

**St Francis of Assisi**  
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**Charity No. 1134856**

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019 –**

8 am Holy Communion, at **St Mary's** – Hazel O'Sullivan, Preacher – Ken Bryan

10.45 am Toy Service – Brian Griffiths, Preacher - Hazel O'Sullivan

12.30 pm – Community Lunch

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: God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Bible</b>	<b>Large Print</b>
370 Joy to the world			
88 Brother, sister, let me serve you (Nativity)			
641 The First Nowell			
303 I cannot tell			

We will be **collecting toys** at the service this morning for Bromley & Croydon Women's Aid. Children in a refuge or other temporary accommodation as a result of domestic abuse really would appreciate something special at Christmas.

**Christian Aid:** Daphne Dack will be selling hand-painted cards, pebbles and raffle tickets after this morning's service, when the raffle will be drawn. So far, Daphne has raised a total of £100 for Christian Aid.

**The Big Christmas Sing** last Saturday raised a total of over £1200 for Christian Aid. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

The **Advent Course** will continue on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm in St Francis' Church, to explore characters in the Christmas story more deeply.

**Bethlem Hospital Carol Service** is on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3 pm in their chapel on site. All are welcome.

There is a **dementia-friendly carol service** on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30 pm in Emmanuel Church. Please do go along if interested and tell others about it too.

**Burrell Mead Residential Home** have their Christmas Party on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 4 pm. All are welcome.

**Help a Hospice and save a tree:** send Christmas greetings to all your friends in the congregation by putting a card on the Christmas Greetings 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.

**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

**Safeguarding** - Taking and Publishing Images of Children: On the noticeboard and in the Safeguarding folder by the entrance to the church there is a notice showing the suggested guidance that should be followed should anyone be taking photographs or filming at any church event. If there are any questions arising from this please speak to either Hazel O'Sullivan (Church Incumbent) or Kim Teare (Parish Safeguarding Officer).

**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).

**Donations** of non-perishable foods and items of clothing for the Croydon Refugee Day Centre can be left in the box at the back of the church.

**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.

We have our own **Facebook** page at [www.facebook.com/StFofA/](http://www.facebook.com/StFofA/). If you're on Facebook, please visit the page and 'like' us.

**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

Tuesday:                8 am Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
                              2 pm Advent Course

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, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

8 am Holy Communion, **at St Mary's**

10.45 am Holy Communion – Brian Griffiths, Preacher – Hazel O'Sullivan

6 pm Carol Service, Rowena Griffiths, Preacher – Richard Ford