

St Francis of Assisi
www.stfranciswestwickham.co.uk
Charity Commission No. 1134856
Sunday, 8th April

8 am Holy Communion – Richard Ford
10 am – Joint Service, at **St Mary's** – Richard Ford

Hymns

301: I believe in Jesus

687: Through the night of doubt and sorrow

144: Dear Lord and Father of mankind

352: Jesus is Lord!

A funeral service for **Pat Williams** will be held at St Francis' tomorrow, 9th April, at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

New **Diocesan Synod** members will be elected this summer for a term of 3 years. If you would like to represent the Croydon Addington Deanery as a lay person, please do speak to Hazel who can provide more information and put you in touch with others to talk to.

Easter cards and raffle: Daphne Dack's hand painted cards and raffle of a hand painted slate depicting two rabbits, raised a total of £80 for Christian Aid. Elizabeth Bligh won the raffle prize.

Morning Recital: on Friday 13th April at 11.30 am Pam Harvey-Fackrell (piano) and Inge Dawson (flute) will be performing. A free event, do come and bring friends.

Albie Mitchell will be baptised at St Francis' Church on Saturday 14th April at 1pm. Please pray for him and his family (Mum, Beth and Dad, Mike) as they prepare for this event. There is an open invitation for all members of our congregations to join Albie's family and friends at this service.

St Francis APCM - Sunday 15 April at 11.45am. The Agenda and papers for the forthcoming APCM are available at the back of St Francis Church ahead of the APCM following the service on Sunday 15 April.

We are trialling a **GraveTalk** event on Tuesday, 17th April at 7.30 pm at Corza Cafe, 111-113 High Street in West Wickham. This is an opportunity to talk in an informal atmosphere with friends around a small table over some food and drink. Although the theme is about death and dying, many of the questions used to prompt the conversation are about life and can spark a very positive discussion. More details are available on the website: www.gravetalkwww.com. Tickets for this first event can be booked by telephone on 020 8462 6571. You can use the telephone or the website to book for a second event on Thursday 24th May. Do come along and try it out.

A **Christenings event** will be held on Saturday 28th April between 10am and 12noon at St Francis' church. This is a drop-in event for those who want to find out more about getting their children baptised. Please do pick up a flyer and circulate this to relatives, friends and neighbours who might be interested.

We are looking for volunteers to join a Planning Group for the three day event that St Francis will be holding from 9-11 November 2018. This event is a major part of our mission action plan to reach out to the local community and will include a Flower Festival with support from West Wickham Floral

Society; the church being open over the 3 days; Croydon Male Voice Choir performing on the Saturday evening; afternoon tea in church on Saturday afternoon; Remembrance Sunday Service; Exhibition of memorabilia with a focus on peace; a reflective service with quiet time and prayer stations. If you would like to help plan, even if just for one specific part of the event that interests you, please speak to Nicky Nightingale, Tim Shingler or Hazel O'Sullivan.

Reading: If you would like to read ONE of the lessons on a Sunday in April, May or June, please print your name on the list at the back of Church. Thank you. Joan

St. George's Day Supper: Saturday 21st April 7.00 pm, in **St. Mary's Church Hall**. Tickets £15 each for a 3 course meal with wine available from Beryl 8289 8097 or bbolton@ntworld.com

Organ Recital by Travis Baker: Saturday, 28th April at 7.45 pm. Tickets £10 now available from John and Anita Curtis (Tel. 8777 5973) or at the door (under 16's free).

Christian Aid Week, 13th – 19th May 2018: House to house collectors are needed. If you are able to help, please contact Anita Curtis on 0208 777 5973. There is a letter of thanks from Christian Aid in recognition of the cheque we sent as a result of the Big Christmas Sing last December. Thank you for your continued support. Anita.

Royal Ritz Tea: Saturday, May 19th at 3.00 pm in the gardens or hall at **St Mary's Church**. A tea to celebrate the Royal Wedding - cost £8 per person. Please contact Jan 8777 1762 or Beryl 8289 8097. Numbers needed by the 6th May at the latest.

The Oberammergau Passion Play is a five-hour open air performance of the events of Holy Week. Bill Bowman will be travelling there with a group, also visiting other destinations in Austria, in early August 2020. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Bill on 07905 499815 or email wfbowman@hotmail.com.

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, at **St Mary's**
2 pm Mothers' Union in The Hall

Wednesday: 9.30 am Morning Prayer
10.45 am Holy Communion

Thursday: 9 am Morning Prayer

Friday: 9 am Morning Prayer, at **St Mary's**

Saturday: 9 am Quiet Hour
10.30 am Action Aid Coffee

Sunday, 15th April

8 am Holy Communion at **St Mary's** – Hazel O'Sullivan, Preacher – Ken Bryan
10.45 am – Family Communion – Hazel O'Sullivan
Annual Parochial Church Meeting will commence after the morning service.