

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

16^h March 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 16 th March	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Mary's 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's followed by APCM in the hall 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Sunday 23 rd March	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St Francis 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

Warm space at St Francis: Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Mary's APCM is on Sunday 16th March in the hall immediately following the 9.15 a.m. service. Copies of the annual report are available in the vestibule. Please make every effort to try to attend this important event in the church diary.

Cheryl Davies' funeral will be held at St. Mary's on Friday 4th April at 12.30 and the service will be live streamed. Smart casual dress colours welcome. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Chartwell Cancer Trust (see donations page on link below). There will be drinks in the vestibule following the service while the family attend the Crematorium for a short committal at 2.00 p.m. Everyone is then invited to join the family at The New Inn Station Approach, Hayes at 2.15 p.m. onwards. Parking by Ringo only opposite in the public car park. If you intend to go along, would you please text/WhatsApp 07710712258 (Helen's mobile) for catering purposes. If you don't have a mobile phone, please let Kay Mussard know that you intend to go (0208 650 8389).

<https://cheryl-davies-1951-2025.muchloved.com>

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 Kim Teare and her family at this difficult time. Please pray also for the soul of Charlie Smythe and remember Dot and the family and for the soul of Cheryl Davies and remember Brian, Michelle, Helen and all the family at this sad time.

Notices

Here is the link for information on the Bishop's Lent Call as printed in **The Bridge**
southwark.anglican.org/lentcall

The March edition of The Bridge is now live. Read and download The Bridge from: southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

Lent 2025: This year we shall once again be running three Lent Groups: one on Mondays at 8 pm, one on Wednesdays at 10.30 am and one on Wednesdays at 8 pm. The Monday group is full. We shall be rerunning the course that we started in 2020, but were unable to complete because of Lockdown, looking at the events of Holy Week through the lens of the BBC serialisation "The Passion," first seen in Holy Week 2008, starring, amongst others, James Nesbitt, Joseph Mawle and Penelope Wilton. The course will run for five weeks, beginning in the week beginning March 9th for the two evening groups and on the 19th for the morning group. Sign-up lists are now available at the back of both churches.

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 David Taylor or Gifty Nortey.

St Francis – Revision of Electoral Roll: This year is the 6 yearly revision of the church electoral roll for St Francis. Everyone on the current electoral roll will need to complete

a form which will be at the back of St Francis from Sunday 9th February through to Sunday 30th March. Once you have completed the form please return to Marion Barry, Electoral Roll Officer. If you have any questions, please speak to Marion. If there are any parishioners who are not on the electoral roll but would like to be, now is a good time to get an application form. The roll has to be completed and finalised by Saturday 12th April ahead of the APCM on Sunday 27th April.

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 beginning on Sunday 16th March, we will have a 'Foodbank donation table' at the back of St Francis for you to bring in your food donations for the Foodbanks that we collect for. Please bring non-perishable items and currently they urgently need:

- Tinned vegetables, Sugar, Washing tablets/capsules, Tinned col meats, Men and Women's deodorant.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicky Nightingale
nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk)

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.

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

16th March 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

¹⁵ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ² But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵ He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸ But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' ⁹ He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: Luke 13: 31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³² He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem."

³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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