

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

11th August 11th Sunday after Trinity

This Pew sheet will cover weeks 11th, 18th and 25th August.

Services over the next three weeks

Sunday 11 th August	8 a.m. Holy Communion service at St. Francis 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion Service at St. Francis
Sunday 18 th August	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
Sunday 25 th August	8 a.m. Holy Communion service at St. Francis 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion service at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion 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 (dennis.pogose@ntlworld.com or 8289-5996) for more information. Pray for growth restarts again on the 3rd September.
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

Vicarage Gardens: The Benefice is responsible for maintaining the gardens during the interregnum. Thank you to all those who turned up on Monday, 5th. We shall continue this **Friday (9th) from 9.00 a.m. onwards and same time on Saturday (10th)**. Possible future dates in two weeks' time Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th August from 9.00 a.m. onwards. Gardeners and non-gardeners are all welcome as there is lots to do. Thanks

Ken Colpus's funeral will be held **on Monday 12th August** at St. Francis Church at 12.30 p.m. followed by refreshments in the North Aisle.

The next lunchtime concert at St. Francis is on **Thursday 15th August at 12.45 p.m.** but there is a slight change to the programme as a member of the Aki Trio has injured her arm. The concert will now be given by the other members of the Trio and will be a violin and piano concert. The usual tea and coffee will be available beforehand, and entrance is free but there is a place for donations. Do come along and bring a friend.

We will be holding an informal coffee morning at St. Mary's on **Saturday 14th September for Macmillan from 10.00am to 12 noon** in the gardens if the weather is fine or if not, in the hall. Do come along and bring a friend and enjoy some cake, coffee and chat while donating to 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.

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 Ken Colpus whose funeral is on 12th August.

Hold before God all those who have lost loved ones recently, praying especially for the family of Joan Mountain, who sadly passed away this week. May her soul rest in peace.

All Saints, Shirley: The Privy Council judgment regarding All Saints, Spring Park was delivered on Tuesday. The judgment is lengthy. However, it is clear that the PCC's appeal failed by reasons of not complying with the time limits and procedures for making an appeal, notwithstanding there being two firms of solicitors acting, one of which is a specialist in ecclesiastical law. Nevertheless, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council helpfully said that had there not been an issue of jurisdiction, they would have dismissed the appeal. There is no further appeal. In the light of this, the Church Commissioners will now continue with their plan to dissolve the parish as agreed in 2021. ***(In brief, this means that the parish of All Saints will now be divided between St John's, Shirley, and St George's, Shirley. RF)***

Catalyst 30K is a dynamic 7-months training course which aims to expand your knowledge and develop your abilities and serve children and youth in response to God's call to ministry and mission. It also aims to connect those who work with children and young people in the local church. It's free and fully funded by the Church of England. The second cohort will begin in September 2024.

So, whether you volunteer with children or you are an existing CYP paid church worker, we encourage you to prayerfully consider whether Catalyst is right for you or for someone from your parish. **If anyone is interested and would like further information, please contact Julie Conway at julie.conway@ntlworld.com**

The July/August edition of **The Bridge** is live and the link is Vernia.Mengot@southwark.anglican.org

Stay & Play Cafe at Coney Hall Baptist Church (CHBC): CHBC are planning on starting a Stay & Play Café each Tuesday morning from 10th of September, where they will host a soft play and refreshments events, essentially for younger children and their carers from 9am – 1pm. They are looking for a team of around 12 people so that 3 people can be present each week, and each person has to commit one Tuesday morning per month. The volunteers will be making/serving tea & coffee and generally, providing a helpful, positive and welcoming experience. Contact Ian Hamlin at ian2102@hotmail.com for more information if you are interested. Thanks.

St. Francis gardening will not take place in August and the next date is Saturday 7th September.

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 Pedestal at St. Marys for the 11th August has been donated by Dave and Wendy Taylor for their wedding anniversary and has been arranged by Merri.
The pedestal at St. Mary's for the 25th August has been donated by Joan Baker in memory of her sister.

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

August 11th 2024 : 11th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

First Reading Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel Reading John 6: 35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' ⁴² They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' ⁴³ Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Sunday 18th August 2024: 12th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading Ephesians 5: 15-20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading John 6: 51- 58

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’
⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’

Post Communion

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 25th August 2024: 13th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading Ephesians 6: 1-10

⁶ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² 'Honour your father and mother'—this is the first commandment with a promise: ³ 'so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'

⁴ And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; ⁶ not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. ⁷ Render service with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not to men and women, ⁸ knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are slaves or free.

⁹ And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, for you know that both of you have the same Master in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18: 21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²² Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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