

St Francis of Assisi
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Charity Commission No. 1134856
Sunday, 29th October – Bible Sunday
8 am Holy Communion at **St Mary's** – Richard Ford
10 am Joint Service - Richard Ford
3 pm Memorial Service – Richard Ford
Preacher – Ken Bryan

HYMNS

37: Angel voices, ever singing
386: Let there be love (3 verses: love, joy, hope)
114: Come down, O Love divine
277: Here is bread, here is wine
716: We have a gospel to proclaim

The PCC recently agreed that the cushions in the church would be added to and stored in a place beside the main door, rather than on the chairs. If anyone would like to be involved in taking this matter forward, please speak to Hazel.

You are invited to join Brian Griffiths, his family and friends, on **Sunday 19th November** as he celebrates 40 years of Reader Ministry at a Choral Eucharist in St Francis Church at 10.45 am, followed by refreshments in the hall. We need to have some idea of numbers for seating in the church and for catering purposes. You will find 'Sign Up' sheets at the back of the church as well as a sheet with offers of help with the refreshments, etc., on the day which would be appreciated by Nicky Nightingale.

We will be joining the residents at **Burrell Mead Residential Home** again for a service of hymns and readings on Sunday 5th November at 3.30pm. If you would like to join us there, please let Richard Ford know.

St Francis Mothers' Union will meet in the church hall on 7th November at 2 pm, when choir member Daphne Dack will be speaking of her "Experiences in the West Indies".

Saturday 2nd December, Big Christmas Sing

Refreshments: We will need contributions of mince pies and biscuits, and there is a list at the back of church for you to sign if you can help in this way. Please bring your contributions to St Mary's or St Francis by Sunday 26th November (26th is a 10am joint service at St Mary's). Donations, however small, towards other costs would also be appreciated and can be given to Kay Mussard at St Mary's or Barbara Plummer at St Francis, any surplus will be given to Christian Aid.

Prostate cancer will affect 1 in 8 men in the UK, but it's not often discussed and sometimes comes without any symptoms until it spreads elsewhere. Here's a heart breaking story of what happened to one family:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/help-the-halls>. Richard's sister is organising a **fundraising dinner** at St Mary's on Saturday 18th November with a speaker from Prostate Cancer UK to whom a donation will also be made. Come and find out more about this unnoticed

disease. Contact Stephen Howe for tickets at £15 each on 020 8249 0315 or aireyowe@virginmedia.com.

Our annual **Gift Day** was held on 1st October this year. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute, it's not too late to do so. We will be purchasing a number of bibles for use in the church, as well as making a donation to Book Aid who provide bibles and other Christian publications to countries in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean where there is a 'book famine'. If you would like to have your name included in one of our bibles, please add it to the list. We will make our purchases in bulk next month.

Invitations for **Inquisitive?** discussion evenings on the big questions of life are available. Please do pick one up, give it to a friend or neighbour and offer to come with them to these events.

Children's Society Boxes: It is time once again to open the Children's Society Boxes, and I would be grateful if they could be brought into church or, if more convenient, I can arrange to open them with you at home.
Many thanks, Christine Morton Tel: 0208 777 9213

Sunday readings: If you would like to read ONE of the lessons in November or December, please print your name on the list at the back of the church. Thank you, Joan Burford

Bibles: If you have a bible that you may not want to keep, you could donate it to "Book Aid". Please leave them on a shelf in the library and I will take them to our local bookshop in Sydenham. They are really pleased to receive them. Thank you, Sarah Coverdale

Hostess trolley: Pam Cope earlier has a hostess trolley that she no longer needs and would like it go to a good home. Her number is 8777 3103. She doesn't want anything for it.

Pew sheet: Items for the pew sheet by Wednesday morning please: elizabeth_bligh@hotmail.com

Hazel's day off is Monday

What's on this week

Tuesday: 8 am Morning Prayer, **St Mary's**
2 pm Prayer Group, 25 Silver Lane
Wednesday: 9.30 am Morning Prayer
10.45am Holy Communion
Thursday: 8 am Morning Prayer
Friday: 9 am Morning Prayer, **St Mary's**
10 – 12 noon church open to all
Saturday: 9 am Quiet Hour
10.30 am Action Aid Coffee

Sunday, 5th November – All Saints' Day

8 am Holy Communion at **St Mary's** – Hazel O'Sullivan,
Preacher - Richard Ford
10.45 am– Ken Bryan, Hazel O'Sullivan,
Preacher - Richard Ford

FIRE DRILL: IN THE EVENT OF FIRE, LEAVE THE CHURCH BY THE NEAREST FIRE EXIT AND ASSEMBLE ON THE FORECOURT OF CROFT RADIO UNTIL ADVISED IT IS SAFE TO RETURN TO THE CHURCH