

Sunday, 1st March 2020 – Lent 1

8 am Holy Communion at **St Mary's** – Hazel O'Sullivan

10.45 am Holy Communion at St Francis - Brian Griffiths, Preacher – Hazel O'Sullivan

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: Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns	Readings	Bible	Large Print
70: Be thou my vision	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	2	5
69: Be thou my guardian			
190: Forty days and forty nights	Romans 5:1-19	917	1764
252: Guide me, O thou great redeemer	Matthew 4:1-11	785	1509

The World Day of Prayer is focussed this year on Zimbabwe, which has a special resonance for us with our links to St Andrew's in Gweru. The Churches Together service is at 10.30am at St Mark's Church on Friday 6th March.

Lent Groups this year will be focused on the events of Holy Week, watching and discussing an inspiring film: The Passion – a BBC production from 2008. If you are not already a member of a home group, or if you'll miss a session from a home group, please join a drop in session at St Francis' church:

- 2pm on Tuesdays: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st March; or
- 12.30pm on Fridays (bring your own lunch; film starts at 1pm): 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March and 3rd April.

Other alternative groups to join are on Monday evenings (contact Richard Ford - 8289 2432), Thursday mornings (contact Debbie Adams – 8777 7834) or Friday mornings (contact Ken Bryan – 8777 1850).

The next **Women's event** is an evening on Nutrition and Wellness with a Nutritional Therapist & Health Coach. This will be held at St Mary's in the Youth Hall on Wednesday 11th March at 8pm. Refreshments will be served – do bring a friend.

Bishop's Lent Call: There is information about the various projects which will be supported this year at the back of church with envelopes for your donation. Please Gift Aid if you can, using the Gift aid envelope. Cheques should be made payable to St Francis Church.

St Francis APCM - Sunday 5 April - the APCM will be held following the service on Sunday 5 April and there are vacancies for 3 Deanery Synod Representatives and members of the PCC. If you

would like to serve as a Deanery Synod Representative or on the PCC please speak to Hazel or one of the Church Wardens.

There is an exhibition on the 4 ages of women at Bethlem Museum of the Mind and a group will be going on Saturday, 4th April when there is a free talk at 2 pm. We will meet at the gallery at 12.30 pm, or to walk there from St Francis' Church at 12 noon. If you would like to go to the talk, please book via the following link: <https://museumofthemind.org.uk/whats-on/events/hold-me-in-a-circle-of-tender-listening-2pm/2020/04/04> (Hazel O'Sullivan)

Organ Recital by Travis Baker - Saturday 14th March - we welcome the return of Travis Baker to St Francis on Saturday 14th March at 7.30 pm to give an organ recital as part of the lead up to the 'Festival of Arts'. Tickets are £10 (under 16s free) and include light refreshments during the interval and are available from John and Anita Curtis on 0208 777 5973 or on the door.

"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. Open from 10 am – 6 pm daily and until 11 pm when a show is taking place.

Safeguarding: We are now in receipt of the new manual - A SAFE CHURCH - this is stored at the back of the church. Should you have any questions about Safeguarding please do not hesitate to contact me, Kim Teare (PSO) or Hazel O'Sullivan (Vicar) to discuss any concerns in complete confidence. Safeguarding is section 4 of this manual and I would once again draw your attention to the subject of taking of photographs - you MUST obtain written consent for any photographs or videos to be taken, shown, displayed or stored.

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).

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 Lent Group (Drop in at St Francis)
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 10.30 am CTWW World Day of Prayer Service at St Mark's Church 10 am – 12 noon – Place of Welcome 12.30 – Lent Group (Drop in at St Francis)
Saturday	9 am Quiet Hour 10.30 – 11.30 Action Aid Coffee Morning

Sunday, 8th March 2020 – Lent 2

8 am Holy Communion – Hazel O'Sullivan. Preacher – Ken Bryan
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