

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM
10th November 2024 REMEMBRANCE

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 10 th November	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 9.15 a.m. Morning Praise at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Morning Worship at St. Francis
Sunday 17 th November	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis 10.00 a.m. Joint Service at St. Mary's 11.45 a.m. Baptism at St. Mary's

Services are livestreamed on YouTube during the main services, weekly at St Mary's and whenever possible at St Francis.

Weekly services/Prayers

Tuesday at 10am	Pray for growth of the church held at 130 The Avenue Is taking a break and will recommence on the 26th November.
Wednesday at 9:30am	Morning Prayer at St Francis
Wednesday at 10:30am	St Francis' open for private prayer till 11:30am
Thursday at 9am	Morning prayer at St Mary's

Upcoming Events

Our Scout troop, the 7th West Wickham, are holding a fundraising quiz for camping equipment on November 15th at St Mary's at 7.30. Tickets, obtainable from l.radich@hotmail.co.uk are £5 each - bring your own drinks and snacks.

Stephen and Elouise Fletcher are having their son, Louis, baptised at St Mary's on Sunday 17th November at 11.45. All are invited to attend.

Women's Event 8.00 p.m. at St. Francis Tuesday 19th November. See attached flyer.

Concert St. Georges Beckenham Saturday 23rd November 7.00 p.m. See previous pew sheets.

Saturday 30th November St. Mary's Christmas Market 10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Help is needed for the three days before the Market and on the day. Please contact Natalie Outten on Natalieoutten2@ntlworld.com or Tony Ivey on iveytony@yahoo.co.uk if you could help or sign the lists in the vestibule at St. Mary's. We would also appreciate any unwanted presents to help stock the gift stall, bottles of wine for the Water to Wine stall and chocolates for the Chocolate stall. Thank you.

Please pray for the following people associated with our community:

Vicky Pearce, Jane Smith, Rowena Griffiths, Daphne Dack, John Dack, Sue Jones, Barry Burford, Pam Tabner, Barbara Goodchild, Marcia Chandler, Tim Curtis, Pauline Jackson and Jean Pogose.

Notices

Any articles for inclusion in the next edition of the magazines must be given to Gifty for St. Mary's and Nicky for St. Francis by the 15th of this month. Thank you.

On the Restoration of the 'Common Cup' (the shared chalice) at the Eucharist: The Church of England has asked us to restore the 'Common Cup', i.e. to return to the practice of receiving the consecrated wine at the Eucharist from a shared chalice.

The Common Cup is important in the celebration of the Eucharist because it is a sign of our unity, both with each other and with Christ.

The Liturgical Commission has expressed the theological ideas behind this as follows. Drinking from a common cup is a strong symbol of unity, and of a Christian's belonging to, and responsibility towards, others and, not least, Christ. Before the crucifixion, Christ prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want' (Matthew 26:39b). The cup from which the communicant drinks is not their own, but Christ's cup of self-sacrificial love.

We shall be returning to the use of a shared chalice from Sunday December 1st Advent Sunday

A few points of detail are set out below:

1. There is absolutely NO OBLIGATION to receive the wine at Communion. We entirely understand that some people may feel anxious about this. If you do not wish to receive the wine, then simply leave the altar rail after you have received the bread (wafer).
2. Intinction by communicants (i.e. dipping the wafer in the wine in the chalice) is not permitted.
3. It would be very rare for a healthy person to get sick just from drinking out of the common cup.

For members of St Francis, if you have any questions please speak to a member of the PCC as we will be discussing this at the next PCC meeting. Members of St Mary's should speak to the Ministry team or a member of the PCC. Thank you.

If anyone wishes to purchase **an Advent Ring** please order from Merri by **November 17th** on 0208 777 8772 as these will not be available at the Christmas Market this year only by orders. Thank you.

Singers are still needed to make a strong choir for the **Big Christmas Sing. (Saturday 7th December at St. Francis' Church)**. Details of practices and times, etc., are on posters in church or please see Geoff. N.b. Previous experience is not essential. **Donations** of mince pies or cash in lieu would be much appreciated. Please give to David Wada at St. Francis and Kay Mussard at St. Mary's. Thank you.

'There is a box at the back of St Francis for donations of mince pies and a list for volunteers. If you would like to help with refreshments on the day that would much appreciated. Please add your name to the list or speak to Gill Kehoe.'

A message from Jean Mathers - Many grateful thanks to everyone who sent lovely cards, messages, and beautiful flowers, and also for your prayers which helped me so much to get better. I'll be back with you soon.

The second Community Christmas Tree Festival will be held between 14th – 21st December at St Francis Church and we are looking for volunteers to help during the following opening times:

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

If you are able to help either to Welcome and support with any questions or to help serve refreshments (tea/coffee/biscuits) please can you sign up on the sheets available at St Francis and St Mary's or let either Kate Dyer katedyer41@hotmail.com or Nicky Nightingale nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk know.

Warm space: We are planning to extend the times of the Warm Space at St. Francis so that we are open each Wednesday from **November 6th**. We hope to be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Thank you to those who have already told me that they can help with this. We always have two volunteers on at a time and in general they do a 2-hour shift. If anyone else is happy to volunteer to help, please could you get in touch with me by email.

We are also looking for new ideas for the Warm Space perhaps some special activity that people can join in with. If you have any ideas and would be prepared to get involved with putting it on just get in touch. Maybe you could run a painting morning or a "knit and natter" or have other wonderful ideas. Thank you. Kate.

katedyer41@hotmail.com

We will continue to collect items for the **Bromley Homeless Starter Pack Scheme** for those starting out in a new home with nothing. Starter Packs for families in need include cutlery, crockery, duvet covers (not duvets) pillowcases, tea towels, saucepans, frying pans, bath towels, toothbrushes etc. Please continue to bring these items to St. Francis.

Foodbank donations to St. Mary's or St Francis' Church. Items needed: tinned vegetables (including tomatoes and potatoes) hot and cold meat tins, cooking sauces, UHT milk, squash, UHT fruit juice and jam. *They have plenty of pasta, cereal, tea and biscuits.* You can also donate financially here:

<https://bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money>. Thank you for your continuing support.

Flowers: If anyone would like a pedestal at either church in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special anniversary etc., please contact Merri Womack (8777 8772) for St Mary's (or there is a list to sign in the vestibule at St. Mary's) or Nicky Nightingale (nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk or 8916 9855) for St Francis'.

The sanctuary pedestal at St. Marys has been donated by Elizabeth Barclay and family in memory of Mary and Vernon Habberfield and arranged by Merri.

Items for pew sheet to Beryl berylbolton@hotmail.com **Deadline is Thursday MIDDAY**

Items for St Mary's website to Gifty office@stmarywestwickham.co.uk

Items for St Francis' website to Bo bolaptop1@outlook.com

November 10th REMEMBRANCE

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Micah 4: 1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountain and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,² and many nations shall come and say:
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

³ He shall judge between many people and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; ⁴ but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

⁵ For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Post Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

© The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England. Bible reading from the New Revised Standard Version Bible: Anglicised Edition, copyright © 1989, 1995 the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.