

St Francis of Assisi  
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Charity Commission No. 1134856  
Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December –

8 am Holy Communion at **St Mary's** – Richard Ford  
10.45 am Family Communion – Richard Ford  
6 pm Carol Service – Richard Ford  
Preacher – Hazel O'Sullivan

#### HYMNS

480: O come, o come, Emmanuel  
448: Meekness and majesty  
406: Long ago, prophets knew  
1: Abba, Father  
634: The angel Gabriel

**A big thank you** to everyone who helped with making the St Francis Community Christmas Lunch a success last Sunday. It was a great team effort and so good to see so many enjoying themselves despite the cold and snowy weather!

**A big thank you** to everyone who supported the Scouts Carol Service last week. So far on the night and online over £1,000 has been raised for George and the Giant Pledge. You can still donate on-line at [www.justgiving.com/WWscouts](http://www.justgiving.com/WWscouts). Dave Willis, Beaver leader.

**There is a service** of Messaien music, art and mediation for Advent happening at St Mary's Church, Addington, on Wednesday 20th December at 8 pm.

**Christian Aid:** Total cash collected at the Big Christmas Sing was £1,229. With gift aid and the Government's matching contribution, the value to Christian Aid is £2,833.

**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*.  
19th & 21st Dec - Emmanuel Church, The Grove

**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.

**Action Aid Coffee Mornings:** Please note there will be no coffee mornings on Saturdays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December. The next one will be on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**Joint Services for 2018:** there is a take-home list of dates and venues for the Joint 10 am Services available at the back of church.

**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).

**Church flowers:** If anyone would like a flower arrangement made for a specific Sunday, perhaps in memory of someone, please see the Team List on the notice board at the back of Church to see who is on the rota for that Sunday or speak to Nicky Nightingale or Joan Burford to make arrangements.

**Guide Dogs for the Blind:** Thank you to those of you who continue to place stamps in the box at the back of the church. I confirm I am still collecting for this worthy cause and the stamps are being passed on to me. Christine Haggart.

**Pew sheet:** Items for the pew sheet by Wednesday morning please: [elizabeth\\_bligh@hotmail.com](mailto: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: 9 am Morning Prayer  
Friday: 9 am Morning Prayer, **St Mary's**  
10 – 12 noon church open to all  
Saturday: 9 am Quiet Hour

#### Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

8 am Holy Communion – Richard Ford  
3 pm Christingle at St Mary's  
4.30 pm Christingle at St Mary's  
6 pm Lighting the Lamps – Brian Griffiths  
Preacher – Hazel O'Sullivan  
11.15 pm – Holy Communion – Hazel O'Sullivan

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