

St Francis of Assisi
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Charity Commission No. 1134856

Sunday, 3rd December – Advent Sunday

8 am Holy Communion at **St Mary's** – Richard Ford

10.45 am Holy Communion - Hazel O'Sullivan

Preacher – Richard Ford

HYMNS

405: Lo, He comes, with clouds descending

367: Jesus, where'er thy people meet

511: O Lord my God

Christ be our light

There is another opportunity to visit **Burrell Mead Residential Home** for a service on Sunday 10th December at 3.30pm. Please let Hazel know if you plan to be there.

Mothers' Union: We will be meeting on Tuesday, 5th December at 2 pm at Emmanuel Church, where we will be joining the Ladies Fellowship for a Christmas Service.

Advent Course: This year, we are running an advent course in conjunction with Emmanuel URC and the Methodist Church on both a Tuesday evening (7.30 - 9pm) and a Thursday morning (10.30-12noon) in December. The course has been written by Brian Griffiths, using material from a book called *Walking Backwards to Christmas*. The locations are as follows:
Tues 5th Dec - St Francis Church
Thurs 7th Dec - St Mary's Church
Tues 12th & Thurs 14th Dec - Methodist Church, Hawes Lane
Tues 19th & Thurs 21st Dec - Emmanuel Church, The Grove

The 7th West Wickham Scout Troop are holding a **Carol Service** in St Mary's at 6.30pm on Saturday 9th December, to which everyone is invited.

St Francis Community Christmas Lunch will take place on Sunday 10th December from 12.30-2.30pm in St Francis Church Hall. Tickets can be bought from Barbara Goodchild at a cost of £10.00 each. If you are able to help with setting the tables, preparing vegetables, cooking, serving and clearing up please sign the sheet at the back of the church - even if you are only able to offer an hour that will be a great help. We are also looking for raffle prizes and welcome donations. Thank you.

The Men's Group will be holding their Christmas meal on Monday, 11th December at St Francis' church hall and have invited the men from St John's. We look forward to a very social evening with good food and fellowship. If you would like to join us, please contact Tim Shingler on tim.shingler@ntworld.com

Christmas Greetings Scheme: Once again you can give your greetings to your friends in the congregation by

putting a greetings card on the board at the back of church. The money you save from not sending cards can be donated to Demelza House, our local Children's Hospice. Please complete a Gift Aid envelope if you are a taxpayer. Cheques should be made payable to Demelza House.

A weekly lunch club runs at West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Church every Monday from 12 to 1.45 pm. If you know anyone who might be interested in attending, please contact the church on 020 8777 5705.

Prayer Ministry. If you come with any concerns about your health or have any other needs for which you would like prayer, do speak to one of the ministry team after the service and they would be pleased to pray with you. (Hazel, Richard, John, Rowena, Joan Read, Brian and Lesley).

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

Easy Fund-Raising: By using the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk to make on-line purchases, our Church will get a commission without you paying any more than if you were going direct to the supplier. The procedure is:

1. Log in to www.easyfundraising.org.uk
2. Select our page – St Francis of Assisi, West Wickham
3. Select the supplier you want
4. Continue with your purchase as normal.

David Wada, Hon Treasurer

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 Mothers' Union, Christmas Service at **Emmanuel Church**

Wednesday: 9.30 am Morning Prayer
10.45am Holy Communion

Thursday: 9 am Morning Prayer

Friday: 9 am Morning Prayer, **St Mary's**
10 – 12 noon church open to all
3.45 pm Messy Church

Saturday: 9 am Quiet Hour
10.30 am Action Aid Coffee
6.30 pm Scouts' Carol Service, at **St Mary's**

Sunday, 10th December – Toy and Nativity Service

8 am Holy Communion – Hazel O'Sullivan,
Preacher – Ken Bryan
10.45 am Worship for all Ages - Hazel O'Sullivan
Preacher – Brian Griffiths
12.30 – 2.30 pm Community Lunch in The Hall
3.30 pm Service at Burrell Mead
7 pm Carols at Park Langley Church

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