

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

8th June 2025 PENTECOST

Services over the next two weeks

Sunday 8th June
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Mary's
9.15 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's
10.45 a.m. Holy Communion at St. Francis'
6.00 p.m. CTWW Service for Pentecost at Emmanuel
Tea on the green at 5.15 p.m. (in the church if wet)
CTWW AGM to follow the service at about 5.45 p.m.

Sunday 15th 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.

Upcoming Events

Just a reminder to everyone about the **Garden Party on Saturday 14th June from 11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at St. Mary's.** **Message from Chris Fitzgerald:** If anyone has any bedding plants to contribute to plant stall please bring along on the day. Thanks Natalie

There are various courses available in the **Discipleship and ministry summer brochure.** Coming up is a Growing Faith course with Lucy Moore 2 June, Ground floor guide to Nicene creed 3rd June, Godly Play 7 June, Guide to Galatians 9th June, Digital discipleship 11th June and much more. Interested? View the brochure link [Summer 2025](#) for more details.

Saturday 14th June 7.00 p.m. Beckenham Chorale present Favourite Opera Choruses at St. Georges Church, Beckenham High Street BR3 1AX. **Book now on Ticketsource** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/beckenhamchorale/t-dvdkgdg>

Rock Choir the UK's leading contemporary award-winning choir are having a concert for Welcare. On **Saturday 21st June at St Pauls Church, Brackley Road, Beckenham BR3 1RB from 8.00 to 9.30 p.m.** Do come along and enjoy an evening of popular songs. To buy tickets go to link [**Welcare's e-store.**](#)

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

For St Mary's congregation: We are beginning to compile photos for the Who is Who album (photo, name, and role) to help Matt get to know everyone. If you would like to be included, kindly send me your photo to gfnortey@gmail.com by Sunday, 15th of June or we could take a photo if you are in church this coming Sunday. Thank you, Gifty.

Once again, **The Children's Society Coffee and Cake morning on 24th May, was a success** and was enjoyed by all who attended. The final sum raised was £368.75, and I

would like to thank everybody who contributed, either by making a cake, helping on the day, or attending the event. Christine Morton.

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 **St. Mary's congregation** please note that as from **Sunday 1st June** we will be re-introducing the offertory hymn and bags will be passed around.

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.

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

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 flowers on the platform at St. Francis have been donated by Margaret Thorne in memory of her father.

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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.

¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³ But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below—blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of

the Lord's great and glorious day.²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: John 14: 8- 17, 25-27

⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Post Communion

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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