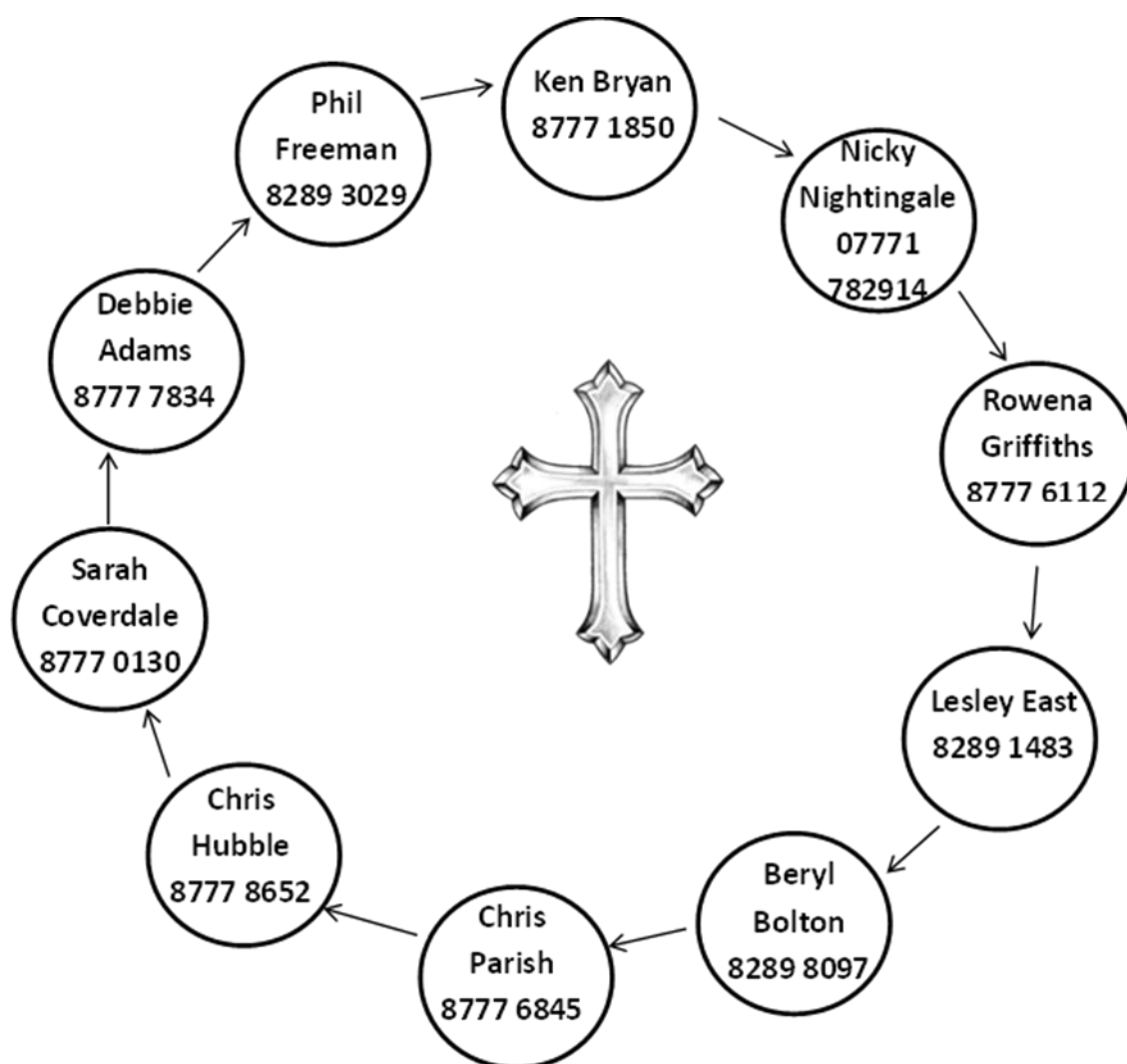
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St Francis and St Mary's Prayer Chain

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

October

4th
St Francis Pray for all who worship and serve at St. Francis Church and all who live in the parish.

18th
St. Luke Pray for those who seek to heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and give thanks for their various vocations.

28th
St. Simon & Jude Give thanks for all who labour and suffered to build the Church's foundation of faith.

Life and Death

We remember Lord, the slenderness of the thread which separates life from death and the suddenness with which it can be broken. Help us to remember, that on both sides of that division, we are surrounded by your love.

Persuade our hearts that when our dear ones die, neither we nor they are parted from You.

In you may we find our peace and in you be united with them, in the glorious body of Christ, who has burst the bonds of death and is alive for evermore; our Saviour and theirs for ever and ever. Amen

God our Father,
You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place; send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our communities. Amen.

FOCUS

November

1 st All Saints	We give thanks for all who have been “lights” in their several generations.
2 nd All Souls	We pray for those of our family and friends who have Gone before us, may they rest in peace.
11 th Remembrance	Pray for peace and justice among nations, remembering the millions who have died and those who are still dying in conflict.
24 th Christ the King	Christ’s dominion is everlasting and will not pass away, His Kingdom will never be destroyed.
30 th St. Andrew	Pray for the Church’s missionary workers, at home and overseas.

Some thoughts and prayers

We pray for:

- our two churches (during this time of waiting for a new vicar)
- For Richard and Carol our Assistant priests as they minister to us.
- For our Churchwardens Gifty and David, who do so much to keep St. Mary’s functioning
- and all those who in their many ways are involved in keeping our holy fellowship at St. Mary’s going, enabling us to be a happy, friendly and welcoming church. Thanks be to God. Amen

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

St Francis & St Mary's Community & Social Events Calendar

October

- 2nd St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 12th Harvest Supper at St Mary's – 7pm

November

- 6th St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 19th Women's event at St Mary's – 8pm?
- 22nd High Street Christmas Lights event at St Francis'
- 30th St Mary's Christmas Market – 10:30am to 2:30pm

December

- 5th to 7th Matchbox performances
- 7th The Big Christmas Sing at St Francis' – 4pm
- 11th St Mary's Christmas Community Lunch – 12:30pm
- 14th – 21st Christmas Tree Festival at St Francis'
- 15th St Francis' Christmas Community Lunch – 12:30pm

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean CHANGE??? That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands! He donated his time AND the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, Vicar, you've got another thing coming! 😊

St Mary's Christmas Market

Saturday 30th November 2024

10:30am - 2:30pm

BOTTLES TOMBOLA

CHOCOLATES & SWEETS TOMBOLA

HOMEMADE CAKES & PRESERVES • TOYS,
BRIC-A-BRAC • BOOKS • FOOD HAMPERS

CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE

LUXURY HAMPER RAFFLE

REFRESHMENTS • FACE PAINTING

MAIN DRAW RAFFLE

Entry 50p



St Mary's Church Hall, The Avenue, West Wickham BR4 0DX

St Andrew's, Gweru – our link parish in Zimbabwe

In June, I was pleased to be able to inform the recently installed parish priest of St Andrew's, Tinashe Mahwerera, that St Francis had sent just under £2982.00 towards the construction of a parish rectory. At the same time, I asked whether he could send me some pictures of his installation as the incumbent.

This was his response:

Greetings and hoping I find you well.

Indeed we shall be praying for you. This coming Sunday service we shall put you again in our prayers during the service.

I shall indeed share with you pictures from the just ended induction service. My pleasure.

We are really grateful for the gift towards rectory construction. We really appreciate your love. May the Lord continue to bless you. Yes as of now we had not received it but as soon as we receive it I shall acknowledge.



With the Lord's blessings

Rev Tinashe

However, it would appear that the money has yet to reach them, as I have just received a further email from Tinashe:

“Greetings, Richard, I do hope I find you well and blessed. We are now into the summer and the temperatures are on the high side. We are all praying that we have enough rains this season. Last season was so dry. At St Andrew's we have our Harvest Thanksgiving Day on the 29th September. This is a day of Thanksgiving, and we wish to use whatever

we will get in the construction of our rectory. The rectory is still at ringbeam level, but we hope to raise something towards the next levels. The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe shall be celebrating its 43rd Anniversary on 5th October. We continue inviting your prayers.

With Lord's blessings

Rev Tinashe”

I'm sure that had our gift reached Zimbabwe, Tinashe would have acknowledged it. It's typical of the approach to building in Zimbabwe that they don't wait till they have the full cost of construction to hand, but rather start with what they have and add to the building as the money comes in. However, it must be frustrating for Tinashe that he has to commute some distance to his parish in the meantime. So let's pray that our money will soon reach St Andrew's and that they'll soon be able to complete the rectory.

Richard Ford.



Answers to Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Broken-hearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

DOWN: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

The Final Leaf

As the final leaf
On an autumn tree,
It is fully aware
Of its destiny.
As the nights turn cold
And the days shorten
The time it has left
Is very important.

Watching the other leaves
Fall to the ground,
Their colours turning
From green to brown,
It clings on perilously
Through the icy blast
Wondering if today
Will be its last?

All it has known
Is the mother tree
But now it is facing
Its mortality,
Preparing itself
To finally let go
And join its companions
On the earth below.

A few months ago
They were tiny buds
But as they decay
They form valuable mulch
Providing insulation
And enriching the soil
The ideal conditions
For springtime renewal.

Nature's cycle
Of true surrender
A process that starts
In late September.
Only the brave
Can comprehend,
As one life begins
Another must end.

It would be odd,
If, when April comes
This final leaf
Was still hanging on.
Letting go has taught it
An invaluable lesson,
Sacrificing its life
For the next generation.



Jane Smith

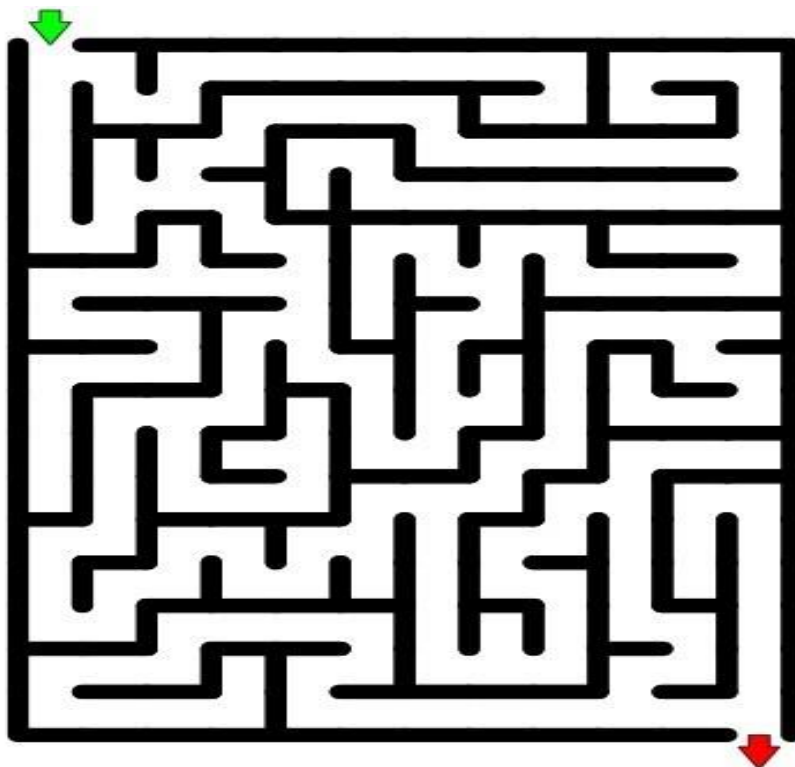
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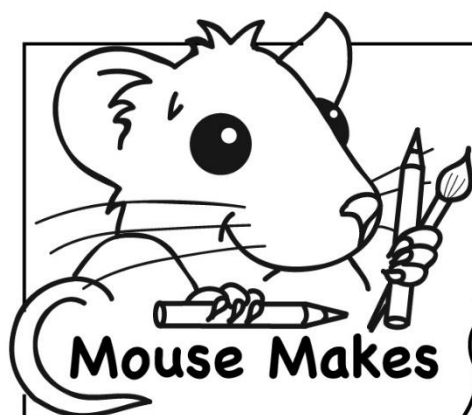
Can you find your way out?



The earth has produced its harvest.



May God, our God, bless us. Ps 67:6



WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."

Psalm 86:11

"For we **walk** by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the _____"

Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

_____ me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."

John 8:12



GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK

WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

"**Walk** in

_____ as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

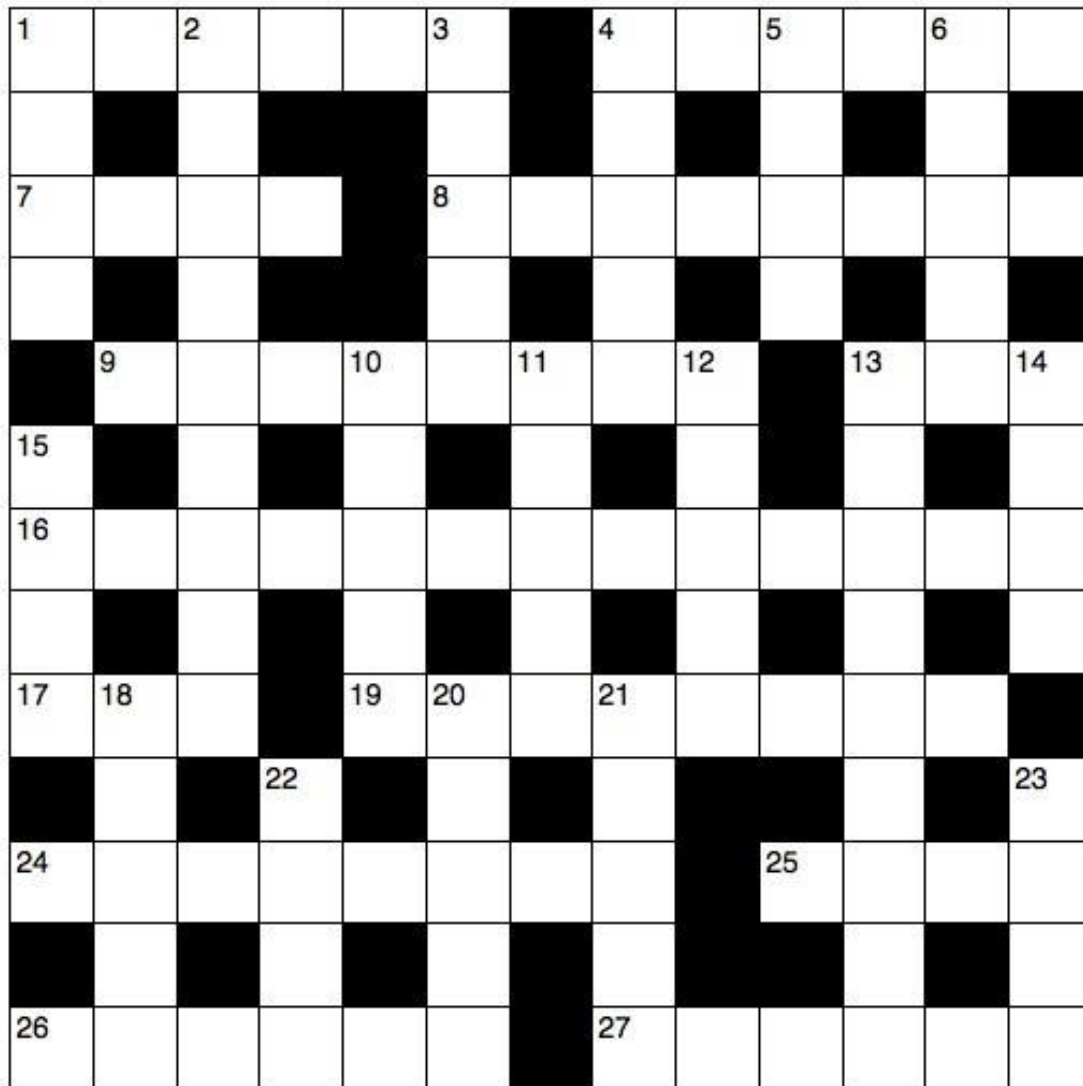
_____ in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

"_____ is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1



Find the words from the questions too!

CROSS WORD GRID



Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)

- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
 19 and 8 ‘ — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel’
 (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
 27 ‘Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into
 a — !’ (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had
 a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in
 Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
 4 ‘No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ’
 (John 3:3) (5)
 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
 6 ‘He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord’
 (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul ‘a great deal of
 harm’ (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
 14 ‘This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me’ (1
 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
 15 One of Noah’s great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to
 Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
 23 ‘You strain out a — but swallow a camel’ (Matthew 23:24) (4)

The Bible version used in our crosswords is the NIV.

Answers on previous pages.

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.

ROTAS

October

Welcoming in Church

8.00 a.m. services

6 th	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe
13 th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe
20 th	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe
27 th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe

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

6 th	10.00 a.m.	Joint at St. Francis
13 th	9.15 a.m.	Pauline Christy and Linda West
20 th	9.15 a.m.	Malcolm Hubbard and Mike Messinger
27 th	9.15 a.m.	Julie Conway and Jackie Greatorex

Coffee

6 th	10.00 a.m.	Joint at St. Francis
13 th	9.15 a.m.	Claire Bull and Jackie Greatorex
20 th	9.15 a.m.	John and Merri Womack
27 th	9.15 a.m.	Beryl Bolton and Gifty Nortey

Church Cleaning

11 th	Christine Bryan and Annette Cordery
25 th	Kay and Geoff Mussard

Church Flower Pedestals

13 th	Harvest Flowers: Sanctuary Pedestal donated by Gifty for 5th anniversary of her sister's passing & arranged by Annette Cordery.
27 th	Donated by Charlotte Wilson to mark what would have been her mother's 100 th birthday and arranged by Merri.

ROTAS

November

Welcoming in Church

8.00 a.m. services

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

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

3 rd	10.00 a.m.	Joint	Claire Bull and Dot Smythe
10 th	9.15 a.m.		Natalie Outten and Phil Nortey
17 th	10.00 a.m.	Joint	John and Merri Womack
24 th	9.15 a.m.		Pauline Christy and Linda West

Coffee

3 rd	10.00 a.m.	Joint	Jean Mathers and Natalie Outten
10 th	9.15 a.m.		Margaret Bond and Mike Messinger
17 th	10.00 a.m.	Joint	Cheryl Davies and Linda West
24 th	9.15 a.m.		Claire Bull and Jackie Greatorex

Church Cleaning

8 th	Claire & Peter Cordery
22 nd	Margaret Bond/Cheryl Davies

Church Flower Pedestals

10 th	Remembrance
24 th	

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