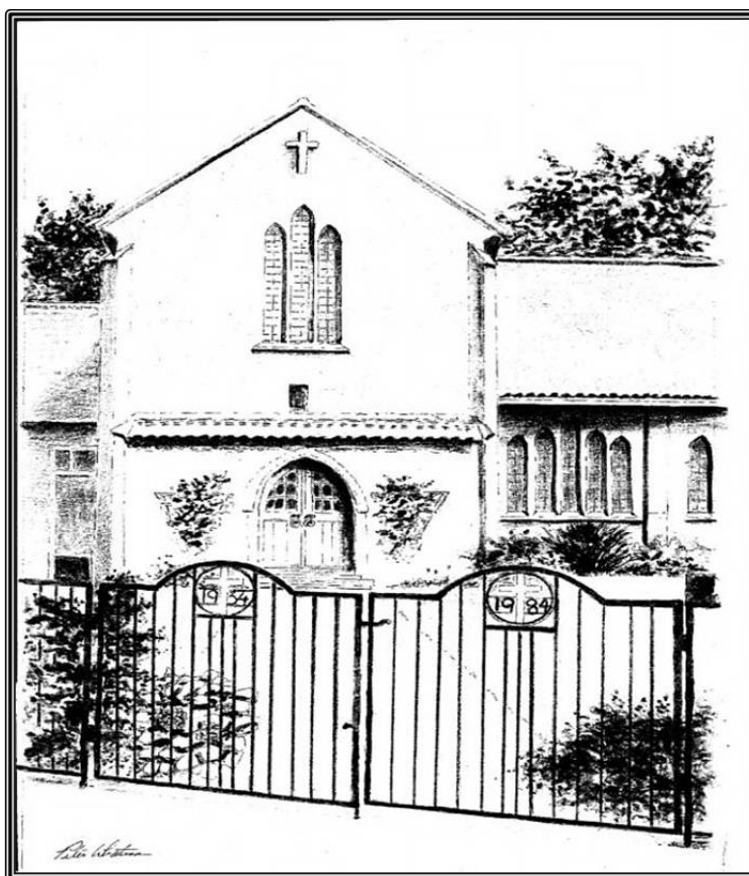


CHURCH MAGAZINE

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2023

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*A WELCOMING FAMILY WITH THE
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 CAROL

"Give thanks, Celebrate, Remember, Cherish...."

Dear All,

This year I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the rehearsal for the Last Night of the Proms cancelled last year when we received news of the death of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth. So on the first anniversary of her death, I was very pleased to attend, especially as my daughter was singing with the BBC Symphony Chorus.

The programme featured some of last years planned works and a tribute to the coronation of King Charles from the music he chose.

King Charles made a moving tribute to his mother *"we recall with great affection her long life, devoted service, and all she meant to so many of us. I am deeply grateful, too, for the love and support that has been shown to my wife and myself during this year as we do our utmost to be of service to you all."*

I wonder what events have you enjoyed over the past year? The great Coronation Picnic, a holiday, a special birthday? For me this year has been one of great changes: moving house and starting a new job!

October is a time when we often reflect on life's moments. The summer is drawing to a close, yet we are still in the season of *"mists and mellow fruitfulness"*, giving thanks for our bountiful goodness. At the end of the month, we remember All Souls and All Saints- the faithful departed. For those of us who have lost loved ones during the year or in past years, this is a time to remember them and cherish those memories. In our united benefice we have a special Memorial service when names are read out and we are invited to light a candle as a way of saying a special prayer for those that have meant so much to us in our lives but whom we see no longer.

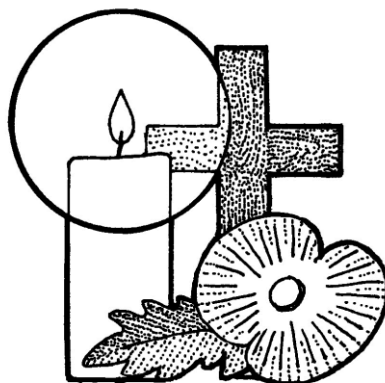
Autumn brings opportunities for remembering. We remember our farmers at Harvest, we remember the end of British summertime! (29th October). We remember past Saints, and All Souls. And of course, On Remembrance Sunday - Armistice Day, November 11th many will stop to remember.

Remembrance is at the heart of Christian worship: to remember who God is and where God has been in our lives and in the whole of history. It is in the call of Jesus Christ, "Do this in remembrance of me". It is part of the very fiber of our Christian being as well as a vital part of our shared human experience. The Albert Hall will again be host to the annual Service for the British Legion, remembering not only the world wars, but present conflicts too, and the people who have served. There will be tributes, stories of conflict and tragedy but also stories of hope demonstrating the strength of conviction of people who continue to stand up for what is good. Those with faith in the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who remember find in faith both comfort and challenge.

In remembering our past, we gain encouragement for the future and our part in creating a safer and fairer world for all.

A prayer by William Penn (***Quaker founder of Pennsylvania***) provides reflection for remembrance: *"Draw us closer to thyself, that we may know ourselves to be nearer to our loved ones who are with thee, and while thou dost prepare a place for us, prepare us also for that happy place, that where thou art there we may be also for evermore. Amen"*.

Carol



CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 1st

17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - Gift Day at St. Francis

8.00 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Carol Coslett/Ken Bryan

10.00 a.m.

Joint Service at St. Francis with livestream
Carol Coslett/Ken Bryan

3.00 p.m.

Pet Service at St. Francis'
Hazel O'Sullivan

Sunday 8th

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

8.00 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis'
Richard Ford

9.15 a.m.

Morning Praise at St. Mary's with livestream
Richard Ford/Ken Bryan

10.45 a.m.

Morning Worship at St. Francis'
Hazel O'Sullivan/Richard Ford

6.00 p.m.

Debbie Adams' Licensing Service at
Southwark Cathedral

Friday 13th

3.45 p.m.

Messy Church at St. Mary's
Messy Church Team

Sunday 15th

19th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Debbie's Welcome Service

8.00 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis'
Hazel O'Sullivan/Debbie Adams

10.00 a.m.

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

Sunday 22nd

8.00 a.m.

20th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Hazel O'Sullivan/Carol Coslett

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

*Carol Coslett***Sunday 29th**

8.00 a.m.

BIBLE SUNDAY

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Hazel O'Sullivan

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Hazel O'Sullivan/Debbie Adams

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan

6.00 p.m.

Churches Together in West Wickham Service
Venue TBA

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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER**Sunday 5th**

8.00 a.m.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Carol Coslett

10.00 a.m.

Joint Service at St. Francis' with livestream

Carol Coslett/Richard Ford

3.00 p.m.

Memorial Service at St. Mary's

*Richard Ford/Debbie Adams***Friday 10th**

3.45 p.m.

Messy Church at St. Mary's

Messy Church Team

Sunday 12th

8.00 a.m.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Richard Ford

9.15 a.m.

Morning Praise at St. Mary's with livestream

Ken Bryan/Debbie Adams

10.45 a.m.

Morning Worship at St. Francis'

*Hazel O'Sullivan***Sunday 19th**

8.00 a.m.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Hazel O'Sullivan

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Hazel O'Sullivan/Carol Coslett

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis

*Hazel O'Sullivan***Saturday 25th**

Christmas Market at St. Mary's

10.30 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Sunday 26th

8.00 a.m.

CHRIST THE KING

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan

9.15 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's with livestream

Hazel O'Sullivan

10.45 a.m.

Holy Communion at St. Francis'

Hazel O'Sullivan

READINGS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Date	Reading	Reader
Oct. 1st	1 Kings 8: 22-30 Hebrews 12: 18-24 Matthew 21: 12-16	At St. Francis Ken Bryan
Oct. 8th	Special readings for Morning Praise	Brian Hubble
Oct. 15th	Isaiah 25: 1-9 Philemon 4: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14	Malcolm Hubbard Debbie Adams
Oct. 22nd	Isaiah 45: 1-7 1 Thessalonians. 1: 1-10 Matthew 22: 15-22	Jean Pogose Carol Coslett
Oct. 29th	Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 8-12 Colossians 3: 12-17 Matthew 24: 30-35	Margaret Bond Hazel O'Sullivan
Nov. 5th	Revelations 7: 9 - end 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12	At St. Francis Carol Coslett
Nov. 12th	Special Reading for Morning Praise	Natalie Outten
Nov. 19th	Ephesians 5: 8-13 Mark 12: 28-31	David Taylor Hazel O'Sullivan
Nov. 26th	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1: 15- end Matthew 25: 31- end	Chris Hubble Hazel O'Sullivan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

Pet Service

This is an opportunity to give thanks for all the support our pets give to us. It will be at St Francis' Church on **Sunday 1st October** at 3pm. Do bring your pet (or a picture of your pet) for a prayer of blessing and tell your neighbours, friends, and family that they are welcome to join us.

Parish Lunch

The Parish Lunch is on **Wednesday 4th October** 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 would like to join us.

London Concert Chorus Concert

The London Concert Chorus will be singing at a concert in St Francis' Church on **Saturday 7th October** at 7.30pm. The evening will include some well-loved tunes from stage, screen and CD, including Memory, Hallelujah and Country Roads. Tickets (which include an interval drink) are available at £12 (or £6 for under 18s) from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-francis-of-assisi> or on the door.

Harvest Services

This year our Harvest Services will be held on **Sunday 8th October** at 9.15am in St Mary's Church and at 10.45am in St Francis' Church. We will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries to be split between the Shrublands and Bromley FoodBanks, both of which are struggling to meet the demand at the current time.

Please do come along to give thanks for all we have and bring some donations for those in need. It is also possible to donate items by leaving them in the boxes outside St Francis' Church or the Vicarage

at any time, or you can make a monetary donation to the Bromley Foodbank at <https://bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money> or to 'The Shrublands Trust' via a cheque posted to 7 Broom Road, Shirley, Croydon CR0 8NG or email: info@shrublandstrust.org and someone will get back to you on ways to donate.

Debbie Adams – Licensing Details

Debbie Adams is being licensed as a Reader at a service in Southwark Cathedral on **Sunday 8th October** at 6pm. If you'd like to go with others from St Mary's and St Francis', we will meet at the Information Point on the lower concourse at London Bridge Station, near Pret a Manger at 5.10pm. This will enable you to travel on either the Hayes line (changing at Blackfriars, with the latest departure from Hayes at 3.54pm) or on the line from East Croydon – latest departure at 4.51pm.

Debbie will be welcomed as a Reader to St Mary's at a special joint service at 10am on **Sunday 15th October**, to be held at St Mary's. This will be followed by a celebratory brunch in the church hall. Please note the date in your diaries. A sign-up sheet will be available in due course.

November

Parish Lunch

The Parish Lunch is on **Wednesday 1st November** 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.

Please note the Christmas Lunch will be on **Wednesday December 13th** and not the 6th and the cost will be £10.

In Loving Memory

Our annual service to remember those who have died will be on **Sunday 5th November** at 3pm in St Mary's Church. This is an opportunity to come and remember with thankfulness, the lives of those you have loved and lost.

If you would like the names of loved ones read out at this service, please complete a sheet that will be in the churches a few weeks beforehand or give your names by email or phone to Hazel. Also, do let others who might find this service helpful know about it and offer to come along with them to provide support.

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday is on **12th November** this year. We will have services in St Mary's at 9.15am and in St Francis' at 10.45am, in addition to a service of Holy Communion at St Francis' at 8am and on-line services through the livestream from St Mary's at 9.15am and from St Francis' at 10.45am.

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market will take place on **Saturday 25th November** from 10.30 to 2.30 in St. Mary's Hall. See flyer on page 12.



PARISH MATTERS

Macmillan Cancer & Bromley Welcare Coffee Morning

Saturday 16th September at 2 Long Meadow Close

A while ago, considering our family's health problems I reluctantly decided to try and organise a fund-raising event. We decided on a date and approached Margaret Bond (the other rep for Bromley Welcare) who agreed to organise an "everyone a winner" stall. We hoped to use our front drive for the venue if the weather was fine

but had to have a plan B in case of bad weather. We contacted family, friends and neighbours and received promises of cakes etc.

The day arrived bright and warm much to our relief. Several friends came early to set up small tables on the drive and fix up balloons and notices. We were ready in good time with much help from the Chan family who recently arrived from Hong Kong. It was a unique experience for them which they seemed happy to help with.

People started to arrive and were welcomed and showed to a seat. A waiter/waitress system was set in motion taking the order and going to the kitchen to collect it from the kitchen staff.

A very relaxed and happy atmosphere prevailed, and everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way. Many donations of money were made which enabled us to achieve a fabulous result of £535. To be split between the two charities.

Merri Womack

Harvest Supper

Saturday 30th September

On Saturday 30th, September 34 of us from both St. Mary's and St. Francis' sat down to enjoy a fantastic Bring and Share Supper in St. Mary's Church Hall. A great selection of salads along with chicken, quiche, sausage rolls, fish selection and cold meat selection made up the first course and this was followed by apple pie, black forest gateau and fruit salad with cream or custard, tea or coffee. After the meal Geoff entertained us with a selection of music from the musicals on the piano and then we all joined in with some well-known songs from the musicals. A great social evening among friends with a profit of £160 for Church funds. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way, Geoff for entertaining us but particularly to Gifty and Margaret Bond who worked tirelessly on the night.

Beryl Bolton

Religious and Social Events Dates

2023 Diary

October

- 1st Joint service at St Francis' – 10am: St Francis' Patronal Sunday (Gift Day)
- 1st Pet Service at St Francis'
- 7th London Concert Chorus concert at St Francis' – 7:30pm
- 8th All Age Harvest Services
- 8th Debbie's licensing Service at Southwark Cathedral 6pm
- 15th Joint service at St Mary's – 10am: Celebrating Debbie's Licensing, followed by brunch.
- 29th CTWW Bible Sunday service and meeting - 6pm

November

- 5th Joint service at St Francis' (All Saints') – 10am
- 5th Memorial Service at St Mary's – 3pm
- 12th All-age Remembrance Sunday services
- 18th Hayes Symphony Orchestra concert at St Francis'-7:30pm
- 24th High Street Christmas Lights event at St Francis'
- 25th St Mary's Christmas Market
- 30th – 2nd Dec Matchbox performances

December

- 2nd The Big Christmas Sing at St Francis' 4pm
- 3rd Joint service at St Mary's (Advent Sunday) – 10am
- 9th – 17th Christmas Tree Festival at St Francis'
- 9th Allegri Singers at St Francis'
- 16th Scouts' Carols service at St Mary's
- 17th Carol Services
- 17th St Francis' Community Lunch – 12:30pm
- 24th Christingle service at St Mary's 4pm
- 24th Lighting the Lamps service at St Francis' 6pm
- 24th Midnight Communion at both churches 11:15pm
- 25th Joint service at St Francis – 10am
- 31st Joint service at St Mary's – 10am

St Mary's Christmas Market

Saturday 25th November 2023

10:30am - 2:30pm

Entry 50p

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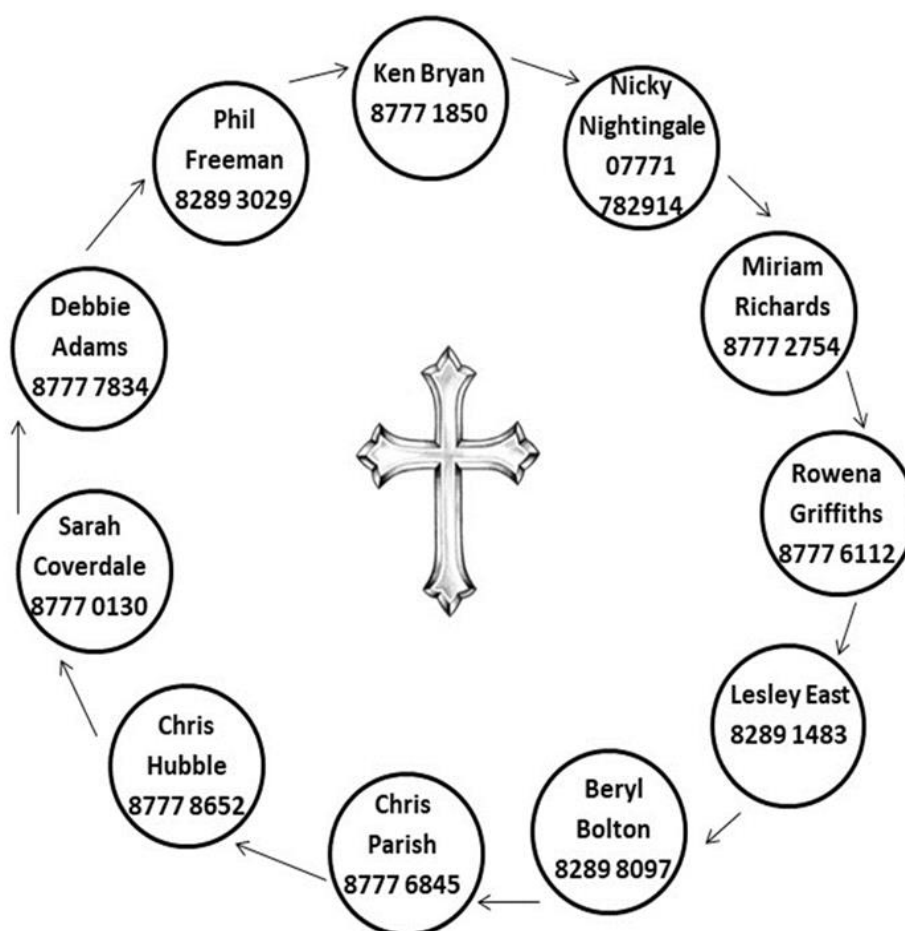


St Mary's Church Hall, The Avenue, West Wickham BR4 0DX

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.



October

4th

**St. Francis
of Assisi**

Pray for all who worship and minister at St. Francis Church and for all who live and work in the parish.

18th

St. Luke

Give thanks and pray for all those who work in the medical profession - those who seek to heal and care for the sick in body, mind, or spirit.

28th

St. Simon

Give thanks for all who have laboured and suffered to establish the Church's foundation of faith.

Help us care for our Children

The World's children need our prayer and concern. They are the innocent victims of war, power struggles and aggression. Many are stateless, rootless and unwanted. Others are victims of broken families – confused and missing the security and shelter of a loving home, and often without the stability which only faith in God can give. We pray that, beginning in their homes, they may not be made victims of either affluence and indulgence, or of neglect and lack of love.

We pray for young people growing up in today's world.

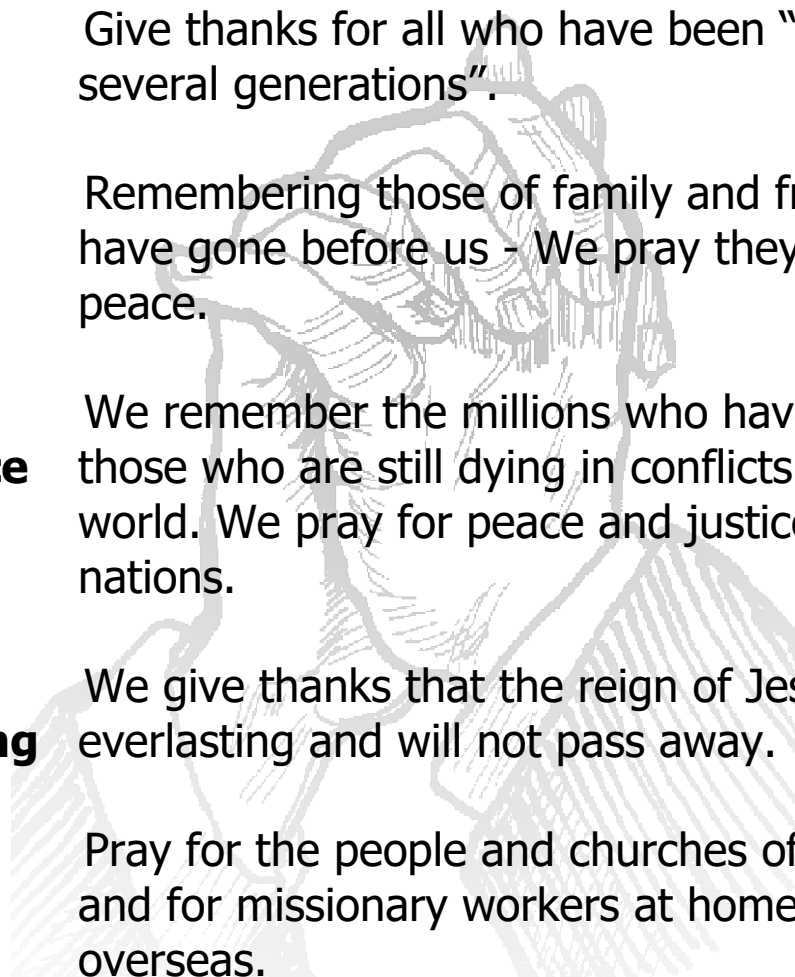
- for the bewildered and seekers that they may find faith in God
- for the unemployed and frustrated, that they may find usefulness and satisfaction.
- for those who have been led into paths of anarchy and violence, that they may find a way of escape.

We pray that they may know love in their lives and be able to understand the love of God.

Amen

FOCUS

November

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- 1st**
All Saints Give thanks for all who have been “lights in their several generations”.
- 2nd**
All Souls Remembering those of family and friends who have gone before us - We pray they may rest in peace.
- 11th**
Remembrance We remember the millions who have died and those who are still dying in conflicts around the world. We pray for peace and justice around nations.
- 24th**
Christ the King We give thanks that the reign of Jesus is everlasting and will not pass away.
- 30th**
St. Andrew Pray for the people and churches of Scotland and for missionary workers at home and overseas.

A Psalm of Thanks

We thank you God.

We want to tell the world what you have done:

Your wonderful works. We praise you God!

We remember our beginnings and celebrate belonging together in your world.

We trust you God! You are still our help.

We go forward in faith remembering all you have done.

(Based on Psalm 105 vv 1-5)

Christmas Tree Festival

9th - 16th December 2023

In December we are hosting a Community Christmas Tree Festival at St Francis of Assisi, Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham. Christmas Tree Festivals have become increasingly popular as a way of bringing communities together, raising money for charity, helping the local economy, sharing the joy of Christmas and having a lot of fun!

We are hoping to get as many organisations as possible involved including organisations affiliated to the united benefice as well as local businesses. Trees can be any interpretation - they may be real, a branch sprayed up, something made from waste, made of fabric or cardboard. There is no charge for having a tree, but we are asking people to provide a tree complete with decorations at their own cost and any tree illuminations will need to be battery operated for safety reasons.



We would like to create a beautiful space for lots of people to come into and look at the trees, have some refreshments, listen to some music and get ready for Christmas and will be raising money for Welcare in Bromley.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be held between 9th–17th December 2023 and St Francis' Church will be open during the following times:

- Saturday 9th December – 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Sunday 10th December – 12.00noon – 3.00pm
- Wednesday 13th December – 10.30am – 1.00pm
- Friday 15th December – 10.00am – 1.00pm
- Saturday 16th December – 10.00am – 1.00pm

We will finish with the St Francis' Carol Service at 10.45am on Sunday 17th December. If you would like to take part in decorating

a tree or are interested in helping in some way, please contact Kate Dyer katedyer41@hotmail.com or Nicky Nightingale nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk .



Father God,

November is not many people's favourite month, unless there is a birthday or a delight in bonfires. Short days, sometimes dismal weather can lower our mood. The days of springtime optimism and summer sunshine seem a long way away, whether we look back or forward.

Help us Lord, whatever the month, whatever our circumstances, whatever our mood, to know the reality of Your presence and peace; to treasure each new day and know it is transformed by You into the most precious and beautiful gift. Help us not to waste a single one of them, Lord. Thank You so much for November days.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Funeral and Cremation

Tuesday 22nd August 2023

Primrose SMITH

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Primrose, a long serving and much loved member of our congregation. Our Sunday morning services are not the same without first Laurence and now Primrose in the congregation.

Primrose Ann Holton was born on 4th May 1933 and her sister, Mavis, was born three years later. They were not evacuated during the war but relied on the Anderson shelter in the garden. At Bromley Grammar School she excelled at English and History. Her work at the Civil Service Crown Agents' department meant supporting officers who were between overseas postings.

Primrose joined the Young Conservatives where she met Laurence, and they were married in 1958. They moved into 192 Pickhurst Rise and in 1971, moved to number 38. Their son James was born in 1964 to whom she was a devoted mother. Reading to him and making up stories as well as taking him on many interesting and exciting days out. She took a keen interest in all of Laurence's interests: nature conservation, Battersea Dogs' Home and anything to do with horses and steam trains. She enjoyed keeping healthy by swimming at the local baths.

Primrose joined a number of women's organisations: the Housewife's Register; and, in 1965, Ravenswood WI, making many lasting friendships through each of them. She joined their choir as well as performing in the drama group. She also went on a number of educational courses on topics including philosophy and history. Over the next thirty or so years Primrose was to serve in a number of roles on committee including three stints as secretary and a three-year term as president.

Here at St Mary's Primrose did so much unsung work such as flower arranging, helping at Parish lunches, on the coffee rota and helping with the Sunday School. She was active in the Mothers' Union, was our representative on Bromley Welcare. She became one of our first ladies to be a 'Sidesman' and went on to be Churchwarden for a number of years.

She liked to attend our Bible Study groups, where her contributions were valued for her intelligent and questioning approach.

Primrose was one of the building blocks which made St Mary's the church it is today being conscientious and dependable in the extreme. She was not the sort of person who talked about what needed doing: "she rolled her sleeves up and got on with it."

We all miss Primrose but know that she is with Laurence in God's care. May she rest in peace and rise in well-deserved glory.

Ken Bryan

Answers to Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare 11, Ishma. 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen. 24, Hyssop.

DOWN: 1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat. 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes. 20, Lofty.

Funeral and Cremation

Monday 18th September 2023

Brian John GRIFFITHS

Brian's funeral was held at St Francis on Monday 18th September at 1pm. We began with Geoff playing the Welsh National Anthem as Brian's coffin was brought into the church. The Welsh flag hung on the pulpit. Many wore something red to reflect Brian's support of both the Welsh Rugby Team and Liverpool Football Club, both of whom had won their matches over the weekend. We were also joined by some of the Readers and Clergy from the local area, as well as the Ven. Greg Prior, the Archdeacon of Croydon and the Rev. Hilary Fife who gave the address.

Brian's son, Gareth, remembered how his dad was always on the go – he'd know what the best transport for any trip would be. He also loved walking – alone and with others – and wanted to give back to the community with charity projects and fundraising events. Many of us will have some piece of fretwork that he made for one of these events or as a gift. He was also a great support to his family through thick and thin.

Hazel reflected on how Brian's job in environmental health had enabled him to move away from South Wales, bringing with him his volunteering roles with the St John Ambulance (where he met Rowena) and as a Reader, which he continued with for the rest of his life in different churches. He was also involved with Churches Together networks, notably through the Work Club in West Wickham that he helped to set up, and with the wider diocesan community through teaching on the Bishop's Certificate Course.

Richard and Ken read bible passages. Ken recalled one of Brian's own sermons on the same bible reading (Matthew 5:1-12 – The Beatitudes). Hilary's address reflected on God's calls on Brian:

- to a long ministry,

- to recently deepening his own, and other's faith by engaging with the topic of unanswered prayer, and
- now being called to go home.

The truth of our faith is that God is Love – it this which enabled Brian to follow a life of compassion and service, and to endure the recent challenges that he faced.

After some prayers, Hazel lit the peace candle which Brian had introduced in both our churches, and we went on to share communion together. This was something that Brian himself had requested should be included in the service. It was like a final gift that he gave to all of us, showing how Jesus' death and resurrection reconciles us to God, as well as to each other.

Debbie Adams read a poem that was particularly appropriate given Brian's experience of cancer towards the end of his life. We then stood for the Commendation and Blessing. Finally, we finished with the music of "You'll Never Walk Alone" – something that Brian knew the certainty of through his faith in God.

Hazel O'Sullivan

Rehema Trust

An update from Malcolm Leighton (via Bob Mason) on the Barbara Academy in Kenya – a charity supported by St Mary's Church

Recently electricity power and networking has been extended to all classrooms on the school site and more IT equipment purchased. This is making it possible for the teachers to incorporate technology across the entire curriculum, so equipping the pupils with practical skills for life. Edward Wata, the director, has also received more up-to-date technology to make his busy life that bit easier.

The staff team is led by three senior members – Joseph Yiro, an experienced headteacher who manages the team, plugging teaching

gaps whenever needed, Alice Mwigirwa, the headteacher, and Lencer Oyieko, her deputy. A team of Support Staff help to ensure that Barbara Academy operates smoothly and safely. All staff members like working at Barbara Academy and are thankful that they know their salaries will be received on time each month – sadly not the case in many other private schools. Thank you to all our donors for making this possible due to your consistent and reliable support. We have also constructed a culvert to protect the school's access road from damage caused by heavy seasonal rains.

The increasing cost of fuel and basic foodstuffs continues to impact our vital feeding programme and the staff team's personal finances, so we will need to review salary levels soon. We also want to improve the ratio of textbooks to pupils. Thank you for helping us to make a real difference to so many young lives.

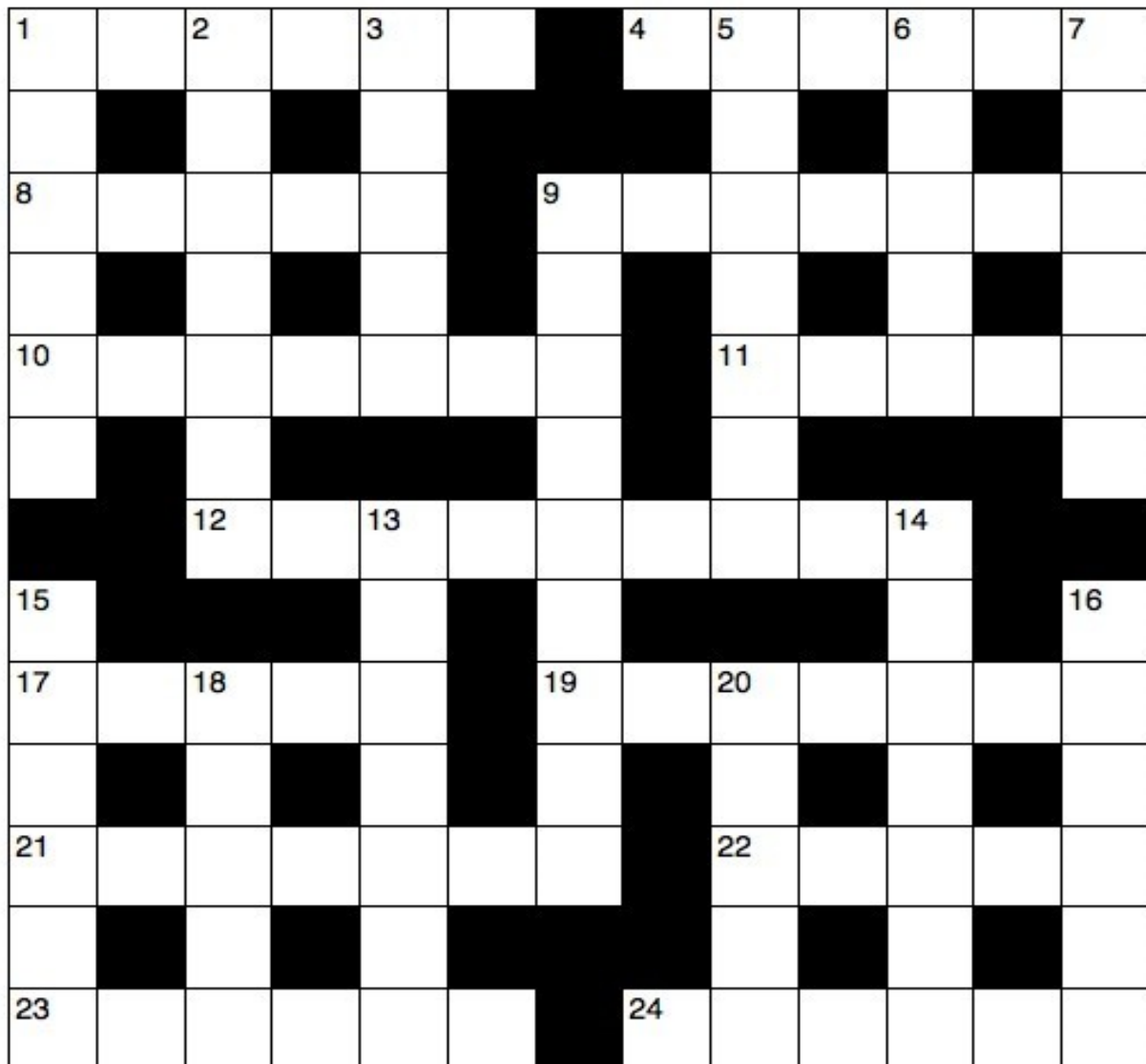


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&
Maintenance**

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No job too small**

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CROSS WORD GRID



Across

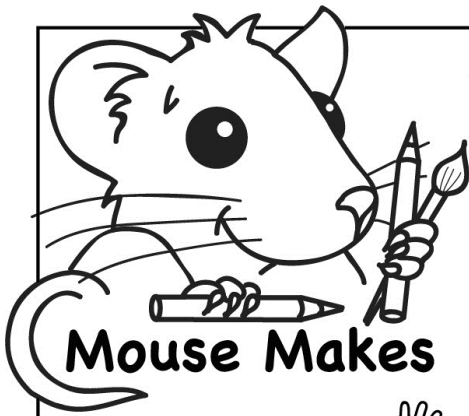
- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to

- be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

The NIV bible was used to set the crossword. Answers on page 19



"Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by
_____ and _____
with thanksgiving, present your
_____ to God."
Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

"The _____
is _____
to all who _____
on him in _____."
Psalms 145:18

"For where two or three
_____ in my name, there
I am with them."
Matthew 18:20

PRAY FOR OTHERS
PRAY FOR YOURSELF
THANK GOD
FOR MY FAMILY
PRAY FOR FRIENDS
PRAY FOR THE NEEDY
PRAY FOR THE SICK
PRAY FOR THE CHURCH
PRAISE GOD
SAY SORRY

C	O	N	F	E	S	S	P	K	R	Q	C
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M	U	B	L	E	S	S	R	L	O	R	D

Find these words too:
APPROACH
MEDITATE
HEAR • LISTEN
BLESS • PRAISE
FORGIVE • NAME
CRY OUT • AMEN

NIV

Look up the Bible verses, fill in the blanks then find them in the word search

"_____
aways, _____
continually, _____
_____ in all circumstances."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Therefore, _____
your sins to one another and
_____ for one another,
that you may be healed."
James 5:16

"_____ yourselves
to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
Colossians 4:2

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, our Safeguarding Officer or one of the following: our Vicar, Rev. Hazel O'Sullivan or to one of the churchwardens.

HAVE YOU OR WILL YOU BE MAKING A WILL?

If so, please consider leaving a legacy to St. Mary's.

Legacies we have had in the past have been a great blessing and encouragement and enabled us to carry out important work. It is helpful if the bequest is given without conditions so the PCC can use the money as they feel appropriate.

Please give this prayerful consideration.

To make a Will is one of the kindest things you can do so your wishes are known.

ROTAS

October

Welcoming in Church

8.00 a.m. services

1 st	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe
8 th	St. Francis	Stephen Howe
15 th	St. Francis	Debbie Adams
22 nd	St. Francis	Debbie Adams
29 th	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe

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

1 st	10.00 a.m.	Joint at St. Francis
8 th	9.15 a.m.	Julie Conway/Jackie Greatorex
15 th	10.00 a.m. Joint	Malcolm Hubbard/Mike Messinger
22 nd	9.15 a.m.	Merri and John Womack
29 th	9.15 a.m.	Claire Bull/Dot Smythe

Coffee

1 st	10.00 a.m.	Joint service at St. Francis
8 th	9.15 a.m.	Cheryl Davies/Linda West
15 th	10.00 a.m. Joint	followed by brunch
22 nd	9.15 a.m.	Claire Bull/Jackie Greatorex
29 th	9.15 a.m.	Deidre and Chris Fitzgerald

Church Cleaning

13 th	Mrs. C. Cordery/Mr. P. Cordery
27 th	Mrs. B. Bolton/Mrs. M. Bond

Church Flower Pedestals

8 th	Harvest Flowers: Sanctuary pedestal donated by Dave & Wendy Taylor for Stephen's 17 th birthday arranged by Beryl.
22 nd	Merri and John for their Diamond Wedding Anniversary arranged by Merri.

ROTAS

November

Welcoming in Church

8.00 a.m. services

5 th	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe
12 th	St. Francis	Debbie Adams
19 th	St. Mary's	Stephen Howe
26 th	St. Francis	Debbie Adams

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

5 th	10.00 a.m.	Joint at St. Francis
12 th	9.15 a.m.	Pauline Christy/Linda West
19 th	9.15 a.m.	Natalie Outten/Phil Nortey
26 th	9.15 a.m.	Julie Conway/Jackie Greateorex

Coffee

5 th	10.00 a.m.	Joint at St. Francis
12 th	9.15 a.m.	Beryl Bolton/Gifty Nortey
19 th	9.15 a.m.	Merri and John Womack
26 th	9.15 a.m.	Jean Mathers/Natalie Outten

Church Cleaning

10 th	Mrs. C. Bryan/Mrs. A. Cordery
24 th	Mrs. K. Mussard/Mr. G. Mussard

Church Flower Pedestals

12 th	Elizabeth Barclay and family in memory of Mary and Vernon Habberfield and arranged by Merri
26 th	Donated and arranged by Beryl for family birthdays.

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