**St Francis of Assisi**

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**Charity No. 1134856**

**Sunday, 23rd February 2020 – Sunday before Lent**

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

10 am Joint Service at St Francis - Richard Ford, Liz and Mike Jeggo

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: Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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| **Hymns** | **Readings**  | **Bible** | **Large Print** |
| 20: All over the world | Exodus 24: 12-18 | 62 | 122 |
| 17: All heaven declares |  |  |  |
| 114: Come down, O love divine | 2 Peter 1: 16-21 | 987 | 1905 |
| 757: Ye servants of the Lord |  |  |  |
| 332: I, the Lord of sea and sky | Matthew 17: 1-9 | 798 | 1534 |

**Our church gardens:** I just want to say a big thank you to everyone who came along to help me tidy the gardens and plant our Spring bulbs in October. We are now seeing all our hard work has paid off and we can look forward to having a lovely display. Moving forward, I will be at the church on the first Saturday of every month (weather permitting) between 9.30 am and 12 noon. If anyone would like to join me they would be most welcome. If you have any cuttings, bulbs or plants that you would like to donate, please bring them along. Julie Bailey

**Jacqueline Turner** and Francesco Lauri (pianist), a fellow student at Trinity Laban Conservatoire, will perform at St George’s Church, High St., Beckenham at 11 am on Saturday, 29th Feb. Programme to include works by Handel, Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninov. Admission is free.

**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.

Our next **Women's event** is an evening on nutrition and wellness.  Find out from an expert how we can use our food to take control of our health.  Wednesday, 11th March at 8 pm in St Mary's Youth Hall, The Avenue.  BR4 0DX.  Refreshments served. Bring a friend.

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.

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**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. 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

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| Tuesday | 8 am Morning Prayerat St Mary’s2 pm Prayer and Bible Study Group, in the Youth Room |
| 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, 1st March 2020 – Lent 1**

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