**St Francis of Assisi**

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**Charity No. 1134856**

**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

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: Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.**

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| **Hymns** | **Readings**  | **Bible** | **Large Print** |
| 38: Make way! | Malachi 3: 1 - 5 | 778 | 1499 |
| 582: Restore, O Lord |  |  |  |
| Longing for light (Christ be our light) | Hebrews 2: 14 - 18 | 971 | 1875 |
| 574: Purify my heart |  |  |  |
| 755: Ye holy angels bright | Luke 2: 22 - 40 | 833 | 1602 |

The Church of England is conducting a Past Cases Review to ensure that all past safeguarding matters, relating to both children and vulnerable adults, have been reported and addressed. If anyone is aware of anything of concern from the past, please raise this with Hazel in confidence and she will ensure that it is reported on appropriately.

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

**St Francis Community Lunch - Sunday 16th February** - the next Community Lunch will be held on Sunday 16th February from 12.30-2.30 pm in St Francis’ Church Hall - tickets are available from Barbara Goodchild at £6.00 each.  For dessert we would be grateful for donations of apple crumble and if you are able to provide a dessert please can you sign the sheet on the table towards the back of church.  We are also looking for helpers on the day and again if you are able to offer some time to help please sign the sheet on the table towards the back of the church.  Many thanks Nicky Nightingale

**Wine Tasting Evening - Saturday 29 February**- as one of the events leading up to the 'Festival of Arts - Well-being through the Arts' in July, a wine tasting evening is being held on Saturday 29 February at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church Hall, The Avenue.  There will be eight wines for tasting and a cheese supper with breads and pickles.  All are welcome and tickets are £15 and  available from Tim Shingler on 0208 402 8286 or please speak to Kate Dyer or Nicky Nightingale.

**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 - Well-being through the 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.

**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.

**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)

**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

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| Tuesday | 8 am Morning Prayerat St Mary’s2 pm Prayer and Bible Study Group, in the Youth Room(Please note this group will not be meeting on Tuesday, 4th February.) |
| Wednesday | 9.30 am Morning Prayer10.45 am Holy Communion |
| Thursday | 9 am Morning Prayer |
| Friday | 9 am Morning Prayer at St Mary’s10 am – 12 noon – Place of Welcome |
| Saturday | 9 am Quiet Hour10.30 – 11.30 Action Aid Coffee Morning |

**Sunday, 9th February 2020**

8 am Holy Communion– Hazel O’Sullivan

10.45 am Songs of Praise **–** Hazel O’Sullivan and Brian Griffiths