

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

19th January 2025 Second Sunday of Epiphany

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 19 th January	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St Mary's 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 10. 45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Sunday 26 th January	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 morning from 10:00am – 2:00pm

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18th to 25th: We have been invited to join our brothers and sisters at **St Mark's for Evening Prayer on Wednesday 22nd at 7 pm**, followed by light refreshments. I do hope a good number of you will join me for this Churches Together in West Wickham service. (St Mark's, 83 Manor Park Road, West Wickham, BR4 0JY)

St Francis and St Mary's Women's Group: Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 21st January at 8pm at St Mary's** and will be an opportunity to find out more about some of the charities we support at Christmas. Caroline Povlsen will be telling us about the experience of volunteering for 'Crisis at Christmas' and Christine Morton will talk about the Children's Society. Please do come along. All welcome. Kate

Bible study: Thursday 23rd January, 7.30 pm: Our friends from St John's West Wickham, will be using St Francis' Church for a one-off Bible Study. Nick Lang, who takes services for us from time to time, has called it "The Man who shouted at God" and he says it will be light and enjoyable, with opportunity to join in, in small groups or

all together. In this one-off study, Nick, hopes to demonstrate that it is okay to show our emotions to God, that God understands and is patient with us...and how God really is in charge.... He does know what he is doing and changes us over time. He has warmly invited members of our congregations to join in.

Lay Ministry Taster Day – Saturday 25th January 10.00 – 2.00 at Trinity House: Come along and find out more about the different types of ministries such as Pastoral, Pioneer, Reader and Children and Young People. With keynote speaker The Revd Canon Derek Walmsley, author of God Calls Everyone. To register your interest email: learning@southwark.anglican.org (Trinity House SE1 1HW)

Please pray for the following people associated with our community:

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

Notices

On behalf of **Bromley Borough Foodbank**, I would like to thank everyone from St Francis and St Mary's for your continuing support. You donated an amazing 587.25kg of food and toiletries to the Foodbank in 2024 as well as a cheque for £650. As a result of the generosity and kindness of people like you, we were able to provide emergency food parcels to over 8,000 people, including some 3,000 children, in our community who had no option but to turn to a food bank. Once again, a huge thank you from all of us for ensuring we can continue to support those most in need in the Borough.

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.

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'.

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

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: John 2: 1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.

⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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