

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH /ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI – WEST WICKHAM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Mothering Sunday

Alternative Collect: God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our churches will be open this Sunday morning (22nd March) for prayer and reflection:

St. Mary's from 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and St. Francis from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Please drop in at any time if you feel able to do so and keep a safe distance from others while you are here. Please wash your hands thoroughly before leaving home and use some hand sanitiser on the way into the church building. This Sunday there will be some flowers available, which Hazel has blessed, as we normally do on Mothering Sunday. Please take some and leave them with anyone you know who may be alone at this time, as a symbol of God being with us and taking care of us during this difficult time. If you are able, do offer help and support to those that you know.

Hazel writes:

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called this a defining moment for the Church of England. At St. Francis' and St. Mary's we want to be known as a church for all and will maintain a presence in having our buildings open at certain times for prayer and reflection, as well as posting resources to our websites and being in touch with regular members of our congregation.

This Sunday will form part of a national day of prayer and action when we stand in solidarity with other churches. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds. At 7.00 p.m. this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your home as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

If you are a regular member of our congregation we plan to keep connected by phone or email and through the websites. If you have not been contacted by someone from the church, please call **Hazel on 020 8777 5034** so that we can keep in touch through an appropriate means.

Please follow the guidelines of the NHS and Government at all times, remembering that there is great value in looking out for others that we know who might need help. It is vital we take these precautions to control this virus, because we have a duty of care, not only to ourselves but to all of our community.

Providing resources and updates

We will post a PDF file and an audio sermon to the websites each week, but will develop further resources for worship at home as the weeks progress. These resources will also be available on paper for those who are self-isolating and not on-line.

The churches will be open at the following times during the week for prayer & reflection

Monday – St. Mary's 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday - St Mary's 12 noon to 1.00 p.m.

Wednesday - St Francis' 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Thursday - St Francis' 12 noon to 1.00 p.m.

Friday - St Mary's 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Saturday - St Francis' 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

There are now no other events taking place in our buildings and Parish Lunches have been cancelled for April and May.

Any items for the websites to brian.griff19@btinternet.com or gift@nortey.com and anything for typing to bbolton@ntlworld.com or 8289 8097. The new edition of the magazines will be ready soon.