

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM
13th APRIL 2025 PALM SUNDAY

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 13 th April	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Palm Sunday	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Thursday 17 th April	7.30 p.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Maundy Thursday	
Friday 18 th April	11.00 a.m. CTWW service at St. Francis
Good Friday	2.00 p.m. An hour at the Cross at St. Mary's
Sunday 20 th April	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Easter Day	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's 10. 45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis.

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. Contact Jean Pogose on 8289 5996 for more information.
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

St Mary's will be serving a Continental breakfast following the 9:15 am service on Easter Day. To help us with catering, please sign the list in the vestibule after Sunday's service or reply to this email if you are unable to attend in person and would like to join us. Donations will be gratefully received.

St. Georges Supper at St. Mary's on Saturday 26th April **7.00 p.m.** in the hall. The cost will be £15 per head to include a three-course meal of prawn cocktail/melon, roast beef with all the trimmings, trifle and coffee but you must bring your own alcoholic drinks. Numbers will be limited to 40 so please book early to avoid disappointment. There will also be a raffle, and any donations of prizes would be appreciated. All profits will be for church funds. After the meal we will have the usual sing along of patriotic songs with thanks to Geoff. You can book your place through Beryl on

berylbolton@hotmail.com or 0208 289 8097 or there is a list in St. Mary's vestibule for you to sign up with your choices. List will be removed after the service on Easter Sunday. Please note starting time is **7.00 p.m. not 7.30** as in magazine social calendar.

St. Francis APCM is on Sunday 27th April following the morning service.

VE Day Afternoon Tea and Songs with Jacqueline Turner: Please come and join us on **Saturday 10th May 2025** between 2.30-4.30pm at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham for Afternoon Tea and Songs with Jacqueline Turner. Tickets £15.00 per person including a glass of fizz on arrival and are available from Nicky Nightingale – nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk or by clicking on this link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/St-Francis-of-Assisi/t-xmndmyz>

Please pray for the following people associated with our community

Vicky Pearce, Jane Smith, Rowena Griffiths, Daphne Dack, John Dack, Joan Burford, Pam Tabner, Barbara Goodchild, Marcia Chandler, Tim Curtis. Pauline Jackson, Brian Beadle, Sarah Challenger Francis (Gillian's daughter) and John Richards.

Notices

Valerie Hamilton is giving up doing the garden at St. Francis and is looking for someone to take over from her. If you could help, please contact Valerie. This is something that can be done at any time convenient to you. Thank you.

"Move the Organ Fund" - We have launched this fund to cover the cost of moving our Organ to its new position. Contributions can be by Cheque (payable to St. Francis), Cash given to David Wada or by Credit Card using the SumUp machine in the Church. The aim is to raise £1500. Any questions, please speak to David.

Will members of St. Mary's who have a **Children's Society Box** please hand in to Dave or Wendy Taylor for the annual count as soon as possible. Thank you.

Emergency Contact Consent Form: We are collecting emergency contact information to ensure that, in case of emergency, we have a way to notify family members or other designated contacts promptly. Providing this information is entirely optional but can help us support you and your family in urgent situations.

St Francis - forms are at the back of the church and once completed, please return to David Wada, Treasurer.

St Mary's – forms are in the vestibule and once completed, please return to Gifty Nortey or Jackie Greatorex.

Bromley Food bank – Items required: Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Cold Meats, Tinned Potatoes and Men/Ladies Deodorants. Thank you.

Foodbank Table in St Francis: Once a month, we will have a 'Foodbank donation table' at the back of the church for you to bring in your food donations for the Foodbanks that we collect for. Please look out for the next collection date which will be published in advance in the pew sheet and the food items that will be collected. If you have any questions, please contact Nicky Nightingale nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk
Collection for the Bromley Homeless Starter Pack Scheme for those s

Collection 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.

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'.

No flowers during Lent. The churches will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 19th April.

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

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Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

First Reading: Psalm 118. 19-24

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.^[a]

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: Luke 19.28-40

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' ³⁴ They said, 'The Lord needs it.'

³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' ⁴⁰ He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

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17th APRIL 2025 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Collect

God our Father,
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we who share his table
watch with him through the night of suffering
and be faithful.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: John 13. 1-17, 31b-35

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' ⁷ Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' ⁸ Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!'

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you?' ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servant are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come."

³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruit of your redemption,
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

