

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

8th September 2024 15th 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 8 th September	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
Sunday 15 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

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

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 invites 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 is 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.

The September **Women's group meeting** will be a Film Night at St Mary's on **Tuesday 17th September**. It will start at the earlier time of 7.30pm and will last for approximately 90 minutes. This will be co-hosted with the **men's group** and open to all. We will be showing 'Tinderbox', a film about Israel and Palestine, sent to us by Christian Aid. 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. It is not suitable for children under 13yrs. Light refreshments will be provided.

Sponsored Richmond Riverside Walk, Saturday 28th September 2024

You are invited to raise funds for Christian Aid's Climate Justice project by participating in this walk, with friends and family, if possible, along the River Thames, thanking God for the beauty of his creation. It is a splendid opportunity for us to unite and work towards a common goal. By participating, we can collectively make an impact in mitigating the effects of climate change and fostering a fairer, more equitable world for vulnerable communities in the Global South.

DETAILS:

- 10:30am at St Matthias Church, Church Road, Richmond, TW10 6LL.
- Arrive in good time to register and have a cup of tea/coffee.
- At 11am we will start the walk with a short prayer. The walk will officially end at 3:00pm at St Anne's Church Kew Green, Richmond TW9 3AA.
- 3 mile (short) and 8 mile (long) walking options are available
- Donations or sponsorship to Christian Aid

Please contact Richard (richard.ford73@gmail.com 0208 289 2432) if you can join us or would like more details.

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 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'.

The sanctuary pedestal at St. Mary's has been donated by Gifty in memory of her sister's birthday and arranged by Annette Cordery.

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



Do you enjoy singing? Thinking of joining a choir?

Why not come and join a workshop rehearsal of the
Fauré Requiem, led by our charismatic
Musical Director Mark Griffiths?



Come & Sing

with Beckenham Chorale

Music is provided so just turn up at St George's! You will receive a warm welcome and the chance to meet members of the choir. If you'd like to know more please contact Jan Messeder our Membership Secretary at beckenhamchorale@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesday 24th September at 7.15pm

Concert Saturday 23rd November 7pm
www.beckenhamchorale.co.uk

St George's Church, High Street, Beckenham, BR3 1AZ

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Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

Proverbs 3: 13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
¹⁴ for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than jewels,

and nothing you desire can compare with her.
¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Mark 4: 1-9

4 Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. **2** He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: **3** 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. **4** And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5** Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. **6** And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. **8** Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' **9** And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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