

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM
3rd November 2024 ALL SAINTS DAY

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 3 rd November	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis 10.00 a.m. Joint Service at St. Mary's 3.00 p.m. Memorial Service at St. Francis
Sunday 10 th November Remembrance	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 9.15 a.m. Morning Praise at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Morning Worship 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 (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

Women's Event 8.00 p.m. at St. Francis Tuesday November 19th. See attached flyer.

Concert St. Georges Beckenham Saturday 23rd November 7.00 p.m. See previous pew sheets.

Saturday 30th November St. Mary's Christmas Market 10.30 a.m.– 2.30 p.m.

Help is needed for the three days before the Market and on the day. Please contact Natalie Outten on Natalieoutten2@ntlworld.com or Tony Ivey on iveytony@yahoo.co.uk if you could help or sign the lists in the vestibule at St. Mary's. We would also appreciate any unwanted presents to help stock the gift stall, bottles of wine or other bottles for the Bottle stall and Water to Wine stall and chocolates for the Chocolate stall. Thank you.

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, Pauline Jackson and for the family of John Godfrey who died recently.

Notices

If anyone wishes to purchase **an Advent Ring** please order from Merri by **November 17th** on 0208 777 8772 as these will not be available at the Christmas Market this year only by orders. Thank you.

Singers are still needed to make a strong choir for the **Big Christmas Sing. (Saturday 7th December at St. Francis' Church)**. Details of practices and times, etc., are on posters in church or please see Geoff. N.b. Previous experience is not essential. **Donations** of mince pies or cash in lieu would be much appreciated. Please give to David Wada at St. Francis and Kay Mussard at St. Mary's. Thank you.

A message from Jean - Many grateful thanks to everyone who sent lovely cards, messages, and beautiful flowers, and also for your prayers which helped me so much to get better. I'll be back with you soon.

The second Community Christmas Tree Festival will be held between 14th – 21st December at St Francis Church, and we are looking for volunteers to help during the following opening times:

- Saturday 14th December – 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Sunday 15th December – 12.00noon – 3.00pm
- Wednesday 18th December – 10.30am – 1.00pm
- Friday 20th December – 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Saturday 21st December – 10.00am – 1.00pm

If you are able to help either to Welcome and support with any questions or to help serve refreshments (tea/coffee/biscuits) please can you sign up on the sheets available at St Francis and St Mary's or let either Kate Dyer katedyer41@hotmail.com or Nicky Nightingale nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk know.

“It is time, once again, for the **St Francis Children's Society Boxes** to be opened, and I would be grateful, therefore, if they could either, be brought into church or I could collect them from your home. Many thanks, Christine Morton (020 8777 9213)”

Link to Hope Family and Elderly Shoebox Appeal: This very worthy charity sends shoeboxes from all over the UK to very poor areas in Ukraine, Moldova Romania and Bulgaria. I have left leaflets in the vestibule which outline which gifts should go in the

shoeboxes. The closing date is **8th November**. If the thought of filling a shoebox is too daunting any donations which are suitable to go in a shoebox will be very gratefully received. See the contents leaflet attached. Sharon Newman, 078117 42062

Warm space: We are planning to extend the times of the Warm Space at St. Francis so that we are open each Wednesday from **November 6th**. We hope to be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Thank you to those who have already told me that they can help with this. We always have two volunteers on at a time and in general they do a 2-hour shift. If anyone else is happy to volunteer to help, please could you get in touch with me by email.

We are also looking for new ideas for the Warm Space perhaps some special activity that people can join in with. If you have any ideas and would be prepared to get involved with putting it on just get in touch. Maybe you could run a painting morning or a “knit and natter” or have other wonderful ideas. Thank you. Kate.

katedyer41@hotmail.com

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'.

The Platform flowers on Sunday 3rd November at St. Francis requested by Mavis Page-Wood for All Saints and the annual memorial service and prepared by Lesley East and Joan Burford.

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

November 3rd ALL SAINTS DAY

Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6a

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ ⁶ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: John 11: 32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.