

St Francis of Assisi
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Charity No. 1134856

Sunday, 26th January 2020 - Epiphany 2

8 am Holy Communion – Richard Ford

10 am Joint Service at **St Mary's** – Richard Ford, Preacher – Hazel O'Sullivan

3 pm Healing Service – Lesley East, Preacher – Rowena Griffiths

Before the start of the service it's good to prepare in quiet. Please talk to God in prayer at this time rather than to others, or perhaps look at the day's readings and hymns. After the service is the time for conversations with each other and we hope that you will stay then for a cup of tea or coffee.

Collect for 8 am Service: God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Hymns	Readings	Bible	Large Print
636: The church's one foundation			
144: Dear Lord and Father	Isaiah 9: 1 - 4	555	1074
752: Will you come and follow me?			
347: Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult	Matthew 4: 12 - 23	785	1509
72: Bind us together, Lord			

We have a **healing service** this afternoon at 3 pm in St Francis' church. Do come to pray for any physical, emotional, mental or spiritual difficulty that you, or someone close to you, is facing.

Joan Groombridge's funeral service will be on Friday, 7th February at 1.30 pm in St Francis' Church.

Our next visit to **Burrell Mead** residential home is on Sunday, 2nd February at 3.30 pm. Please let Hazel know if you'll be able to join in.

Forming a sacristy team: Preparing the altar for communion and ensuring that we have all the necessary books and other supplies for our church services, is a job made up of many parts. We are hoping that this can be shared between a small number of people who will work as a team in the future. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity to reorganise our sacristy function, please speak to Hazel.

"Here Am I": a photography exhibition celebrating 25 years of women's ordination in the Southwark Diocese is now on display in the Arnhem Foyer at The Fairfield Halls, Croydon until 17th April 2020. The Halls are open from 10 am – 6 pm daily and until 11 pm when a show is taking place in the venue.

Songs of Praise Service: on Sunday, 9th February. If you would like to choose a hymn, please write the hymn number or title of the hymn on the sheet at the back of the church, add your name and if you would like to introduce the hymn at the service or write a note that can be read on your behalf.

Joyce Town sends her love and best wishes to everyone at St Francis. Joyce has now moved into permanent accommodation at a Nursing Home in Purley. She would love to hear from her friends at St Francis and receive visitors. Due to GDPR regulations we cannot publish her address here, but if you would like further details and wish to visit or write to her please talk to Hazel or Rowena who will be pleased to pass on the information.

Action Aid: I am pleased to say that I have sent a cheque for £1,500 to Action Aid in respect of our Saturday coffee mornings held in 2019. Thank you to all those volunteers who bake and serve at these mornings and also to those who support them. If you haven't been yet, do come! (Barbara Goodchild)

Donations to the Homeless and Refugees: Many thanks for all your kind donations to these worthy causes. To avoid confusion, could you please ensure that donations for the Homeless are placed inside the large plastic box at the back of the church or clearly marked or labelled 'Homeless'. All other donations left in bags at the back of the church will be assumed to be for the Croydon Refugee Day Centre. This will ensure that what you have donated goes to the right organisation. Please also note that items of bedding (other than sleeping bags) cannot be donated to the homeless. Men's clothing and toiletries are always needed. Items of women's clothing should be donated to the Refugees. Many thanks once again for your generosity. (Brian Griffiths)

Used stamps: There is a box at the back of church for used stamps. I am collecting them to take to Ben Curtis as they collect them for the Leprosy Mission. Thank you. Barbara Goodchild

Reading: If you would like to read one of the lessons on a Sunday in February or March, please print your name on the list at the back of Church. Thank you, Joan Burford.

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, Brian and Lesley).

Church Flowers: We are a small group who put together the flowers in the church each week as well as the displays for Christmas, Easter and St Francis Patronal Festival and Harvest. We would welcome others who would like to join or help occasionally and if you are interested please talk to Nicky Nightingale.

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

Hazel's day off is Monday

Tuesday	8 am Morning Prayer at St Mary's 2 pm Prayer and Bible Study Group, in the Youth Room (Please note this group will not be meeting on Tuesday, 4 th February.)
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 10 am – 12 noon – Place of Welcome
Saturday	9 am Quiet Hour 10.30 – 11.30 Action Aid Coffee Morning

Sunday, 2nd February - Candlemas

8 am Holy Communion, at **St Mary's** – Richard Ford
10.45 am Holy Communion – Richard Ford
3.30 pm Service at Burrell Mead