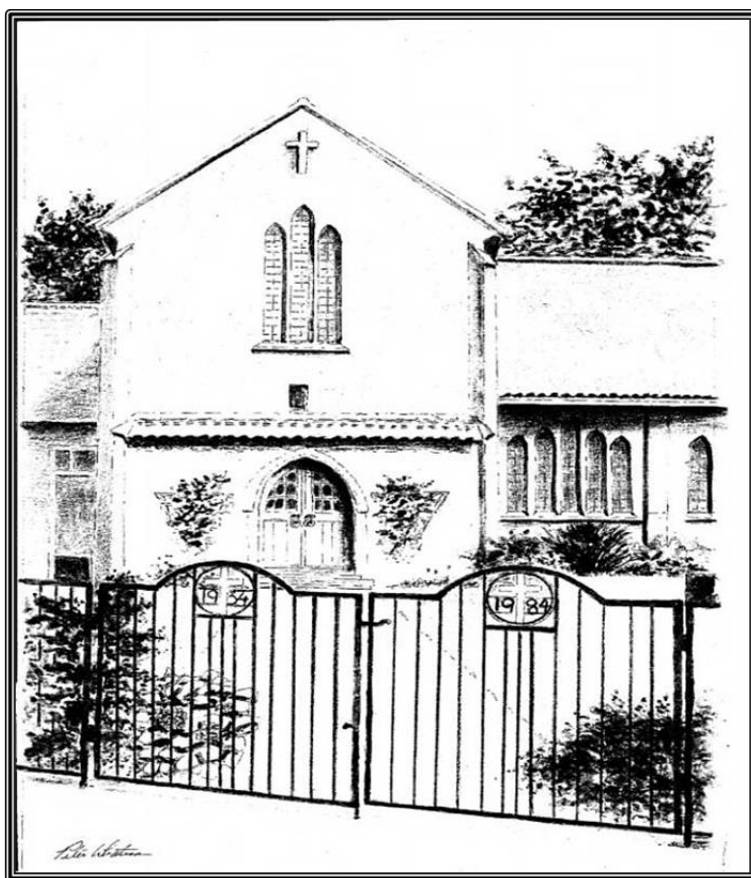


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CHRISTIAN FAITH AT THE HEART
OF ALL WE DO.*

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NORMAL SERVICES

Sunday:	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion (1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays only)
	9:15 a.m.	Sung Communion & Crèche (joint service at 10am on the 1 st Sunday of the month, sometimes at St Francis)
Morning Praise:	9:15 a.m.	Normally on the 2 nd Sunday of the month
Messy Church:	3:45 p.m.	Normally on the 2 nd Friday of the month
Holy Baptism:	By appointment	
Other Services:	Refer to the Calendar in this magazine.	
Weddings/Banns, etc.:	By appointment	

LETTER FROM RICHARD

Dear All,

Something that not all of you may be aware of is that each day, one of Hazel, Ken and I write a reflection on the readings set for the daily service of Morning Prayer – Church of England clergy are expected to say Morning Prayer daily, and twice a week we do it in our churches, joined by a few others who find this spiritual discipline helpful. On Wednesdays we meet at St Francis at 9.30, for a service which lasts about 25 minutes; on Thursdays, it's at St Mary's at 9.00 am. Our reflections on the readings are emailed to those who have asked to receive them.

We shall shortly be entering the season of Lent, when many people, rather than giving up something - often, much to the distress of Cadburys, Nestles and others, chocolate, - prefer to take up something that will promote their spiritual growth. If that's you, why not commit to attending Morning Prayer once or twice a week or subscribe to the list of those receiving the daily reflections.

At the time of writing this, the Old Testament readings are taken from the book of Genesis, and I was struck in the account of God's creation of the Earth, how many times the writer comments at the end of each day, "And God saw that it was good." The goodness of God's creation is frequently referred to in the Old Testament, as, for example, the beginning of Psalm 19:

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

And our responsibility for caring for God's wonderful creation is made clear in Psalm 8, where we told of the trust that God has placed in humankind:

You have made him ruler over the works of your hands;
you have put everything under his feet:
all flocks and herds,
and the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air,
and the fish of the sea,
and all that swim the paths of the sea.

These words echo poetically what we are told in Genesis: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and *take care of it.*"

However, at the same time I was reading these words in Genesis, my newspaper was declaring: "Alarm as 2023 'smashes' record for hottest year." There is now no doubting that climate change is a result of human activity, specifically, but not only, our dependence on burning fossil fuels. In the past, we could claim ignorance of the impact of our actions, but now no longer, as we see the increase, globally, in wildfires, heat waves, extreme storms and flooding. Indeed, in the week in which I am writing this, there are large parts of our country deep under flood water.

As Christians, I believe that we should be taking a lead in caring for God's world. Even just thinking about this can seem overwhelming, but there are small steps that we can take that over time can make a difference. How about, when the temperature drops, putting on an extra layer, rather than turning on the central heating, or switching to an electricity company that supplies wind or solar generated energy, or using recycled toilet paper and, when the general election comes around, finding out which party has policies that will help to protect our planet?

So may I suggest that this Lent you might commit to at least one action that will benefit the environment and to praying that nations will implement the pledges made at the recent Cop 28 climate conference?

God bless,
Richard

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th

8.00 a.m.

2nd Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Carol Coslett

10.00 a.m.

Joint Service at St. Mary's with livestream

Hazel O'Sullivan/Debbie Adams

3.00 p.m.

Healing Service at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan/Richard Ford

Friday 9th

3.45 p.m.

Messy Church at St. Mary's

Messy Church Team

Saturday 10th

12.30 p.m.

Valentine's Ploughman's Lunch at St. Mary's

Sunday 11th

8.00 a.m.

Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan

9.15 a.m.

Morning Praise at St. Mary's with livestream

Hazel O'Sullivan/Debbie Adams

10.45 a.m.

Morning Worship at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan/Debbie Adams

Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan/Richard Ford

Sunday 18th

8.00 a.m.

LENT 1

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan

Sunday 18th

10.45 a.m.

LENT 1

Holy Communion at St. Francis'
Carol Coslett/Ken Bryan

Sunday 25th

8.00 a.m.

LENT 2

Holy Communion at St. Francis'
Hazel O'Sullivan

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream
Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis'
Hazel O'Sullivan



CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Friday 1st

10.30 a.m.

CTWW World Day of Prayer at St. Francis'
Hazel O'Sullivan/Rosemary/Gill & Team

Sunday 3rd

8.00 a.m.

LENT 3

Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Hazel O'Sullivan

10.00 a.m.

Joint Service at St. Francis' with livestream
Hazel O'Sullivan/Debbie Adams

Friday 8th

3.45 p.m.

Messy Church at St. Mary's
Messy Church Team

Sunday 10th

8.00 a.m.

9.15 a.m.

10.45 a.m.

LENT 4 Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Richard Ford

Morning Praise at St. Mary's with livestream

Richard Ford/Ken Bryan

Morning Worship at St. Francis'

*Hazel O'Sullivan/Richard Ford***Sunday 17th**

8.00 a.m.

9.15 a.m.

10.45 a.m.

LENT 5 Passion Sunday

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

*Carol Coslett*Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream
followed by the APCM*Hazel O'Sullivan/Carol Coslett*

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

*Carol Coslett***Saturday 23rd**

High Street Foodbank collection

Sunday 24th

8.00 a.m.

9.15 a.m.

10.45 a.m.

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Richard Ford/Ken Bryan

Holy Communion with livestream

Richard Ford/Ken Bryan

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

*Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan***Thursday 28th**

7.30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

*Hazel O'Sullivan/Carol Coslett***Friday 29th**

11.00 a.m.

2.00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

CTWW Service in St. Francis'

An hour at the Cross at St. Mary's

Hazel O'Sullivan/Ken Bryan

Sunday 31st

8.00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Hazel O'Sullivan/Debbie Adams

9.15 a.m.

Family Communion at St. Marys livestream

Hazel O'Sullivan/Debbie Adams

10.45 a.m.

Family Communion at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan/Debbie Adams



BIBLE READINGS

Date

Reading

Reader

February

4th

Prov. 8: 1, 22-31

Col.1: 15-20

John 1: 1-14

Gifty Nortey

Debbie Adams

11th

Special readings for Morning Praise

John Womack

18th

Gen.9: 8-17

1 Pet. 3: 18-22

Mark 1: 9-15

Miriam Richards

Ken Bryan

25th

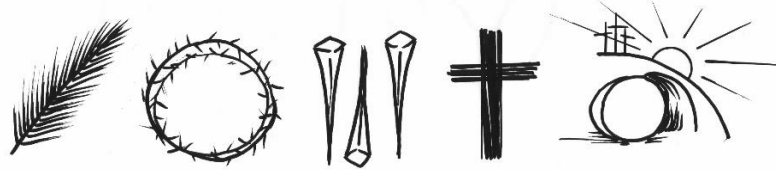
Gen.17: 1-7, 15-16

Rom.4: 13-25

Mark 8: 31-38

Rob West

Hazel O'Sullivan



March

3rd

Exod. 20: 1-17

1 Cor. 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

At. St. Francis

Hazel O'Sullivan

10th

Special readings for Morning Praise

Margaret Bond

17th

Jer. 31: 31-34

Heb. 5; 5-10

John 12:20-33

Malcolm Hubbard

Carol Coslett

24th

Ps 118: 19 – 29

Mark 11: 1-11

Cheryl Davies

Ken Bryan

28th

Ex. 12: 1-4, 11-14

1 Cor. 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Jean Mathers

Carol Coslett

31st

Acts 10:34-43

Mark 16:1-8

Stephen Howe

Debbie Adams

Happy moments, praise God. Difficult moments, seek God. Quiet moments, worship God. Painful moments, trust God. Every moment, thank God. - Anon

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Parish Lunch

The Parish Lunch is on **Wednesday 7th February** at 1.00 p.m. in the Hall. Please contact Beryl Bolton on 0208 289 8097 or berylbolton@hotmail.com if you are unable to attend or you would like to join us.

Valentine's Lunch

The Valentine's Lunch will take place in the hall at 12.30 p.m. on **Saturday 10th February**. Please book your place through Beryl Bolton on 0208 289 8097 or berylbolton@hotmail.com or by signing the list in the vestibule at St. Mary's. When booking you need to specify if you would like cheese, ham, or pate with your ploughman's and whether you would like mushroom or tomato soup. Numbers will be limited to 40 so book early to avoid disappointment. There will be a raffle and all profits are for Church funds. Once again this is an event organised by the men of St. Mary's.

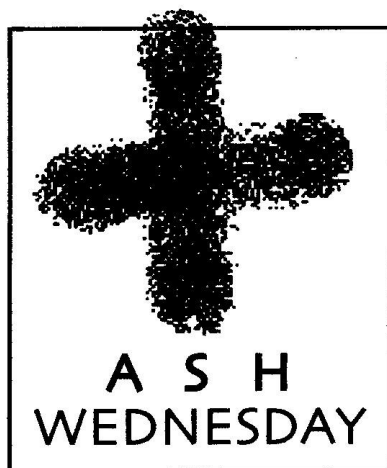
Ash Wednesday and Lent Groups

Ash Wednesday this year is on **14th February**, when there will be a service of Holy Communion and Ashing at 10:45am in St Francis' Church. There will be no evening service held in West Wickham.

This is the beginning of Lent, and we will have three Lent Groups meeting, all looking at a film "Chocolat" which tells a story of indulgence, enjoying life, and learning to be yourself, so that those who are different can be accepted into a community. The course uses this film to explore what it means to be human and to grow. It mirrors Lent (or indeed any period of time when you're trying to make a change in your life) and looks at each of the following aspects:

1. Giving something up as a preparation for change.
2. How encouragement and acceptance, from others or for others, can be a gift that enables change.
3. Being wise to those things that prevent us from changing – the enemy without and those things we control that give us comfort.
4. Accepting and getting to know those who are different.
5. Acknowledging the need for change.

The Lent groups which can take additional people will both meet at St Francis' Church in the refurbished choir vestry. One will meet on Wednesday evenings at 8pm (starting on Ash Wednesday). Please contact Nicky Nightingale (nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk or 07771 7682914) if you'd like to join this group. The other group will meet on Friday mornings at 10.15am (starting on Friday 16th February), with one exception when the meeting will be on a Thursday. If you want to join this group, please contact Debbie Adams (debadams64@icloud.com or 07943 330244). There will also be sign-up sheets at the back of both churches if you'd prefer to sign up in this way.



March

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is an opportunity to come together with others to find out about the challenges that people face in different parts of the world. Our ecumenical service this year is in St. Francis'

Church on **Friday 1st March** at 10.30 a.m. and will focus on the country of Palestine, which will be very interesting.

Parish Lunch

The Parish Lunch is on **Wednesday 6th March** at 1.00 p.m. in the hall. Please contact Beryl Bolton on 0208 289 8097 or berylbolton@hotmail.com if you are unable to attend or if you wish to join us.

Holy Week and Easter

Our familiar service pattern is being continued this year as follows:

- ***Palm Sunday*** (24th March): Holy Communion at 8am in St Francis', at 9.15am in St Mary's and at 10.45am in St Francis'.
- ***Maundy Thursday*** (28th March): Holy Communion at 7.30pm in St Mary's.
- ***Good Friday*** (29th March): Churches Together service at 11am in St Francis'; An Hour at the Cross at 2pm in St Mary's.
- ***Easter Sunday*** (31st March): Holy Communion at 8am in St Mary's, Family Communion at 9.15am in St Mary's and 10.45am in St Francis'.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Our annual St. Georges Day Supper will take place on **Saturday 20th April** at 7.00 p.m. in the hall. Make a note of the date now and watch the weekly pew sheet for further updates nearer the time.

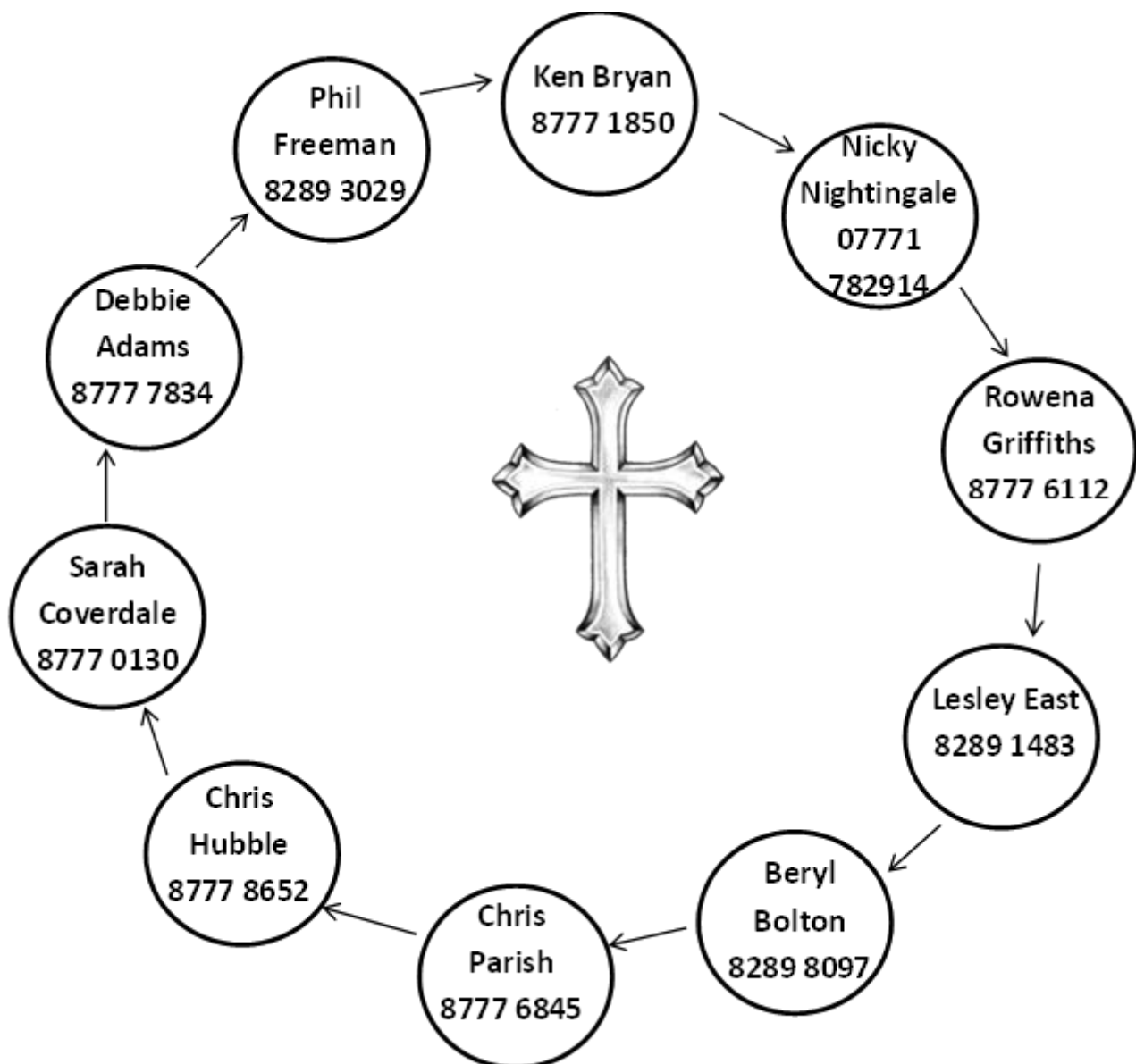


Looking ahead – Are you growing bedding plants, tomatoes, or chillies from seed? If so, can you plant an extra tray for the Plant stall at the Garden Party/BBQ in June? Any other spare plants that can be donated would be gratefully received by Chris Fitzgerald. Thank you.

St Francis and St Mary's Prayer Chain

Many people find they are given strength and peace of mind when they know that they, or their loved ones, are being prayed for. And the more people who are praying for someone, the better!

If you would like prayer for yourself, please call anyone on the chain below and they will pass a message on around the circle. If you like a name added to the intercessions list in our services, (which will be on-line as well as in-person) please state this when you make contact.



February

2nd

Candlemas

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Luke 2: v 22. Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem and presented Him to the Lord. We praise you Lord for the quiet strength of Joseph; the prophetic insight of Simeon, the dedication of Anna, and the courage of Mary as she faced the truth that a sword would pierce her heart. May we be bearers of our Lord's light, which lightens the world, and help us like Simeon, to live for the Lord and depart in peace. Amen.

14th

Ash Wednesday

Lord may this Lent be a holy time of dedication and reflection – How are we using our lives?

God hears our Prayer

O God our Father, we thank you that you have given us the gift of prayer. That your ear is ever listening to catch our every word, that the door to your presence is never shut.

We thank you that you have told us that you are our Father. That your name is love; and that you love each one of us.

Thank you for giving us proof of your love by sending your Son Jesus Christ to live, to suffer and to die for us. Amen

FOCUS

March

1st St. David	Let us pray for the people of Wales. We join with Christians of every land, praying that peace and justice may prevail on World Day of Prayer throughout the world.
10th Mothering Sunday	Pray for mothers everywhere, remembering our own mothers with thankfulness.
17th St. Patrick	Let us pray for the people and church of Ireland, and the governments of both north and south.
19th St. Joseph of Nazareth	We pray for all fathers, remembering our own. May God continue to bless the marriage sacrament and all parents and families.
24th Palm Sunday	As Jesus entered Jerusalem let him enter our lives; that he may rule in our hearts.
25th Annunciation of Virgin Mary	Lord, give us, like Mary, grace and obedience, so that we may be willing and worthy to carry out your will for us.
28th Maundy Thursday	Father, we thank you for inviting us to share in the supper which your son gave his church, to be a memorial of his death and passion. May we be nourished by his presence and united in his love.
29th Good Friday	As our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered death upon the cross for our sake, may we follow the example of the life he led on earth, and also be sharers in his resurrection.
31st Easter Day	Alleluia! Blessed be the risen Lord Jesus, who has broken from the tomb, and opens the gate to eternal life for us.

PARISH MATTERS

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market was once again a happy and an enjoyable day with over 300 people attending. Many thanks to everyone that helped to make the day a success, raising £4,571.48 for the church.

There will be a survey on the market in February. We shall appreciate it if everyone can complete as your feedback, input and ideas will be most appreciated.

The Christmas Market Team

Christmas Market Prize Winners - 2023

Grand Draw	Ticket No.	Name
£200	0252	Audrey Conway
6 Bottles Wine	1276	Merri Womack
Pimms No.1 & Mint Cordial	0815	Kay Mussard
Ferrero Rocher Chocs	0848	Margaret Norton
Box of Quality Street	0206	Wendy Carvalho
Christmas Crackers	0527	Stephen Howe

Christmas Cake Raffle	103(Yellow)	Nicky
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Christmas Hamper	157 (White)	Sue Beresford
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Christmas Services

Once again, the Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas with lights, flowers, holly, the Christmas tree, and our lovely crib. Thanks to all who contributed to this.

Our **Messy Christmas** was attended by 11 children and their families to celebrate with us and there was a lovely happy atmosphere in the hall for the activities and the story in the church which was followed by a meal.

The **Carol Service** was attended by 60 people who enjoyed singing, listening to some traditional and new carols, and met together in the hall afterwards for tea. A collection amounting to £301.10 was taken for CRISIS.

A lot of work went into the preparation for the **Christingle Service** and the church was full, with over 200 people attending, 70 of them children. It was lovely to see all the happy excited children as the candles were lit and the church lights were put out while they sang Away in a Manger and Light a little Candle. Due to the generosity of Church members who paid for all the expenses involved we were able to send a cheque for £365.48 to The Children's Society.

The **Midnight Communion** was attended by 26 people and a further collection of £33.10 was taken for CRISIS. A total sum of £334.20 was sent to CRISIS.

All in all, a very happy time of celebration at St. Mary's and thanks must go to Hazel, Richard, Geoff, the choir and all who work so hard, particularly at these special times of the year.

Beryl Bolton

Christmas Tree Festival

Our first Community Christmas Tree Festival between 9th -17th December at St Francis' Church, with a Treasure Hunt on Saturday 16th December, saw around 300 people being welcomed through our doors. We raised over £400 for Welcare in Bromley, a charity that provides practical and emotional support and advice to families in need. We had a wide range of Christmas trees which varied in their interpretation. Contributors included 'Link to Hope' shoebox appeal, the local library, Memory Box Cafe, Ravenswood WI, West Wickham Rotary Club, Sugarcraft and Floral Society, Matchbox Theatre, Woodland Mindfulness, Messy Church, the Churches Together Women's Group, 7th West Wickham Scout Group, St Francis Pre-School and our Youth Club. It was a time for local people to come along and look at the trees, have some refreshments, listen to music and get ready for Christmas. We would like to thank everyone who took part.

Magazine Subscriptions

Just a reminder that the annual cost of £3 for the magazine is due with this edition.

Life has taught us that love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction. - Antoine De Saint-Exupery



St Francis & St Mary's Community & Social Events Calendar

February

- 7th St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 10th Valentine's Lunch at St Mary's – 12:30pm

March

- 2nd & 3rd West Wickham Scout Group Gang Show at St Francis'
- 6th St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 9th Croydon Male Voice Choir concert at St Francis' – 7:30pm
- 17th St Francis' Community Lunch – 12:30pm
- 23rd High Street Foodbank collection – 10am to 1pm
- 30th Easter Egg Hunt at St Francis' – 10am to 1pm

April

- 3rd St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 13th Concert at St Francis' with afternoon tea – 2:30pm
- 16th Women's event at St Francis' – 8pm
- 20th St George's supper at St Mary's

May

- 1st St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 6th Bank Holiday West Wickham Village Day
- 10th Fundraising concert at St Francis (with St John's) – 7:45pm?
- 12th – 18th Christian Aid Week
- 18th Bromley Boy Singers Concert at St Francis'
- 19th Afternoon Tea Fundraising event at St Mary's – 1:30pm

June

- 5th St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 6th – 8th Matchbox performances
- 15th St Mary's Garden Party & BBQ – 11am to 2pm
- 18th Women's event at St Mary's – 8pm
- 22nd Hayes Symphony Orchestra at St Francis' – 7:30pm
- 23rd St Francis Community Lunch – 12:30pm

July

- 3rd St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 13th /14th West Wickham Choir concert - TBC

August

- 3rd Thank you to Volunteers Coffee Morning at St Francis' – 10:30am
- 7th St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm

September

- 4th St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 7th Community Garden Open day – TBC
- 17th Women's event at St Francis' – 8pm
- 29th St Francis' Community Lunch – 12:30pm

October

- 2nd St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 12th Harvest Supper at St Mary's – 7pm

November

- 6th St Mary's Community Lunch – 1pm
- 19th Women's event at ST Mary's – 8pm
- 29th High Street Christmas Lights event at St Francis'
- 30th St Mary's Christmas Market – 10:30am to 2:30pm

December

- 5th to 7th Matchbox performances
- 7th The Big Christmas Sing at St Francis' – 4pm
- 11th St Mary's Christmas Community Lunch – 12:30pm
- 14th – 21st Christmas Tree Festival at St Francis'
- 15th St Francis' Christmas Community Lunch – 12:30pm

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS: 1, Prosperity. 7, Raisins. 8, Admit. 10, View. 11, Confetti. 13, Distil. 15, Groyne. 17, Navigate. 18, Whit. 21, Enoch. 22, Trodden. 23, Prophetess.

DOWN: 1, Pride. 2, Ovid. 3, Pastor. 4, Reaffirm. 5, Timothy. 6, Providence. 9, Tridentine. 12, Kingship. 14, Saviour. 16, Statue. 19, Hades. 20, Rome.



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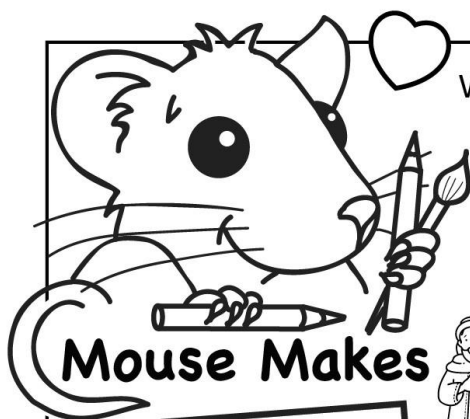
WE ARE ALL GUILTY

Well, I am. At times! Of complacency of leaving it to others to sort out!

BUT we do have a duty when it comes to the safeguarding of children **OR** vulnerable adults in the church.

There is a manual in our church vestibule entitled, '*A Safe Church*', which is for reference by anyone and acts as a guide to safeguarding matters.

If you do have a genuine concern about such a matter, then you may wish to speak to Kay Mussard or Kim Teare, our Safeguarding Officers or one of the following: our Vicar, Rev. Hazel O'Sullivan or to one of the churchwardens.



Mouse Makes

CONNECT THE BIBLE COUPLES

ADAM	ELIZABETH
ABRAHAM	MARY
ISAAC	HANNAH
JACOB	PRISCILLA
BOAZ	EVE
ZECHARIAH	RUTH
ELKANAH	REBEKAH
AQUILA	RACHEL
JOSEPH	SARAH

Which couple helped the Apostle Paul in his ministry?

_____ and _____ Romans 16:3

Who were the first couple?

_____ and _____

Genesis 2:22-25

Who's wife became a pillar of salt because she disobeyed the angel's warning?

_____ Genesis 19:26

Which of Laban's daughters did Jacob love?

_____ Genesis 29:18

Who was Moses' wife?

_____ Exodus 2:21

Who married Boaz to become King David's great-grandmother and a distant relative of Jesus?

_____ Matthew 1:5

FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

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KPJOFE UPHFUIFS,
MFU OPU NBO
TFQBSBUF.

NBSL
UFO WFSTF
OJOF

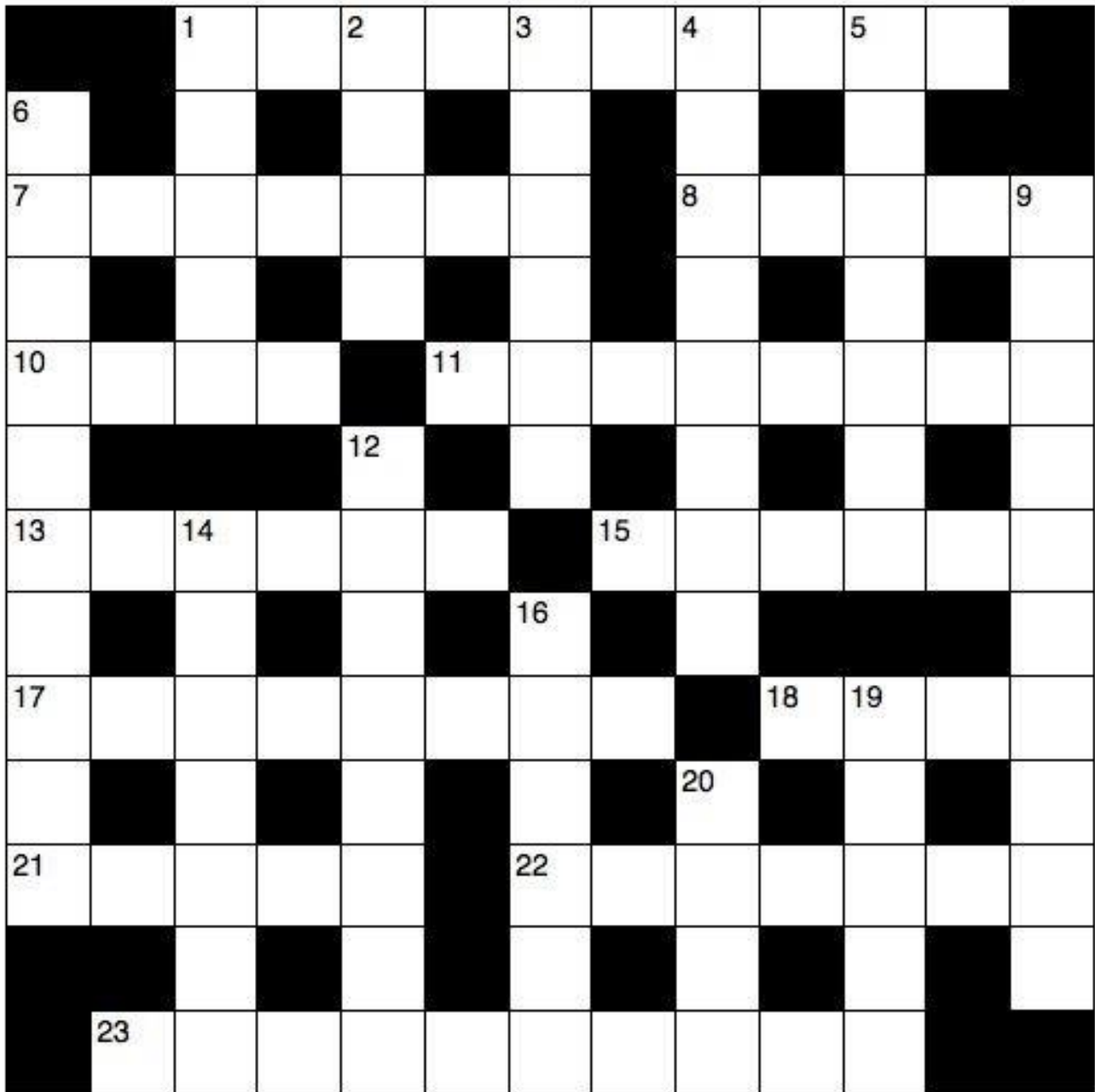
DID YOU KNOW?

King Solomon had **700** wives! They were princesses of royal birth and he loved them all, but his wives caused him to turn away from God
See 1 Kings 11:1-3

E E Z R E E L I Z A B E T H R
S V Q S L R Z J I B O A D A M
R E B E K A H O J R A O Q N O
U I S A A C A S A A Z P R N S
T H A Q N H Z E C H A R I A H
H R U T A E V P O A I E B H I
S A R A H L T H B M A R Y S D
P R I S C I L L A Q U I L A

ABRAHAM
ADAM • AQUILA
BOAZ • ELKANAH
ELIZABETH
EVE • HANNAH
ISAAC • JACOB
JOSEPH • MARY
PRISCILLA
RACHEL
REBEKAH • RUTH
SARAH
ZECHARIAH

CROSS WORD GRID



Across

- 1 Success or wealth (Deuteronomy 28:11) (10)
- 7 Forbidden fruit for Nazirites (Numbers 6:3) (7)
- 8 Concede (Job 27:5) (5)
- 10 Look at (Psalm 48:13) (4)
- 11 Much in evidence after weddings (8)
- 13 Condense (Job 36:27) (6)

- 15 Breakwater (6)
- 17 Give a tan (anag.) (8)
- 18 More usually now called Pentecost, — Sunday (4)
- 21 After living for 365 years, it was said of him that 'he walked with God' (Genesis 5:23–24) (5)
- 22 Trampled (Judges 9:27) (7)
- 23 For example, Miriam, Deborah (Exodus 15:20; Judges 4:4) (10)

Down

- 1 Arrogance (Proverbs 8:13) (5)
- 2 Roman poet from first century BC (4)
- 3 So rapt (anag.) (6)
- 4 Declare again (2 Corinthians 2:8) (8)
- 5 Paul's 'fellow worker', to whom he sent two epistles (Romans 16:21) (7)
- 6 God's foreseeing care and protection (Job 10:12) (10)
- 9 Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)
- 12 'The Lord... has given the — of Israel to David and his descendants for ever' (2 Chronicles 13:5) (8)
- 14 'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my — ' (Luke 1:46–47) (7)
- 16 The central element in Nebuchadnezzar's dream, identified and interpreted by Daniel (Daniel 2:31) (6)
- 19 'On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of — will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18) (5)
- 20 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16) (4)

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February

Welcoming in Church

8.00 a.m. services

4 th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe
11 th	St. Francis	Debbie Adams
18 th	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe
25 th	St. Francis	Debbie Adams

9:15a.m./10.00 a.m. services

4 th	10.00 a.m.	Natalie Outten/Phil Nortey
11 th	9.15 a.m.	Merri and John Womack
18 th	9.15 a.m.	Malcolm Hubbard/Mike Messinger
25 th	9.15 a.m.	Julie Conway/Jackie Greateorex

Coffee

4 th	10.00 a.m.	Claire Bull/Jackie Greateorex
11 th	9.15 a.m.	Cheryl Davies/Linda West
18 th	9.15 a.m.	Beryl Bolton/Gifty Nortey
25 th	9.15 a.m.	Merri and John Womack

Church Cleaning

2 nd	Claire and Peter Cordery
16 th	Margaret Bond/Cheryl Davies

Church Flower Pedestals

No flowers during Lent

ROTAS

March

Welcoming in Church

8.00 a.m. services

3 rd	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe
10 th	St. Francis	Debbie Adams
17 th	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe
24 th	St. Francis	Debbie Adams
31 st	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe

9:15a.m./10.00 a.m. services

3 rd	10.00 a.m.	Joint at St. Francis
10 th	9.15 a.m.	Claire Bull/Dot Smythe
17 th	9.15 a.m.	Pauline Christy/Linda West
24 th	9.15 a.m.	Natalie Outten/Phil Nortey
31 st	9.15 a.m.	Merri and John Womack

Coffee

3 rd	10.00 a.m.	Joint at St. Francis
10 th	9.15 a.m.	Jean Mathers/Natalie Outten
17 th	9.15 a.m.	Margaret Bond/Mike Messinger
24 th	9.15 a.m.	Claire Bull/Jackie Greateorex
31 st	9.15 a.m.	Deidre and Chris Fitzgerald

Church Cleaning

1 st	Christine Bryan/Annette Cordery
15 th	Kay and Geoff Mussard
29 th	Claire and Peter Cordery

Church Flower Pedestals

No flowers during Lent. Everyone on Saturday 30th March from 9.30 a.m. onwards to decorate the Church for Easter.

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