

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

20th APRIL 2025 EASTER DAY

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 20 th April	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Easter Day	9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's
	10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis
Sunday 27 th April	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.

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

Parking restrictions on The Avenue have been suspended on Good Friday.

Reminder for people to bring a flower to decorate the cross on Easter Day.

There will be a collection of non-perishable items along with monetary donations at the Good Friday Service at 11.00am at St Francis Church for the Bromley and Shrublands Foodbanks. Items urgently needed are tinned tomatoes; sweets; shaving foam; tinned meats but other items always welcome.

Upcoming Events

The **St Francis APCM** will be held following the service on **Sunday 27th April at 11.45am** in the church for electing two Churchwardens and PCC Members. Papers will be available on the day and please let Nicky Nightingale – nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk in advance if you have an apology.

Please come and join us on **Saturday 10th May 2025 between 2.30-4.30pm** at **St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham** for **Afternoon Tea**

and Songs with Jacqueline Turner. Tickets £15.00 per person including a glass of fizz on arrival and are available from Nicky Nightingale – nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk or by clicking on this link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/St-Francis-of-Assisi/t-xmndmyz>

[Yahoo The Christian Aid Team have planned a number of events during Christian Aid Week \(11-17 May\) - see below. Please make a note in your diary and we would appreciate your support in the weeks beforehand as follows:](#)

Saturday May 10th: Join the **London Freedom Walk** (organised by Christian Aid). This year it is a different route, starting at St Martin-in-the Fields at 12pm with a short service (or you can join later), visiting different churches in the City of London and finishing at 5 pm with an option to experience full Choral Evensong inside St Paul's Cathedral, a total of 5K. To take part we ask you for sponsorship (Jonathan has sponsor forms) or a donation to Christian Aid. You are welcome to go round the route on your own or with friends but **if you would like to join us as a group or want to know more please contact** Jonathan Tickner (jticknerphoto@gmail.com or 07774 422120).

Sunday May 11th: **Open Church at St John's, 2pm -5pm**, building on Thursday afternoons and aiming to encourage people from the community to visit the church and support Christian Aid. Suggestions include bellringing, a guide to church building and grounds, children's quiz/treasure hunt, brass rubbing, cream teas and cake sale, viewing parish registers for births, marriages and deaths - but any other suggestions are welcome. Beforehand, there will be a bring and share lunch after church for the congregation. Please spread the word around to friends and neighbours and come and help welcome people or help with the events planned. **If you have any other suggestions or can offer your help that afternoon please contact** Anne Edwards (binky56a@gmail.com or 07790 190179) or Dawn Tickner (ticknerdawn@gmail.com or 07985 943158).

Thursday May 15th at St. Mary's at 7.10 p.m. Film (to be decided) to raise money for Christian Aid. Please try to support.

Saturday May 17th: **Plant Sale 10am-2pm** in the front garden of 80 Kingsway, Coney Hall. Please start growing plants and taking cuttings for this and publicise with friends and neighbours. **If you can provide plants, please contact** Julie Lancaster (julie.lancaster08@gmail.com or 020 8777 2373). Plants can be delivered to the front garden of **81** Kingsway (NOTE THIS IS THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROAD) 5.30-8 pm on Friday May 16th or from 8am on Saturday May 17th to the front garden of **80** Kingsway.

Saturday May 17th: Auction of Promises 7pm with tea /coffee and biscuits. Open to church members but we will invite other churches too. A list of promises (eg gardening, cleaning, taxi, babysitting, ironing, language/IT skills lessons (anyone offering support with Windows 11 gratefully received!), meals, cakes/bread, paintings etc) will be collated and circulated, with people able to put in sealed bids beforehand if they can't attend. It is possible to offer more than one session of an offer for auction. **Please think about what you can offer and send the details to** Pam Rodger (pamelarodger@gmail.com or 07925 266258) by Sunday April 27th. Copies of the auction promises will be available in church.

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.

Notices

Valerie Hamilton is giving up doing the garden at St. Francis and is looking for someone to take over from her. If you could help, please contact Valerie. This is something that can be done at any time convenient to you. Thank you.

"Move the Organ Fund" - We have launched this fund to cover the cost of moving our Organ to its new position. Contributions can be by Cheque (payable to St. Francis), Cash given to David Wada or by Credit Card using the SumUp machine in the Church. The aim is to raise £1500. Any questions, please speak to David.

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.

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 Gifty Nortey or Jackie Greatorex.

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 s

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 churches will be decorated for Easter by those on flower rotas

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

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

First Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading: Luke 24: 1-12

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves, then he went home amazed at what had happened.

Post Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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