

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM

14th JULY 2024 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Message from the Pew Sheet Team

Please note that the next two pew sheets will cover multiple weeks due to holiday commitments.

Pew sheet for 21st of July will cover 21st, 28th July and 4th August and

Pew sheet for 11th of August will cover 11th, 18th and 25th August.

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 14th July
8am Holy Communion service at St. Francis'
9.15 a.m. Morning Praise Service at St. Mary's
10.45 a.m. Morning Worship Service at St. Francis

Sunday 21st July
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion service at St. Mary's
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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 (dennis.pogose@ntlworld.com or 8289-5996) for more information.
*Prayer for growth will be taking a break for the summer and the **last session will be Tuesday, 16th of July.***

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

On **Thursday 18th July** we have our next lunchtime concert at St. Francis featuring a flute and a piano. Local flautist and teacher Amanda Butler and accompanist, Peter Sargent, will be playing both duets and solo pieces for us. Concert commences at 12.45pm with coffee and tea available beforehand. As usual, the concert is free with a retiring collection towards expenses. Do come along and bring a friend to enjoy a happy hour of relaxing and entertaining music.

Our men's group are holding another **Bromley Foodbank collection morning** on **Saturday 20th July** between 10 am and 1 pm to accept gifts of food. Once more our stall will be located next to Croft radio in Wickham high street. Please help to support this charity. Steve Howe. Men's group.

On **Saturday 3rd August**, all our volunteers at St Francis are invited to a special coffee morning. The Church wants to show its appreciation to all who give their valuable time pursuing their various jobs - welcomers, Sunday coffee, Action Aid Saturdays, flower arrangers, warm space helpers, youth club, Sunday lunch helpers, choir, community garden, Foodbank deliverers, Ministry team, etc. Coffee/tea and cake will be available from 10.30am to 11.30am approx. Of course, other people are also welcome!!

Notices

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, Joan Mountain, Ken Colpus and Marcia Chandler. We also remember at this time Hazel and her family as she takes on temporarily full-time care of her Mum and Dad, Alison and Michael Wallis. We remember the family of Michael Farrant, a long-time member of St. Francis, who has died recently.

Vicarage Gardens: The Archdeacon has advised us that the Benefice is responsible for maintaining the vicarage gardens during the interregnum. With this in mind, we are proposing a joint working party on the mornings of **Monday 5th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th of August between the hours of 9am - 1pm**. There is a job for everyone even for non-gardeners! So please do come along with your gardening tools. Refreshments will be available. Do let the church wardens (Kate & Valerie at St Francis, Dave & Gifty at St Mary's) know which day you can attend. Thank you.

Many thanks Caroline, Helen and Phillip for doing the garden at St. Francis this month. They did a marvellous job. Me I could only sweep and put the rubbish into bags. Thanks again for doing the garden. Valerie

And to: Charlotte, Gifty, Jean, Natalie, Malcolm, Chris and Steve for clearing the brambles around the back of St. Marys from the golf course. Thank you.

Ukraine: Hope Church where we send equipment has asked us to pause for the time being as their vans are being stopped at the Polish border.

Stay & Play Cafe at Coney Hall Baptist Church (CHBC): CHBC are planning on starting a Stay & Play Café each Tuesday morning from 10th of September, where they will host a soft play and refreshments events, essentially for younger children and their carers from 9am – 1pm. They are looking for a team of around 12 people so that 3 people can be present each week, and each person has to commit one Tuesday morning per month. The volunteers will be making/serving tea & coffee and generally, providing a helpful, positive and welcoming experience. Contact Ian Hamlin at ian2102@hotmail.com for more information if you are interested. Thanks

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 provided by Margaret Bond, Michelle Graydon and Beryl Bolton in memory of Joy Yallop and has been arranged by Beryl.

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

July 14th 2024: 7th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Romans 12: 4-13

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Gospel

Mark 6: 14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵ But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the

baptizer.’²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, ‘I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.’²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.