

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

## 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025 EASTER 2 ST. GEORGES DAY

**Message from Richard:** *We've had a message from Father Ashley at St. Mark's inviting members of our congregation to a Mass for Pope Francis on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 followed by refreshments.*

### Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 10.00 a.m. Joint Service 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 <b>private prayer</b> till 11:30am
Thursday at 9am	Morning prayer at St Mary's

### Upcoming Events

The **St Francis APCM** will be held following the service on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk) in advance if you are an apology.

**Action Aid Coffee morning 10.30 a.m. at St. Francis on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**

Please come and join us on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup>:** Join the **London Freedom Walk** (organised by Christian Aid). This year it is a different route, starting at St Martin-in-the Fields at 12 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](mailto:jticknerphoto@gmail.com) or 07774 422120).

**Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>: Open Church, 2-5 pm,** 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](mailto:binky56a@gmail.com) or 07790 190179) or Dawn Tickner ([ticknerdawn@gmail.com](mailto:ticknerdawn@gmail.com) or 07985 943158)

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7.10 p.m. at St. Mary's** the film **Apocalypto** will be shown. It is a 2006 epic historical action-adventure film depicting the Mayans' lives, civilisation, and beliefs in the early 1500. The film is produced and directed by academy award winning actor Mel Gibson and features a cast of indigenous and Mexican actors. Please try to support.

**Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>: Plant Sale 10 am-2 pm** 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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> or from 8 am on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> to the front garden of **80** Kingsway.

**Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>: Auction of Promises 7 pm** with tea /coffee and biscuits. Open to church members but we will invite other churches too. A list of promises (e.g. 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](mailto:pamelarodger@gmail.com) or 07925 266258) by Sunday April 27th. For your convenience an auction promises form is attached to this email and hard copies 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](mailto: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](mailto:nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk) or 8916 9855) for St Francis'.

Items for pew sheet to Beryl [berylbolton@hotmail.com](mailto:berylbolton@hotmail.com) **Deadline is Thursday MIDDAY**

Items for St Mary's website to Gifty [office@stmarywestwickham.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarywestwickham.co.uk)

Items for St Francis' website to Bo [bolaptop1@outlook.com](mailto: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 5: 27-32

.<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority.

<sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This is the word of the Lord

### Thanks be to God

### Gospel reading: John 20: 19-31

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### **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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