

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

1st June 2025 EASTER 7

Message from Richard

There will be no Morning Prayer at St Francis' this Wednesday, June 4th, as both Carol and I are involved in a Southwark Clergy Retreat Day.

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 1 st June	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis' 10.00 a.m. Joint Service at St. Mary's
Sunday 8 th June	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 S. Francis' 6.00 p.m. CTWW Service for Pentecost at Emmanuel Tea on the green at 5.15 p.m. (in the church if wet) CTWW AGM to follow the service at about 6.45 p.m.

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

The Collation and Induction of Rev Matt Drummond

To celebrate the arrival of our new Vicar, the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils of the United Benefice of St Francis of Assisi and St Mary of Nazareth invite you to attend Reverend Matt's Collation and Induction Service on Monday 7 July at 7.30pm at St Mary's. The service will be conducted by The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark, and The Venerable Greg Prior, Archdeacon of Croydon, and it will be followed by a reception in the hall. Please indicate your attendance by adding your name to the sign-up sheets which are available at both churches until Sunday 22 June.

We are expecting a full church for this important occasion and seek volunteers to help ensure it runs smoothly. There's space on the signup sheet to say if you are able to assist. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Action Aid Coffee Morning Saturday 7th June 10.30 at St. Francis. We continue to support families and in particular women in Kenya helping them look after their bees and growing vegetables. There is information on the notice board showing the activities of Action Aid.

Just a reminder to everyone about the **Garden Party on Saturday 14th June from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at St. Mary's.** **Message from Chris Fitzgerald:** If anyone has any bedding plants to contribute to plant stall please bring along on the day. Thanks Natalie

There are various courses available in the **Discipleship and ministry summer brochure.** Coming up is a Growing Faith course with Lucy Moore 2 June, Ground floor guide to Nicene creed 3rd June, Godly Play 7 June, Guide to Galatians 9th June, Digital discipleship 11th June and much more. Interested? View the brochure link [Summer 2025](#) for more details.

Saturday 14th June 7.00 p.m. Beckenham Chorale present Favourite Opera Choruses at St. Georges Church, Beckenham High Street **BR3 1AX.** Join us for a summer treat as we journey throughout the opera and operetta world, visiting Paris, Babylon, Seville, the Duchy of Lotharingia, Scotland, Carthage, Imperial China and a village in Calabria on our Grand Tour. In a lighter vein, we travel with Gilbert & Sullivan from Cornwall through the English countryside and up to London via Venice! Can you work out what you are going to hear? Why not come along and see if you are right! Poster attached.

Book now on Ticketsource

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beckenhamchorale/t-dvdkgdg>

Rock Choir the UK's leading contemporary award-winning choir are having a concert for Welcare. On **Saturday 21st June at St Pauls Church, Brackley Road, Beckenham BR3 1RB from 8.00 to 9.30 p.m.** Do come along and enjoy an evening of popular songs. To buy tickets go to link [Welcare's e-store.](#)

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.

May God grant healing, wholeness and comfort to all who suffer and give strength and compassion to all who care for them.

We commend Joan Baker, who died peacefully on Thursday, to the loving mercy of God and pray for her family that mourn her.

Notices

Will **St. Mary's congregation** please note that as from **Sunday 1st June** we will be re-introducing the offertory hymn and bags will be passed around.

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.

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 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'.

The sanctuary pedestal at St. Mary's has been donated 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 bo@manusmedical.com

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Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

First Reading: Acts 16: 16-34

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.'

And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹ They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your ³⁰, household.' ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his

house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: John 17: 20- 26

²⁰ 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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