

**St Francis of Assisi**  
**www.stfranciswestwickham.co.uk**  
**Charity Commission No. 1134856**  
**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
8 am Holy Communion – Richard Ford  
10.45 Worship for All Ages – Brian Griffiths  
Preacher – Richard Ford

#### **HYMNS**

16: All hail the power of Jesus' name (omit v. 5)  
625: Take my life and let it be  
752: Will you come and follow me?  
72: Bind us together, Lord

We will be holding an **Alpha course** together with St John's church beginning on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January. This will run from 7.30pm to 10pm on a weekly basis, including a meal and open discussion about different aspects of the Christian faith. If you know anyone who might be interested in finding out more about Christianity or if you yourself would like to deepen your faith in a small group with a limited time frame, then please speak to Hazel for more information.

We will also be providing food to help these evenings run smoothly. If you feel you might be able to help in this way, please speak to Hazel.

**The Shack** is a movie which shows how a father moves from tragedy, through deep depression and a crisis of faith, to finding important truths that change his life for ever. It challenges many of our ways of thinking about God, in particular our gender assumptions. This film will be shown at Emmanuel Church on Wednesday 17th January at 7.30 pm and will be followed up with discussion events for men at St Francis on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm and for women at St Mary's on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm when we will also be making pancakes as it's Shrove Tuesday. All are welcome - do come with a friend.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** looks at how God calls us to unite together in ending injustice, so enabling all to be free. Services will be held at the following places and times:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January - 8.00 pm at West Wickham & Shirley Baptist Church  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January – 8.00 pm at St Mark's Catholic Church  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January – 10.00 am at Emmanuel Church  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January – 6.30 pm at St Francis' Church  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – 8.00 pm at St John's Church  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 8.00 pm at Hawes Lane Methodist Church  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – 8.00 pm at Coney Hill Baptist Church

**New Youth Group:** We need help please on Saturday 20th January 10-12 to clear weeds and undergrowth behind the hall to enable us to put up a new shed for storage of chairs. Please come along if you can.  
Kate and Roger Dyer

**Homelessness Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January:** there will be a collection for The Good Shepherd Soup Run at the 10 am Joint service at St Francis.  
If you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation please put the money in a labelled envelope and hand in beforehand.

**Movie Night in West Wickham:** A best-selling novel, now made into a movie. The Shack takes us on a father's uplifting spiritual journey from a family tragedy, through deep depression and a crisis of faith, to a meeting with an enigmatic trio of strangers where he finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever. Emmanuel Church, The Grove on Wednesday 17th January at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Bring a friend. (Hazel)

**St Francis Quiz Night with Ploughman's Supper:** we are hosting a Quiz Night with Ploughman's Supper on Saturday 27th January in St Francis Church Hall, Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham - 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10.00 per person. There will also be a raffle on the night. Please contact Nicky Nightingale for tickets - nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk or 0208 916 9855 in the evenings. Also if anyone would like to donate raffle prizes they would be most welcome.

If you would like to read **ONE** of the lessons on a Sunday in January, February or March 2018, please print your name on the list at the back of the Church. Thank you, Joan.

**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: 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, 21<sup>st</sup> January**

8 am Holy Communion at **St Mary's** – Hazel O'Sullivan  
10.45 Holy Communion – Richard Ford  
6.30 pm CTWW Service at St Francis – Richard Ford  
Preacher – 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**