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REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

1st Sunday varies - See calendar for details

3rd & 5th Sundays at St Mary's Church, The
Avenue 2nd & 4th Sundays at St Francis' Church

10.45 am Parish Communion

Activities for younger children (aged 3+) and
crèche facilities in church

10.45 am 2nd Sunday – Morning Worship
(non–Eucharistic)

10.00 am First Sunday – Joint Family Communion
with St Mary's, held alternately at each church
See calendar for details

WEDNESDAY

9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.30 – 11.30am Church open for quiet and prayer

LETTER FROM HAZEL

Dear friends,

I am writing this soon after the ordination of deacons and priests has taken place in churches and cathedrals across the land. And we have a celebration of our own in October when Debbie Adams will be licensed as a Reader at a service in Southwark Cathedral on Sunday 8th October. We also have a recent addition to our ministry team in the Ven. Carol Coslett. Carol is Assistant Director of Lay Ministry in the Diocese of Southwark and has been licensed as an Assistant Priest for the United Benefice of St Francis & St Mary, so we'll recognise this at a service in one of our churches during the autumn.

In a recent diocesan publication, Bishop Karowei wrote about how this public recognition of ministry can also remind us of everyone's calling to be part of universal priesthood of all believers. The apostle Peter says:

"you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

(1 Peter 2:9 NIVUK)

God's calling is universal – it's for everyone. Now you might be thinking that this is all very well for people like Debbie and Carol, but I'm not in any position to be answering a call of God into ministry. But that's the whole point of that word 'universal'. Your call may not be to a ministry where you are licensed or commissioned by a bishop into a diocesan-recognised role, but we can all do something to shine God's light into this world. That light might shine in a variety of contexts – at work, in our leisure, through our relationships with others, in church life, or through volunteering in our community. No

matter who you are, there will be one of these situations where you will come across other people and have an opportunity to speak of God's love and saving grace, whether that be in something you do or something that you say.

We cannot do this on our own though and when we praise God, whether at home on your own, or in a church building with others, you are reflecting on what God has done through you and others in the past and asking for the continued gift of the enabling Holy Spirit, so that you can fulfil your calling to shine God's light in the future. I pray that in this season you will be able to reflect on God's calling to you and find opportunities where this might be recognised by others.

Hazel



CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

Saturday 5th

Coffee Morning at St Francis'
Volunteers Thank You Event

Sunday 6th

8.00 a.m.

9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Hazel O'Sullivan/Brian Griffiths (by video)

10.00 a.m.

Joint Service at St. Francis' with livestream
Hazel O'Sullivan/Brian Griffiths

Friday 11th

3.45 p.m.

Messy Church at St. Mary's
Messy Church Team

Sunday 13th

8.00 a.m.

10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at St. Francis'
Hazel O'Sullivan

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream
Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis'
Hazel O'Sullivan/Brian Griffiths

Sunday 20th

8.00 a.m.

11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at St. Mary's
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 27th

8.00 a.m.

12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at St. Francis

Richard Ford

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Marys with livestream

Hazel O'Sullivan/Richard Ford

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis

Richard Ford/Brian Griffiths

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER**Sunday 3rd**

8.00 a.m.

13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan

10.00 a.m.

Joint Service at St. Mary's with livestream

*Hazel O' Sullivan/Richard Ford/Ken Bryan***Friday 8th**

3.45 p.m.

Messy Church at St. Mary's

*Messy Church Team***Sunday 10th**

8.00 a.m.

14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**Creation Sunday**

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan

9.15 a.m.

Morning Praise at St. Mary's with livestream

Hazel O'Sulliivan/Ken Bryan

10.45 a.m.

Morning Worship at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan

Sunday 17th

8.00 am.

9.15 a.m.

10.45 a.m.

15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Carol Coslett

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Hazel O'Sullivan/Carol Coslett

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

*Hazel O'Sullivan/Brian Griffiths***Sunday 24th**

8.00 a.m.

9.15 a.m.

10.45 a.m.

16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Richard Ford

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Hazel O'Sullivan/Richard Ford

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

*Richard Ford*Saturday 30th

7.00 p.m. Harvest Supper at St. Mary's

Confidence in God

By St Columba

*Alone with none but Thee, my God,**I journey on my way.**What need I fear, when Thou art near**O King of night and day?**More safe I am within Thy hand**Than if a host did round me stand.*

READINGS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Date	Reading	Reader
Aug. 6th	Dan.7: 9-10, 13-14 2 Pet.1: 16-19 Luke 9: 28-36	Rosemary Swatland Brian Griffiths
Aug. 13th	1 Kings 19: 9-18 Rom.10:5-15 Matt. 14: 22-33	Valerie Hamilton Hazel O'Sullivan
Aug. 20th	Isa. 56:1, 6-8 Rom.11:1-2a,29-32 Matt. 15: 21-28	Sam Hand Ken Bryan
Aug. 27th	Isa. 51: 1-6 Rom. 12: 1-8 Matt. 16: 13-20	Alison Davies Richard Ford
Sept. 3rd	Jer. 15: 15-21 Rom. 12: 9-end Matt. 16: 21-end	David Taylor Hazel O'Sullivan
Sept. 10th	<i>Special reading for Morning Worship</i>	David Wada
Sept. 17th	Gen 50: 15-21 Rom. 14: 1-12 Matt. 18: 21-35	Gill Kehoe Brian Griffiths
Sept. 24th	Jonah 3: 10- 4: end Phil. 1: 21-end Matt. 20: 1-16	Rosemary Swatland Richard Ford

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

Volunteering Thank You Event

The past year has been a busy one with our support for projects that show our compassion, as well as our ongoing support of people in our congregations. This has involved a huge amount of volunteering which we'd like to recognise and say thank you for. If you have been involved in anything at our churches, whether that be on Sunday mornings, or at other times, or if you have given support from your own home, we will be celebrating this at a *coffee and cake event* on **Saturday 5th August** between 10.30-11.30am at St Francis' Church.

As well as our church activities, we opened the Warm Space on a Wednesday, Social Befrienders continued to offer a listening ear over the telephone, and we arranged and delivered Christmas Bromley Foodbank hampers again. Volunteers for these initiatives have included people from outside our church congregations and they have also been invited to this event.

If you have been involved in any of these, or other initiatives at our churches, please do come along to meet others who are community minded.

September

St Francis' Community Lunch is on Sunday 24th September at 12.30pm. Please contact Barbara Goodchild (020 8777 8782 or goodchild854@gmail.com if you would like a ticket.

Lunchtime Concerts

Our last two Lunchtime Concerts of the season will take place at St. Francis on 24th August and 28th September. By popular request, Felicity Cliffe will bring the Orchestra Nouveau to us with a special programme for late summer, including the Tchaikovsky Serenade for Strings and the meditative Swan of Tuonela on 24th of August.

On 28th September, Mr David Bullen will be bringing some of his talented students from Langley Park schools to entertain us with their customary programme featuring various instrumentalists, pianists and singers.

Concerts start at 12.45 with tea and coffee available beforehand. *Please note both these dates* as they are updated from previous information.

Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper is on Saturday 30th September at 7.00 p.m. in the hall. This will take the form of a Bring & Share buffet and a list will be posted for people to sign up if they intend to come along and indicate from the suggestions what they would like to bring. Desserts and teas and coffees will be provided and there will be a nominal charge of £5 to cover this. Some entertainment will be provided to follow the meal. Watch the pew sheet for further updates.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1, John. 3, And James. 8, Near. 9, Omission.
11, Theocratic. 14, Asleep. 15, By-path. 17, Stalingrad.
20, Backbone. 21, Baca. 22, Whose eye. 23, Seth.

Down: 1, Jonathan. 2, Heavenly. 4, No meat. 5, Justifying.
6, Maid. 7, Sins. 10, Acceptable. 12, Marriage. 13, Shadrach.
16, Plenty. 18, A bow. 19, ECHO.

REPORTS ON EVENTS

St Mary's Summer Garden Party

Saturday 17th June

Another successful day! There was a steady stream of people throughout the day even though three other schools were having their summer fairs at the same time. We introduced Pimms this year which went down very well.

West Wickham Choir Concert

Hiawatha Wedding Feast Review

Saturday 15th July

A night out at St. Francis church, we start off with Hazel introducing the man in black, conductor, pianist, Geoff Mussard, and the West Wickham choir.

Mentioning the words Hiawatha Wedding Feast, around West Wickham there was a rumour going around this maybe the challenge of all challenges, but hopefully with practice, practice, and more practice, and Geoff at the helm they have a chance of pulling it off. If the choir was nervous, they didn't show it.

The concentration on the choir's faces was intense and this is before they started singing. The singing was fast and furious, as a member of the audience, initially I found it hard to follow, but ten minutes into the performance it got easier and following the handout sheet, I started to enjoy the entertainment.



The composer

Hiawatha Wedding Feast is the first of a Trilogy of cantatas, written by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor between 1898 and 1900.

Born August 15th, 1875 - 1st Sept 1912 Holborn London England Composer and conductor.

Like all shows, we need light & shade, and the West Wickham choir didn't disappoint, we had a rendition of Old Mother Hubbard and Jesus Christ Superstar, executed brilliantly by all.

So, we come to our finale, who better to sing the night out, than the lovely singer and soloist Jacqueline Turner, a former member of St Francis' choir, singing a rendition of that well known song 'I Could have Danced all Night' from the musical My fair Lady to end *to the show*.

Tony Ivey

Growing together

For the past few months, on a Thursday morning, behind the garden gate on the left of the main door to St Francis' Church, a merry band of volunteers have been creating a garden. The aim of this garden is to create a safe haven for people to socialise and "grow in friendship". We aim to follow the "Men in Sheds" model, a successful campaign run by Age UK. We hope to gain clientele through the social prescribing officers in GP surgeries and have designed leaflets to be left in community areas.

Garden therapy has proved beneficial for many health issues. Monty Don, a well-known presenter on Gardeners' World (I'm a huge fan) advocates that a garden, "can and does contribute a great deal to physical and mental health and thus make a significant contribution to the wellbeing of society".

It is a lovely joint church project to be involved in. If you wish to know more, we're always in the garden on a Thursday morning. There will also be an opening event where you can find out more at a Coffee Morning on Saturday 2nd September.

Happy gardening, Wendy Jaffrey, project leader.



Wholeness

A Poem by Jane Smith

*All of us are broken
Each in different ways
Life is far from easy
We lock away the pain
Its not a sign of weakness
Deciding to be real
Begin the healing process
And tell God how we feel*

*You need to stop pretending
To fill the whole within
Admit that you are broken
And give it all to Him
Please don't try to hide it
I ask you to be brave
Decide to take the next step
starting from today*

*God can bring you wholeness
Freedom and release
Healing and forgiveness
joy and lasting
peace
you `ll find it is a
process*

*It happens stage by stage
It starts when you are honest
And admit that you have pain*

*I know that it takes courage
Taking off the mask
Letting others help you
But you need to ask -
Ask yourself the question
Deep within your soul
"Will my heart be open
And let God make me whole?*

**Come to me, all that are weary and are carrying
heavy burdens and I will give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28

Religious and Social Events Dates

2023 Diary

August

- 5th Volunteer Thank You Event at St Francis' – 10am
- 6th Joint Service at St Francis' (Transfiguration) – 10am
- 24th Lunchtime Concert at St Francis – 12:45pm

September

- 3rd Joint service at St Mary's – 10am
- 10th Non-eucharistic: Creation Sunday
- 24th St Francis' Community Lunch – 12:30pm
- 28th Lunchtime concert at St Francis – 12:45pm
- 30th Harvest Supper at St Mary's – 7pm

October

- 1st Joint service at St Francis – 10am: St Francis' Patronal Sunday (Gift Day)
- 1st Pet Service at St Francis
- 7th London Concert Chorus concert at St Francis – 7:30pm
- 8th All Age Harvest Services
- 8th Debbie's licensing Service at Southwark Cathedral 6pm
- 15th Joint service at St Mary's – 10am: Celebrating Debbie's Licencing, followed by brunch
- 29th CTWW Bible Sunday service and meeting - 6pm

November

- 5th Joint service at St Francis' (All Saints') – 10am
- 5th Memorial Service at St Mary's – 3pm
- 12th All-age Remembrance Sunday services
- 18th Hayes Symphony Orchestra concert at S Francis' – 7.30pm
- 24th High Street Christmas Lights event at St Francis'
- 25th St Mary's Christmas Market
- 30th – 2nd Dec Matchbox performances

December

- 2nd The Big Christmas Sing at St Francis' 4pm
- 3rd Joint service at St Mary's (Advent Sunday) – 10am
- 9th – 17th Christmas Tree Festival at St Francis'
- 9th Allegri Singers at St Francis'
- 16th Scouts' Carols service at St Mary's
- 17th Carol Services
- 17th St Francis' Community Lunch – 12:30pm
- 24th Christingle service at St Mary's 4pm
- 24th Lighting the Lamps service at St Francis' 6pm
- 24th Midnight Communion at both churches 11:15pm
- 25th Joint service at St Francis – 10am
- 31st Joint service at St Mary's – 10am

Women's Group

At a women's event in July, it was interesting to hear how Anne Horner-Tree got involved in the Bromley Homeless Starter Pack Scheme for single people and families starting out in a new home with nothing. This may be women and families leaving a women's refuge, or newly released prisoners, or those who have had previous belongings removed from a rented property while they were in hospital for an extended period. Starter packs are provided from Bromley Parish Church to those who know about a family in need – the council, a food bank, schools, a women's refuge or Citizen's Advice. Demand has gone up recently and last year Anne gave out 200 starter-packs. We donated a carload of cutlery, crockery, duvet covers (not duvets), pillow slips, tea towels, saucepans, frying pans, bath towel, toothbrushes, etc. Please continue to bring any items that you have when you clear out cupboards at home to one of the church buildings, and we will get these to Anne, so that this work of compassion can continue.

August

- 9th**
Transfiguration Holy God, we have been shown your glory in the face of Jesus; may we reflect his life in our words and deeds.
- 15th**
Blessed Virgin Mary May we be strengthened to take, as Mary, the path of obedience, and so bring forth the fruit of holiness.
- 24th**
S. Bartholomew Pray that with the help of the Holy Spirit, we may be strong in our witness to God's truth and Good News.

Some Thoughts and Prayers

We pray for: -

All who are on holiday in the coming weeks that they may be renewed and refreshed.

Teaching staff, children, and students. We give thanks for our teachers and tutors and all who provide education. We remember in prayer, children starting new schools and students going on to, or returning to higher education.

We pray for those looking for work and families struggling to pay the bills.

We remember those who are suffering from cancer and other health problems. Lord, touch them with your healing power, may they be aware of your presence with its peace and serenity and be given grace and strength to cope. **Amen.**

FOCUS

September

14th

Holy Cross Day

Pray that we are able to bear with patience and humility any cross of suffering laid upon us.

21st

St. Matthew

Give us grace to deny the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of wealth.

29th

**St. Michael and
All Angels**

Everlasting God, grant that as your angels always serve you in heaven, so at your command they may help and defend us on earth.

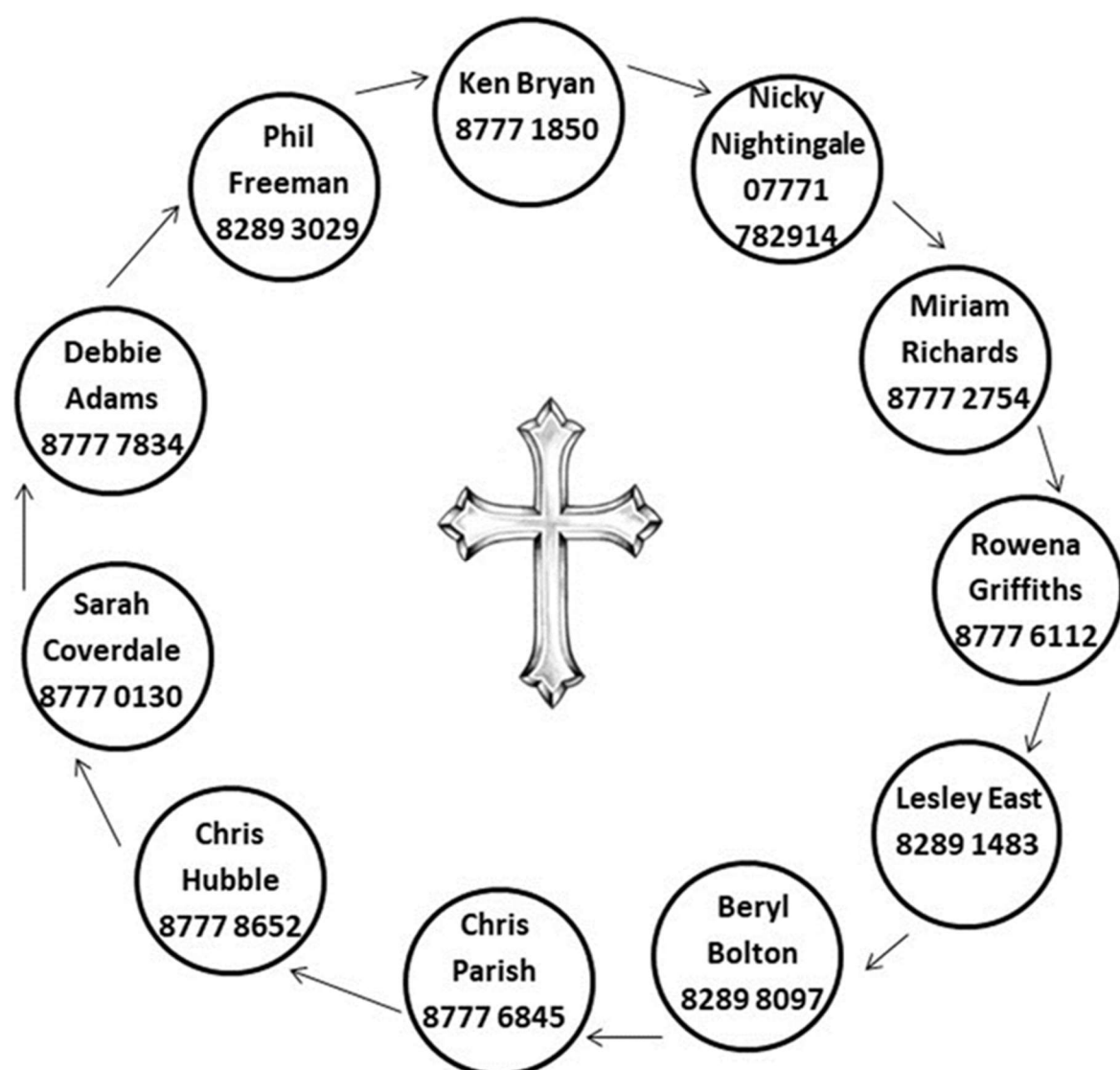
Lines to Jesus

Lines to Jesus are never engaged. No call back required,
No answering machine. No Press 1 for advice and 2 for confession.
Lines to Jesus are always free. No appointment required,
No hour inconvenient. No charge for late night calls.
Lines to Jesus have no time limit. There's no eye on the clock.
One ear half listening. No faraway look or distracted attention.
Lines to Jesus are always connected. No dial-up needed. No
busy.com.
No password recalling, No download to wait for.
Lines to Jesus are open and waiting. So call him now...
He is longing to hear from 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.



Introducing The Venerable Revd Carol Coslett

Hallo everyone. It is a delight to have found a home amongst you and to be able to serve you in West Wickham working with Hazel and the team.



My role in the diocese is as Assistant Director of Lay Ministry, in the Discipleship and Ministry team at Trinity House, London Bridge. I have been licensed by Bishop Christopher across the diocese and part of my role is to encourage new vocations into Lay Ministry. This means visiting different churches, and deaneries raising awareness of the different forms of ministry available from Pastoral Minsters, Children and young people, Readers, Evangelists/ pioneers and more.

Before taking up this post I was an Archdeacon in the Derbyshire Peak and Dales, which as well as getting to know a whole new county, allowed me to experience virtually every aspect of church and diocesan life. But the calling to return to Southwark was there, and one of my strengths is engagement with people, and working in a tangible way that allows every gift to blossom. I was born in Epsom and my family roots are firmly in the south, so it was time to return, and I felt God calling me into this role to inspire others to ministry.

My substantive parish ministry had been in Reigate Deanery, as a Rector, Area Dean and Acting Archdeacon, but prior to ordination I had been a music teacher and also since university a Reader.

I have a great love of music, enjoy playing the harpsichord, and clarinet, and joined in the community choir for Hiawatha which I have to say was such fun! On my day off I try to get a swim, (so glad that there is a swimming pool in West Wickham), enjoy a woodland walk, or tackle the garden!

Part of my family have moved with me: my husband Martin, a writer of musicals recently "The Crooked Spire" based on where we used to live in Chesterfield, and this year "Mountains of the Moon" being performed in the Buxton Festival Fringe; our daughter Clara, striving to tread the boards professionally, but meanwhile managing the Carnaby Hollister shop when not auditioning. Our son David was married in 2021 and is settled in Derbyshire.

I look forward to getting to know you all as time goes by and being part of your community.

Thank you for your welcome.

Every blessing
Carol

Debbie Adams

Our new Reader to be licenced in October 2023

I moved from the West Midlands to London as a student to study law. During my legal training I met James, a newly qualified barrister. We married in 1995 and moved to West Wickham. My next-door neighbours, Chris and Kathy Drakes, were members of St. Mary's church, and they invited me to a Sunday service, which I really enjoyed. I continued to worship at St. Mary's on a Sunday, with very little time available in my busy working life to be more involved.

We decided to start a family and were blessed with 3 sons. William was born in 1998, quickly followed by Edward in 1999 and Alexander in 2001. I moved from the world of work to looking after the boys full time.

During this period, I became more involved with St Mary's, and the boys became regular attenders at Sunday Club and other church events. I became part of the Sunday Club teaching team and enjoyed re-telling bible stories to the children through craft activities and role play. I can recall the challenges of keeping 3 young children under the age of 3 occupied during Sunday services. It was not uncommon for me to be bottle feeding one of my sons while chasing another down the central aisle of the church to prevent him crashing into the vicar! However, it has been a real privilege to have been able to spend time with them and watch them develop and grow into the young men they are today.

I would describe my calling to the ministry as a gradual progression, starting with my confirmation in 1998. It took time for my faith to develop and grow, and as the boys became more independent, I began to feel that God was calling me to do something more specific. This call slowly became stronger and stronger until I felt I could no longer ignore it. I enrolled on the Bishop's Certificate Course in September 2018, primarily as a stepping stone in order to reflect on my faith and explore what it was that God was calling me to do. I found the course to be an excellent place to start, and meeting other Christians to talk about faith, was an invaluable experience. I also found taking opportunities within church, such as preaching, leading services, and leading a home group, helped to confirm the calling to lead and teach. I began the discerning process with a Vocations

Adviser in January 2021, in order to explore and identify my call to either Lay Ministry or Ordination. At the end of the 6-month period I was interviewed by a selection panel as part of the application process and was recommended for Reader Training. I began the 2-year Reader Course at St. Augustine's College of Theology in September 2021 and completed the course in June 2023. I will be Licensed as a Reader in October 2023.

Debbie Adams.

Best position for effective prayer

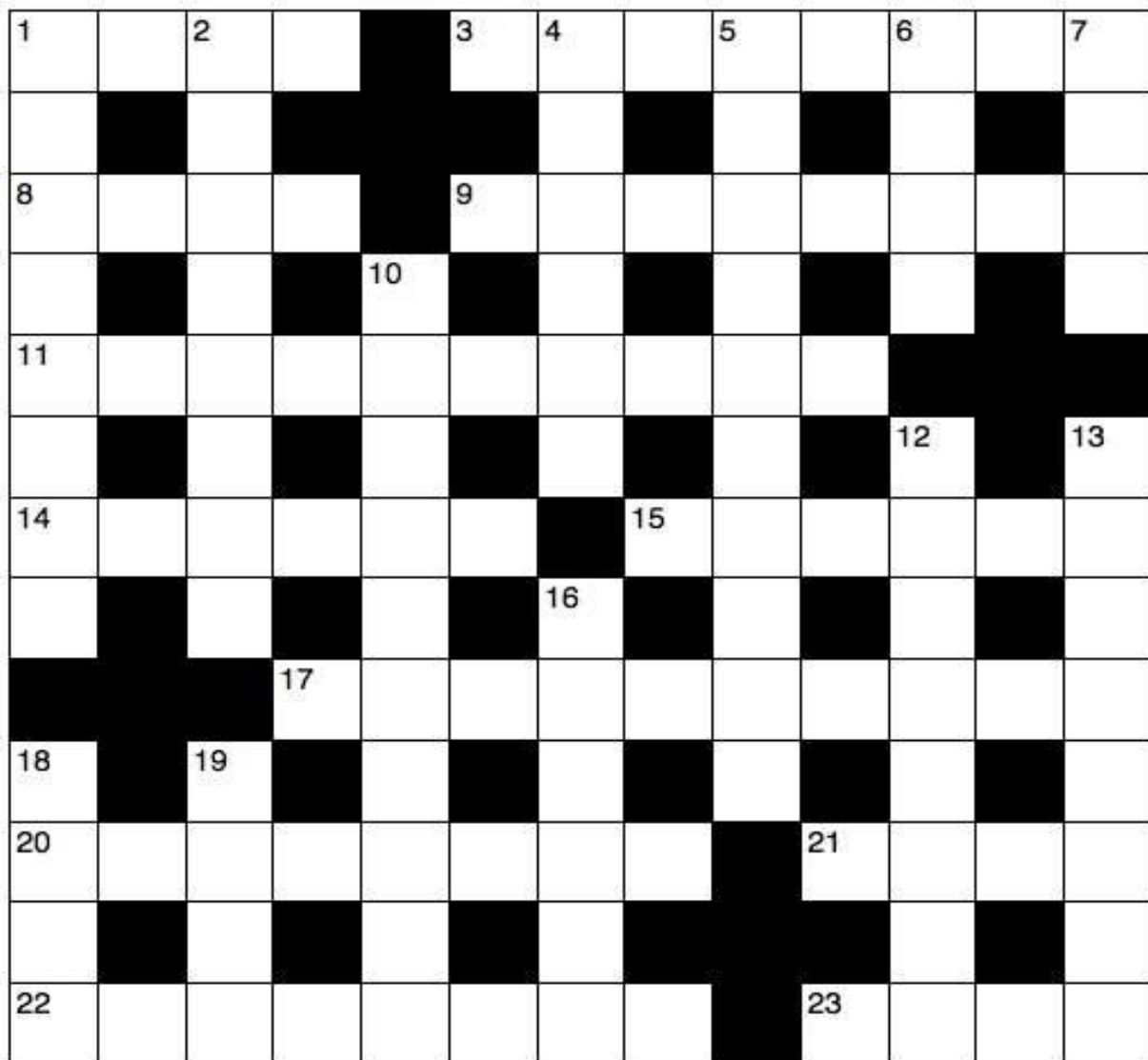
Three ministers sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one minister.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Sorry," he blurted out, "but the best praying I ever did was hanging upside down from a telephone pole."

CROSS WORD GRID



Across

- 1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
- 3 See 1 Across
- 8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
- 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)
- 11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)
- 14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)

- 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)
- 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
- 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
- 21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)
- 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
- 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

Down

- 1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
- 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
- 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
- 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
- 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
- 7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
- 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)
- 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
- 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
- 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
- 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
- 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

The NIV bible was used to set the crossword. Answers on page 9

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES AT ST FRANCIS CHURCH

On the first Saturday of every month the church is open from 10.30 am to 11.30 am when refreshments are served, and this raises money for Action Aid.

Contact Barbara Goodchild 8777 8782

The Church Halls. Our main large hall is available for hire. There is also a small hall which can be used in conjunction with the main hall at weekends and during school holidays.

Bookings Secretary: Liz Raper 8777 2745

Church Choir. The choir helps to lead the singing at Sunday services. It regularly sings anthems and there are special musical services at festivals.

Contact: Geoff Mussard 8650 8389

Reading Group. This meets on the second Thursday morning of the month.

Contact Rosemary Swatland 8777 7369

Matchbox Theatre. A well-established amateur dramatic society which includes members of St Francis' Church and performs in the church hall, two or three times a year.

Contact Annie Norris 8651 1775

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH HALL

Cubs

Tuesdays from 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm

Contact Kat Hardman katkahardman@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 07712 492854

Wednesday Market

From 9.00 am to 1.00 pm 07956 580467

Debbie's Dance

Thursdays from 9.00 am to 10.00 am .. debbiesdanceschool@yahoo.com

Sugar Craft & Cake Decorating

Thursdays at 8.00 pm (Six meetings a year)

Articles and items for the magazine are always welcome.

We are currently looking for a new editor, but if you have any contributions for the next bi-monthly magazine [editions for Dec/Jan, Feb/March, etc], please contact our vicar, Hazel by the second Sunday of the month