

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

1st September 2024 14th Sunday after Trinity

Richard will be away from Monday September 2nd to Monday September 9th.
If you need a member of the clergy urgently, please contact Carol Coslett:
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Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 1 st September	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis 10.00 a.m. Joint Service at St. Mary's
Sunday 8 th September	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion service at St. Mary's 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion service at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion service at St. Francis

Please note that the 8.00 a.m. service on the 8th September will be at St. Marys and NOT 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 (8289-5996) for more information. <i>Pray for growth restarts again on the 3rd September.</i>
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

Action Aid Coffee morning is on Saturday 7th September and St. Francis gardening recommences. Please do come along and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and lovely homemade cake and spend some time socialising. Our numbers have dropped off recently and its disappointing for those making the cakes if only a few come along. Remember the coffee morning money is sent to Action Aid and we are supporting a community in Kenya. There is information on the notice board for you to read.

Joan Mountain: Joan's funeral will be at 12 noon on **Tuesday 10th September** at St Mark's Church, Bromley, followed by her burial at Bromley Hill Cemetery, which will be followed by refreshments at the Bromley Court Hotel. Her family warmly invite all those who knew Joan to join them and swell the singing of the hymns.

We will be holding a **Macmillan Coffee morning** at St. Mary's on **Saturday 14th September from 10.00 to 12 noon** in the gardens if the weather fine or if not, in the hall. Do come along and bring a friend and enjoy some cake, coffee and chat while donating for a very worthwhile cause. Any donations of cakes would be most welcome so please let Gifty or Natalie know if you can help in this way. Thank you.

St Francis' and St Mary's Women's Group and Men's Group Open Meeting

CONFLICT AND PEACE CHRISTIAN AID FILM NIGHT

St. Mary of Nazareth and St. Francis of Assisi Churches, West Wickham



**At
St Mary's of Nazareth
The Avenue
West Wickham
on**

**Tuesday 17th September 2024
at 7.30pm in the Church**

The Tinderbox is a rare and thought-provoking examination of injustice and conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. You'll hear from a wide variety of contemporary voices as well as explore how history continues to play out in the daily lives of people on either side of the divide.

The film is rated **PG13** (not suitable for children under 13)

ALL WELCOME

**Light refreshments will be provided.
(the film lasts approximately 90 minutes)**

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, Marcia Chandler, Tim Curtis and Pauline Jackson. We also remember at this time Hazel's Mum and Dad Alison and Michael Wallis and the family of Joan Mountain whose funeral takes place on the 10th of September.

The **St Francis and St Mary's reading group** meets in members' homes on the first Thursday morning of each month to discuss books provided a month in advance by West Wickham Library. It is an informal and relaxed group, and we have a vacancy. If you are interested, please talk to Barbara Goodchild at St Francis or Kay Mussard at St Mary's. We will start a waiting list if necessary!

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'.

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

September 1st 2024: 14th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

James 1: 17-27

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

¹⁸ In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶ He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.'

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship
united in prayer and the breaking of bread
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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