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REGULAR SERVICES

ONCE RESUMED AFTER CURRENT SUSPENSION

SUNDAY

- 8.00 am Holy Communion**
1st & 3rd Sundays at St Mary's Church, The Avenue
2nd Sundays at St Francis' Church
4th & 5th Sundays vary – See calendar for details
- 10.45 am Parish Communion**
Activities for younger children (aged 3+) and crèche facilities in church
- 10.45 am 2nd Sunday– Worship for All Ages** (non–Eucharistic)
- 10.00 am Last Sunday – Joint Family Communion**
with St Mary's, held alternately at each church
See calendar for details

WEDNESDAY

- 9.30 am Morning Prayer**
10.45 am Holy Communion

THURSDAY

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer**

SATURDAY

- 9.00 am – 10.00 am Church open for quiet and prayer**

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FEBRUARY 2021

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Date	Readings	Video Material		President/Lead
		Talk		
Sun 7 Feb <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>	Prov 8:1,22-32 Col 1: 15-0 John 1: 1-14	Ken	Richard	Premiere video version at 10.00 am
Fri 12Feb	3.45 pm - Messy Church at home			
Sun 14 Feb <i>Sunday before Lent</i>	Preparing for Lent	Hazel*	Hazel*	Livestream at 10.00 am
Non-eucharistic on-line provision via livestream				
Wed 17 Feb <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Church buildings open for Private prayer			
	Isaiah 58: 1-12 Matt 6: 1-6, 16-21	Hazel*	Richard*	Zoom service at 10.45 am Premiere video version at 8 pm
Sun 21 Feb <i>1st Sunday of Lent: The Roman Centurion</i>	Psalm 22: 14-18 Luke 23: 32-38	Brian	Hazel	Premiere video version at 10.00 am
Wed 24 Feb	St Francis' Open for Private Prayer			
Sun 28 Feb <i>2nd Sunday of Lent: Pontius Pilate</i>	Isa 61:10-62:3 Gal 4:4-7 Luke 2:15-21	Richard*	Hazel*	Livestream at 10.00 am

MARCH 2021

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Date	Readings	Video Material		President/Lead
		Talk		
Wed 3 March	St Francis' Open for Private Prayer			
Sun 7 March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent: Caiaphas</i>	Psalm 69: 15-21 Matt 26: 57-68	Ken*	Richard*	Zoom service? at 10.00 am
Wed 10 March	St Francis' Open for Private Prayer			
Sun 14 March <i>Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)</i>	TBA : Non-eucharistic	Brian	Debbie	Premiere video version at 10.00 am
Fri 12March	3.45 pm - Messy Church at home			
Wed 17 March	St Francis' Open for Private Prayer			
Sun 21 March <i>Passion Sunday (Lent 5): Judas</i>	Song of Solomon 8:6-7 Matt 27: 3-10	Hazel	Richard	8.00 am at St M – Hazel Premiere video version at 10.00 am
Wed 24 March	St Francis' Open for Private Prayer			
Sun 28 March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Isa 50: 4-9a Phil 2: 5-11 Mark 14: 1-16	*	*	8.00 am at St F - Livestream at 10.00 am
Wed 31 March	St Francis' Open for Private Prayer			

Easter Services				
Thurs 1 April <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Mark 14: 17- end	*	*	7.30 pm at St Mary's ?
Fri 2 April <i>Good Friday</i>	am: Mark 15: 1-20	*	*	11.00 am at St F on Zoom?
	pm: Mark 15: 21-39			Livestream at 2 pm in St M's?
Livestream pm service for on-line provision				
Sun 4 April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Acts 10: 34- 43 Mark 16: 1-8			
Wed 7 April	St Francis' Open for Private Prayer			
Sun 11 April <i>Easter 2</i>	Acts 4: 32-35 John 20: 19- end			
Wed 14 April	St Francis' Open for Private Prayer			
Fri 16 April	3.45 pm - Messy Church at Home			

**Service to be livestreamed or recorded on Zoom so no pre-recording required*

Details correct as at 29/01/21

It seems that we will be continuing to provide on-line and paper-based resources for some time to come. We are aware of the difficulties which some people find this creates with their worship. While we will open the church buildings for private prayer and communion services as soon as we consider it safe to do so, there are things that we can do to make our on-line worship feel more like attending a church building. Firstly, make a point of joining the service at the time when others are doing so. Our 10.00 am offering will always be watched 'live' at that time, whether this is on YouTube (pre-recorded or livestreamed), or on Zoom. And make sure you have all that you need with you – the readings sheet and the liturgy sheet if you need this for the words to join in with – so that you will not be distracted. You can bring a cup of coffee with you, but please make sure that you will not need to go to the toilet during the service. Light a candle if that helps to keep you focussed (and changing out of your pyjamas before the service starts will also help).

We have a plan to **open the church buildings for private prayer** on Ash Wednesday. This will only be for a brief period of time but will enable those who find the place important to them, to mark Ash Wednesday. We would also like to open St Francis' Church every subsequent Wednesday morning for an hour. Please do not feel under any obligation to take part in this, but if you would like to be involved in opening up the building, please contact Joan Burford (jandbburford@talktalk.net or 8777 2034) who will put together a rota for the weeks ahead.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – 17 February. On that day, both churches will be open for private prayer and there will also be an on-line service (we are currently considering the best format for this). On the previous Sunday (14 February) there will be an on-line service to help in your Lenten preparation, where I will demonstrate preparing ash for the service on Wednesday and I will talk about what resources you might want to think about using during Lent.

One of the opportunities that will be available during Lent will be meeting with others in Home Groups. Currently we cannot do this face to face, but three groups are meeting on-line on Zoom and have agreed to open up their meetings each week to others. They will all be following the same material from a book 'The Nail' by Stephen Cottrell. This follows Christ's crucifixion from the point of view of different people and we will be exploring this in our sermons, so that each week the groups pick up on the character who was the subject of the sermon on the previous Sunday. This will also enable us to possibly look at clips from the video of 'The Passion' which we didn't watch all the way through last year.

If you would like to join one of the groups, please would you contact the relevant leader who will let you know the relevant link for accessing the meetings:

- Richard Ford (richard.ford73@gmail.com or 8289 2432) if you'd like to meet on a Monday evening at 8.00 pm;
- Nicky Nightingale (nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk or 07771 782914) if you'd like to meet on a Wednesday evening at 8.00 pm;
- Ken Bryan (kennethabryan@aol.com or 07939 535996) if you'd like to meet on a Friday morning at 10.30 am.

You can join different meetings each week if we know about this in advance.

Prayer Cycle

We pray for those who live on:

Acacia Gardens; Alderbrook Court; The Alders; Arragon Gardens; Ash Grove; Barwood Avenue; Beckenham Road; Blakes Green; Bolderwood Way.

In our cycle of prayer for other churches in West Wickham we pray for the people at Coney Hill Baptist Church and St John's Church.

As many of us have spent more time in our homes recently than we may have wanted to, we pray for all those who are homeless, whether that be out on the street in the cold or staying with friends or family or in temporary accommodation. May those of us with warm houses and comfortable beds not forget how blessed we are to have a place of safety that we can call 'home'.

We pray for those whose home does not feel like a place of safety through the abuse that they suffer from other people that live there or who have access to the home. Pray that they may be able to reach out to others who can ease the situation or help them to remove the source of abuse.

The earth that God created is miraculous and beautiful but human lifestyle choices are damaging the sustainability of life. Pray against confusion and inaction in confronting the challenges of climate change. As the world prepares for the COP26 summit which could accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, pray for world leaders to be inspired by public pressure to make new, just and radical commitments that will protect our fragile world for future generations.

Dear Friends

The other day I was looking through a collection of poems by Paul Canon Harris, an Anglican priest and poet, whom you may have heard on BBC Radio 2's *Pause for Thought*, and whom I first met when he was the speaker at a weekend away for St John's, the other church in the West Wickham Group Ministry. As I looked, I came across a poem entitled "February," which began:

How should I view you
number 2?
Definitely the shortest
usually the coldest.
January's younger sister
leaping to assist her
at the beginning of the year.

The way in which this year has begun, with record numbers of Covid infections and deaths, and the impact of Brexit beginning to be felt, January can certainly do with some assistance from its younger sister, as stanza 2 reveals:

Good things
come in small packages
they say.
Hearts, pancakes, ashes - not forgetting my
wife's birthday!

St Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday, with its pancake races and other traditions, are certainly days to raise the spirits, bringing some light into the winter gloom, but why does Harris include Ash Wednesday among the "good things?" After all, the Ashing that would normally take place in our churches on Ash Wednesday (and may still – trying to foretell what will happen a month in advance, at the time of writing, is well nigh impossible!) is a sign of sorrow, of sadness at the sins that we have committed, of penitence. But to leave it there is to forget God's loving nature, for as the psalmist says:

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

As far as the east is from the west
so far has he set our sins from us (Psalm 103: 8, 12)

Harris ends his poem by looking forward to the signs of new life which herald the coming of Spring:

I will give you marks for effort
despite your lack of days,
for being the month
in which the days grow longer,
the sun gets stronger,
and golden daffs appear
to mark our ways.

And what of March? Sometimes this is the month in which we celebrate Easter, but not this year. However, we do have Mothering Sunday to look forward to and Palm Sunday, when we can join with the cheering crowds in welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem as he embarks on the final stage of fulfilling God's plan for the salvation of the world.

And this year Palm Sunday coincides with the start of Summer Time, with its promise of freedom from the constraints of winter, liberation from coats and scarves and gloves, and escape from frozen feet and runny noses. And this year it holds another promise of freedom, for if all goes to plan, many will have received the Covid vaccine by Easter. Which itself offers, with Jesus' Resurrection, the ultimate hope of eternity spent in our Saviour's company and that of his and our heavenly Father.

God bless,

Richard

NOT the *Big Christmas Sing*

A resume of the arranging thereof by David Wada

When it was realised that the Big Christmas Sing could not take place because of the Coronavirus restrictions, Hazel had the idea to make an online version and ask for donations to Christian Aid to be made direct.

A small group was formed to organise 'Not the Big Christmas Sing'. The first thoughts were that we needed some readings, some singing and a 'comper'. Richard, who has compered previous BCS, agreed to do it again. The Matchbox Theatre was approached to do some readings and it was thought that the combined church choirs could provide the singing. The Matchbox readily agreed and took on the recording of the pieces in the homes of the 'performers'. However, the singing proved to be more of a problem as many of the church choristers were not agreeable because of the restrictions, which was fair.

I approached Georg Tormann, the brains behind the London Concert Chorus, who have performed at St Francis' before and had been due to sing at the Summer event that has had to be postponed to 2021. As I sing with the LCC, I knew that they had been rehearsing on Zoom at least each week and had a possible repertoire. Georg immediately agreed, and we recorded at St. Mary's on 28 November taking advantage of the new recording facilities. It took 4 hours to get everything recorded and Hazel was a 'gem' with her recording skills. For one of the songs ("Thankful") it was the first time that the LCC had sung it together, and they were all happy with the result. The LCC really appreciated being asked to contribute and get together even under social distancing. Singing under social distancing is very different to singing as a 'normal' choir.

Hazel then had the arduous task of editing all the recordings together to make the final recording that you were all able to see online.

News from Fiona & Mike Smith – Ear Centre in Nepal

(Fiona & Mike were friends of Cynthia Matthew)

Dear Friends & Family

Mike and I returned from Nepal in March and moved Mike's mother into a very nice care home near us in Herefordshire. Fiona's mother is managing well at home in Sussex. Luke and Fran hope to visit us here next Summer. Lydia and Jason have bought a house in Bristol.

We are pleased that the INF Green Pastures Ear Centre in Pokhara has remained active and we have managed to retain all the staff. Patient numbers dropped, but people continued to come, and the hospital prepared for Covid. Thankfully Nepal has not been too badly affected so far. Donations to EAN have helped pay for medical equipment and for patients who aren't able to afford treatment. Mike hopes to get back to Nepal next year for some short visits, preferably after a vaccine.

Thank you all very much for your love and support over this past unusual year.

God bless, Love from Fiona and Mike

St Mary's On-line Christmas Market **Saturday 28 November 2020**

How time flies! It seems such a long time since our meeting on the 13th September 2020, when we decided against having a traditional Christmas Market due to the COVID-19 restrictions at the time. It was agreed that we should explore alternative ways of raising much needed funds with an online Christmas Market. The focus of the meeting quickly became not what we couldn't do, but rather what we could do!

The online Christmas Market provided the perfect platform for the sale of Food Hampers made to order, and the purchase of raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle draw, Christmas Cake raffle and the Luxury Hamper raffle. In addition, festive floral arrangements such as Christmas wreaths and table decorations were also made to order. A 'Just Giving' page was also created online for those who wished to support the Market by donating money.

It soon became evident that the online Christmas Market would be completely different to previous markets, and as such we really didn't know what the outcome would be. However, with steely determination and hope in our hearts we focused on the task ahead. Whatever challenges we faced, and there were many, spending time with God in prayer really helped. The end result was truly amazing, with £2,750.14 raised for church funds.

The success of the online market and the funds raised is a wonderful example of our church community coming together in support of our special fundraising event. While we celebrate its success, let us also give thanks to God for providing an opportunity to remain connected as a church family in a spirit of giving, in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to thank the congregations of both St Mary's and St Francis' churches and also our friends and families for generously supporting our fundraising event. We would also like to thank Merri Womack for all her hard work making floral decorations, Brian Griffiths for the sale of his woodwork items, Audrey Tibbles for donating a homemade Christmas cake, Bob West for organising the Grand Raffle draw, and Beryl Bolton for the sale of raffle tickets for the Christmas cake raffle and Luxury Hamper raffle.

In addition, we would like to thank the wonderful team of helpers who assembled the Food Hampers in record time, our Church Warden, Stephen Howe, for erecting tables and clearing up afterwards, and Geoff Mussard for delivering hampers on the day of the Market.

Thank you all again for your wonderful support and generosity and let us all look forward to St Mary's Christmas Market 2021, when we can open our doors and welcome our wider community without restrictions and masks.

Debbie & Gifty

**The Christmas Market Draw was live streamed at 2.00 pm
at St Mary's on Saturday 28 November**



Grand Draw	Ticket Number	Winner
£200	0418	Michael Graydon
6 Bottles of Wine	0063	Tom Bolton
Lindt Lindor Advent Calendar	1207	Hayley Smythe
Ferrero Rocher Chocolates	0906	Michael Messinger
Quality Street Assortment	1090	John Richards
6 Luxury Crackers	1363	Ann Herbert
Christmas Cake	123	Kay Mussard
Christmas Hamper	145	Margaret Bond

Bishop Richard writes . . .

As we move into the autumn and winter seasons there is an inevitable feeling of weariness living with the huge impact of the pandemic and the likelihood of it being many months before its grip begins to be loosened. At the moment virtually every aspect of our lives, including how we run our churches and chaplaincies, is profoundly disrupted. So a vital practical and spiritual question is how we are to set ourselves to live well through this period. There are three particular approaches which may be of some help.

The first is a realistic recognition that we are in this for the long haul and therefore we need to try to build patterns of living which are genuinely sustainable. Many people, including clergy, have been working extraordinarily hard since the beginning of the pandemic and enter this autumn period, knowing that the fuel tank is fairly low. So we need to ensure that we do not simply respond with even more activism. Times of prayer waiting on God, and a proper reflection on how our Christian faith can sustain and resource us in times of crisis will be more essential than ever. And we will need to build in the obvious need for times of rest and recreation. Instead of being frustrated at what we cannot do, we can build these things into our lives in a very intentional way in the next few months. It may help to think about elements needed in a 'rule of life' which can shape us at this time.

The second is to develop a very strong sense that we are all in this together. Our Christian faith tells us that all humankind is made in the image of God, and even more that all creation is cared for and loved by God. We need to be praying for and engage with our sisters and brothers across the world, such as our link dioceses in Zimbabwe, and remember those living in places where healthcare and economic structures are nowhere near as robust as in the UK. And we need a strong sense of our connectedness with all creation. The pandemic, in part, is a result of humankind's abuse of creation.

Magazine subscriptions

For those with a postal subscription, we will have to increase the price of this to £7.50 for the year with effect from this edition of the magazine. Subscriptions continue to be dealt with by Nicky Nightingale, so please contact her (see inside front cover) to make arrangements for payment of this amount.

The third is to pray and reflect as to what God is calling us and our world to be and to do as we move into the future. There is very serious thinking going on about reimagining our world and especially seizing this opportunity to work for a world in which environmental justice, economic justice, and racial justice are paramount in our systems and structures and the way we live. We have hit the buffers of rampant economic expansion and inequality. We have been living in unsustainable and deeply unfair ways. The Christian gospel brings real hope and vision to a fallen world, and it speaks powerfully to our current situation, especially through the big ideas of salvation and redemption. Central to this is how the love of God in Christ's death and resurrection can bring us into a right relationship with God, each other and all creation.

There has been recently very considerable thinking going on in the Church of England about how we are to proclaim the gospel effectively in our time. One central theme in this is having an expression of, in both word and action, all five of the Anglican marks of mission. These speak of the importance of individuals faith in God, of deepening that faith and then working in our world in lives of loving action to challenge unjust structures and inequalities and to care for all God's creation. All of these need to be intertwined in a holistic way. Colossians chapter 1 speaks of all things being reconciled in Christ. Perhaps part of our living in the next few months could be a deep reflection on what this means for how we live and how we try to shape both our Church and our world in the years to come.

✠Richard Kingston



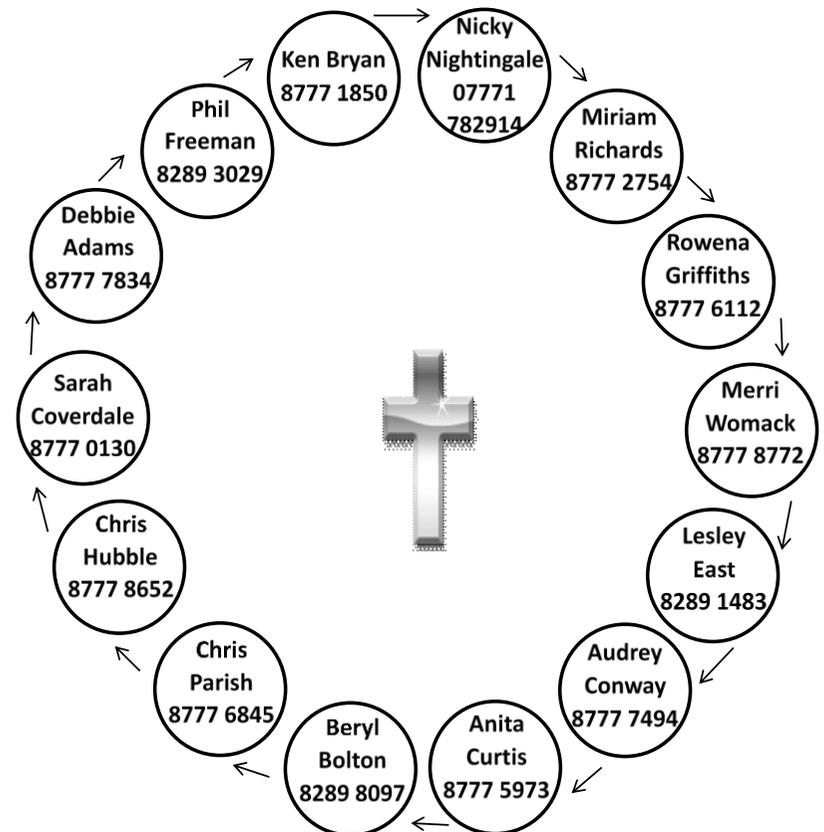
St Francis' & St Mary's Prayer Chain

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 would like prayer for someone you know, please get their permission first.

If you would 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.

Hazel



The Dean of Southwark has written the following prayer which you may wish to use

Please pray for all who are involved in the response to this crisis worldwide.

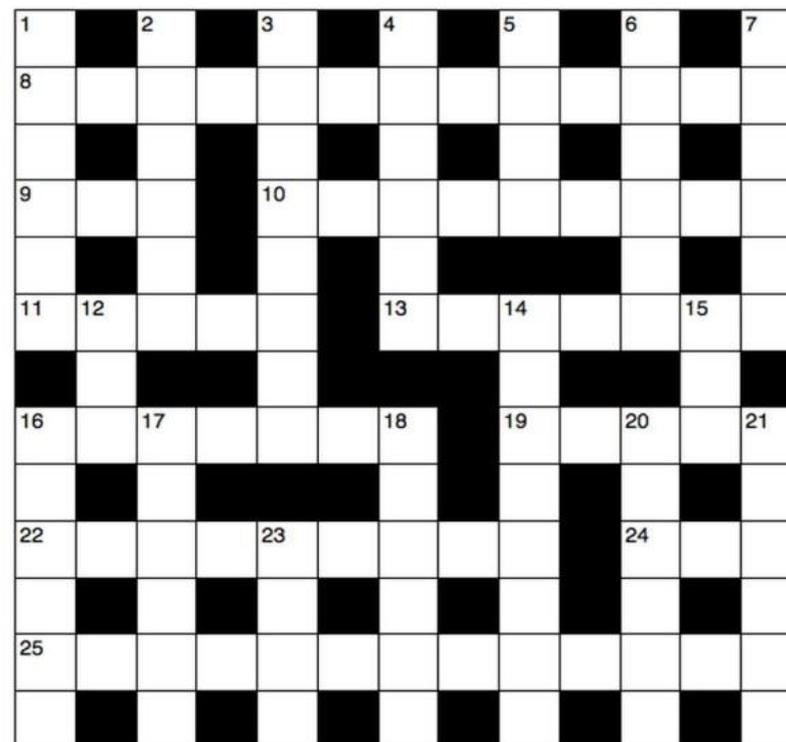
Loving God,
 Source of healing and comfort,
 Fill us with your grace,
 That the sick may be made whole,
 That those who care for us may be strengthened,
 That the anxious may be calmed,
 And those most vulnerable be protected
 In the power of Spirit
 In the faith of
 Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

April/May Magazine

Items for inclusion in the next magazine are needed by Sunday 14 March. Please email them to Margaret Green or telephone her to make alternative arrangements.

Tel: 01793 537888 or email: magletitiagreen@hotmail.com

Bible Crossword for February/March



Clues

Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
- 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
- 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
- 11 Science fiction (abbrev) (3-2)
- 13 Clay pit (anag) (7)
- 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
- 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)

- 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On —
— let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to
God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines
(1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your
father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
6 Taking a chance (colloq) (2,4)
7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt
to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me'
(Psalm 56:5) (8)
15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in
Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern
where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10,
RSV) (4,2)
20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis
8:5) (6)
23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to
diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)

Answers for December/January Crossword

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Sudoku for February/March

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Solutions for Sudoku
December/January

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4	8	3	2	6	7	1	9	5
9	6	1	3	4	5	7	8	2
7	2	8	9	5	1	4	6	3
6	5	4	7	3	8	9	2	1
3	1	9	6	2	4	8	5	7

Word Search Clues for February/March

February opens with Candlemas – the naming of Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna praised God to see the promised Messiah, sent by a loving God to save his people. February also celebrates the love between a man and woman: Valentine cards and romance abound. ‘Love’ as in social compassion is also remembered: Fair Trade fortnight, Holocaust Memorial Day, World Leprosy Day, and National Nest Box Week. . . .Love is truly needed by everyone!

Words to Find		
Anna	Holocaust	Nest Box
Bananas	Justice	Poverty
Candlemas	Leprosy	Romance
Christ	Love	Simeon
Chocolate	Marriage	Temple
Coffee	Matthias	Valentine
Fairtrade	Naming	Wedding
Fortnight		

Word Search for February/March

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Solutions for Word Search December/January

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Daffodils

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth



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**GROUPS & ACTIVITIES AT
ST FRANCIS' CHURCH**

On Saturday mornings the church is open from 9.00 am to 10.00 am for quiet and prayer. From 10.30 am to 11.30 am refreshments are served and this raises money for Action Aid.

Contact Barbara Goodchild 8777 8782

The Church Halls. There are two halls available for hire – a large hall suitable for 30 people upwards and a small hall for up to 25 people.
Bookings Secretary: Katie Rees 8289 3846

Church Choir. The choir helps to lead the singing at Sunday services. It regularly sings anthems and there are special musical services at festivals. Rehearsals: 7.15 pm – 8.15 pm on Thursdays.
Contact Geoff Mussard 8650 8389

Men's Group. This meets on the second Monday evening of the month, alternately at St Francis' and St Mary's.
Contact Tim Shingler 8402 8286

Reading Group. This meets on the second Thursday morning of the month.
Contact Barbara Plummer 8289 3846

Matchbox Theatre. A well-established amateur dramatic society which includes members of St Francis' Church and performs in the church hall, usually three times a year.
Contact Mike Downing 8776 2732

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH HALL

Cubs

Tuesdays from 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm
Contact Yvonne Bulman: yvonne.bulman@gmail.com

Scouts

Fridays from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Contact Hilary Moy, Group Scout Leader 07961 826814

Ravenswood Women's Institute

Fourth Thursday of the month from 7.45 pm
Contact Barbara Goodchild 8777 8782

West Wickham Market [Stalls & Refreshments]

Fridays from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm 8776 1603

Wednesday Market [supporting South East Cancer Help Centre]
From 9.00 am to 1.00 pm 8777 3005

Fitness Through Movement, Exercise & Dance

Tuesdays from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm 8771 7896

Weight Watchers

Mondays at 6.30 pm and Tuesdays at 10.00 am

Sugar Craft & Cake Decorating

Thursdays at 8.00 pm (Six meetings a year)

Articles and items for the magazine are always welcome.
Any contributions can be left in the envelope at the back of the church [on the notice board] by the second Sunday of the month for inclusion in the next bi-monthly magazine [editions for Dec/Jan, Feb/March, etc]. Otherwise contact the Editor, Margaret Green, on 07931 537888 or by emailing her at magletitiagreen@hotmail.com.