

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

22nd June 2025 TRINITY 1

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 22 nd June	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 29 th June	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis 9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's 10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at S. 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

The Collation and Induction of Rev Matt Drummond

To celebrate the arrival of our new Vicar, the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Councils of the United Benefice of St Francis of Assisi and St Mary of Nazareth invite you to attend Reverend Matt's Collation and Induction Service on Monday 7 July at 7.30pm at St Mary's. The service will be conducted by The Right Reverend Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark, and The Venerable Greg Prior, Archdeacon of Croydon, and it will be followed by a reception in the hall. Please indicate your attendance by adding your name to the sign-up sheets which are available at both churches until Sunday 22 June.

We are expecting a full church for this important occasion and seek volunteers to help ensure it runs smoothly. There's space on the signup sheet to say if you are able to assist. Thank you.

Will St. Mary's congregation please note to use the screen for Hymn No 361 as some of the wording has been changed. Thanks.

Upcoming Events

There are various courses available in the **Discipleship and ministry summer brochure**. The Worship leading course 17 July, Quiet day 25 June, what is pastoral ministry 2 June and much more - interested? All details are online or in booklet.

View the brochure link [Summer 2025](#) for more details.

At St Mark's we are planning a special Mass on **Sunday 29 June at 11.30**, as an act of thanksgiving for the election of Pope Leo XIV, followed by a simple party. This has been happening in various places all over the world since his election and that weekend seemed a good time to do it. Many people from other churches here kindly came to the Requiem Mass for Pope Francis which we had in late April, which was greatly appreciated; but we wouldn't want events of this kind to be restricted to marking someone's death. Pope Leo has shown already his commitment to ecumenism in various ways - Archbishop Rowan Williams met him after the General Audience the other day. I realise the time of the service may clash with what you do but people are welcome to come along afterwards when they can. Best wishes, Ashley Beck

Joan Baker's Funeral: This will be held on July 1st at St Mary's at 1.30 pm, followed by the close family attending the cremation service at Beckenham Crematorium.

Immediately following the church service, we are invited to join other members of the family and friends in the Church Hall for refreshments. Joan's daughter, Helen Broadbent, would greatly appreciate it if you could email the following address to let her know if you will be attending the service and/or the reception:

joanbaker1926@gmail.com . After the service, there will be a Book of Remembrance for people attending the funeral to sign. The parking restrictions have been lifted on both The Avenue and The Drive on that day.

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) John Richards and Richard Stone.

May God grant healing, wholeness and comfort to all who suffer and give strength and compassion to all who care for them.

We commend Joan Baker, who died peacefully on Thursday 29th May to the loving mercy of God and pray for her family that mourn her.

Notices

Bromley Foodbank – Big Give Summer Challenge between 23-30 June

Bromley Foodbank are looking to Double the Difference in the work they do - with all funds raised between 23-30 June 2025 going directly towards providing essential support to local households over the tricky summer holidays. During the Big Give Summer Challenge from 23-30 June all financial donations made to Bromley Borough Foodbank will be matched by the Global Make Some Noise Foundation.

To support this, we will have a Foodbank donation point at St Francis and St. Mary's on the morning of Sunday 29 June – for both monetary donations and non-perishable items. The items that are currently needed are:

Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Cold Meats, Sugar, Bleach and Washing Up Liquid

Please do come along and support Bromley Foodbank on Sunday 29 June.

Read and download The Bridge from: southwark.anglican.org/thebridge

Rachel Rossou, from South Africa, and who worships at St Johns, is back in West Wickham again despite saying farewell last November with the intention of finally retiring. However, a series of storms has caused significant damage to her house so she is looking for work again to raise finances for essential repairs. She is looking for gardening, cleaning, house sitting, caring work, looking after the elderly, dog walking, dog/cat sitting, etc. She comes highly recommended and if you are able to offer her any work she can be reached on:

082 955 0990 (The number works on What's App too) Thank you.

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.

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 sanctuary pedestal at St. Mary's has been donated by Audrey Tibbles for her and her mothers birthdays and arranged by Merri.

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 bo@manusmedical.com

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Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

First Reading: Galatians 3: 23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Luke 8: 26-39

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' — ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Post Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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