

# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

## WEST WICKHAM

### PARISH MAGAZINE



August/September 2021

50 pence

**THE CHURCH OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**  
**RAVENSWOOD AVENUE WEST WICKHAM KENT BR4 0PW**

Church Website: [www.stfranciswestwickham.co.uk](http://www.stfranciswestwickham.co.uk)

 [www.facebook.com/StFofA](https://www.facebook.com/StFofA)

**Vicar:** The Revd Hazel O'Sullivan.. .. 8777 5034  
 The Vicarage, The Avenue, West Wickham, BR4 0DX  
 email: [hazelos58@gmail.com](mailto:hazelos58@gmail.com)  
*Day off: Monday*

**Assistant Priest:** The Rev Richard Ford .. .. 8289 2432  
 email: [richard.ford73@ntlworld.com](mailto:richard.ford73@ntlworld.com)

**Reader:** Brian Griffiths .. .. 8777 6112

**SPA [Pastoral Auxiliaries]:** Lesley East .. .. 8289 1483  
 Rowena Griffiths .. .. 8777 6112

#### Church Directory

**Churchwardens:** Barry Burford .. .. 8777 2034  
 Kate Dyer.. [katedyer41@hotmail.com](mailto:katedyer41@hotmail.com)

**Secretary:** Nicky Nightingale .. .. 8916 9855  
 email: [nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicholanightingale@hotmail.co.uk)

**Treasurer:** David Wada .. .. 8777 6355  
 email: [stfranciswwtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:stfranciswwtreasurer@gmail.com)

**Director of Music:** Geoff Mussard .. .. 8650 8389

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Kim Teare .. [kim\\_teare@hotmail.com](mailto:kim_teare@hotmail.com)

**Parish Magazine – Content:** Margaret Green .. 07931 537888

**Magazine – Distribution:** Nicky Nightingale.. .. 8916 9855

**Library:** Sarah Coverdale .. .. 8777 0130

**Bible Reading Fellowship:** Lesley East .. .. 8289 1483

# REGULAR SERVICES

*ONCE RESUMED*

## SUNDAY

- 8.00 am**     **Holy Communion**  
1st & 3rd Sundays at St Mary's Church, The Avenue  
2nd Sundays at St Francis' Church  
*4th & 5th Sundays vary – See calendar for details*
- 10.45 am**     **Parish Communion**  
Activities for younger children (aged 3+) and crèche facilities in church
- 10.45 am**     **2nd Sunday – Worship for All Ages** (non–Eucharistic)
- 10.00 am**     **Last Sunday – Joint Family Communion**  
with St Mary's, held alternately at each church  
*See calendar for details*

## WEDNESDAY

- 9.30 am**     **Morning Prayer**  
**10.45 am**     **Holy Communion**

## THURSDAY

- 9.00 am**     **Morning Prayer**

## SATURDAY

- 9.00 am – 10.00 am**     **Church open for quiet and prayer**

*During August and September on–line and paper–based resources for worship at home will be circulated each week in addition to some services taking place in person. At the time of going to print, the following services are planned in church but this is subject to change at short notice, dependent on local restrictions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic.*

## AUGUST 2021

### Planned Services as at 11 July

*On-line and paper-based resources for worship at home will continue to be circulated each week in addition to services taking place in person. At the current time, the following services are planned in the church buildings and on-line, but this is subject to change at short notice, dependent on local restrictions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic and on the feedback currently being sought from the congregations.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Talk</i>	<i>President/Lead</i>	
Sun 1 Aug <i>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Ex 16:2-4, 9-15 Eph 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	Richard*	Richard*	8.00 am at St M – Richard 10.00 am at St F – Richard
Sun 8 Aug <i>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	1 Kings 19:4-8 Eph 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	Brian*	Hazel*	8.00 am at St F – Hazel 10.00 am at St M – Hazel
Fri 13 Aug	Messy Church			3.15 pm at St M
Sun 15 Aug <i>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity/ Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Is. 61:10-end Gal 4:4-7 Luke 1: 46-55	Hazel	Hazel	8.00 am at St M – Hazel 10.00 am at St F – Hazel
Sun 22 Aug <i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18 Eph 6:10-20 John 6:56-69	Richard*	Hazel*	8.00 am at St F – Richard 10.00 am at St M – Hazel
Sun 29 Aug <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Deut 4:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-end Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Ken*	Richard*	8.00 am at St F – Richard 10.00 am at St M – Richard

Morning Prayer at St Mary's – 9.00 am on Tuesdays (possibly changing to Thurs).  
Morning Prayer at St Francis' - 9.30 am on Wednesdays.  
St Francis' open for private prayer every Wednesday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### Planned Services as at 11 July

*On-line and paper-based resources for worship at home will continue to be circulated each week in addition to services taking place in person. At the current time, the following services are planned in the church buildings and on-line, but this is subject to change at short notice, dependent on local restrictions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic and on the feedback currently being sought from the congregations.*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Talk</i>	<i>President/Lead</i>	
Sun 5 Sept <i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Climate Sunday: readings TBA</i>	Hazel	Richard	8.00 am at St M – Hazel 10.00 am at St F – Richard
Fri 10 Sept	Messy Church			3.45 pm at St M
Sun 12 Sept <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>Education Sunday – non-Eucharistic</i>	Children's Society Speaker	Ken*	8.00 am at St F – Richard 10.00 am at St M – Ken
Sun 19 Sept <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Jer 11:18-20 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Brian	Richard	8.00 am at St M – Richard 10.00 am at St F – Richard
Sun 26 Sept <i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	Num 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 James 5:13-end Mark 9:38-end	Hazel/ CAP speaker	Hazel	8.00 am at St F – Hazel 10.00 am at St M – Hazel

Morning Prayer at St Mary's – 9.00 am on Tuesdays (possibly changing to Thurs).  
Morning Prayer at St Francis' - 9.30 am on Wednesdays.  
St Francis' open for private prayer every Wednesday from 10.30 am to 11.30 am.

## Prayer Cycle

We pray for those who live in:

Knox-Johnson House, High Street; Linden Leas; Links Road; Manor Court, Manor Road; Manor Park Close; Manor Park Lane; Manor Road, Martin's Close, Hawes Lane; The Mead; Monkton House, The Alders; North Road; Oak Grove; Oak Lodge Drive; Oaklands Avenue. In our cycle of prayer for other churches in West Wickham, we pray for Coney Hall Baptist Church: the minister, Rev. Ian Hamlin and all the church family there.

Pray for all the families associated with the St Francis' Pre-school. May those children moving to primary school in September make a successful transition and may new families find it a caring environment where their child can flourish.

As we continue with our series of meetings on what it means to be an Inclusive Church, pray that we might take advantage of those opportunities that we have to come alongside those who might feel marginalised from our church and to let them know about the love of God which can be found within the community.

Pray for an end to violence on the streets of London and for all young people, that they may find groups where they feel that they belong and which are not based on conflict with another group or individuals who are different.

Pray for our link parish of St Andrew's in Zimbabwe and for another new priest there. Pray for an improvement in the economic situation in the country and for shortages in the rollout of Covid vaccines to be overcome.

### From the Parish Registers:

#### **Baptism**

Frederick Michael Derham was brought for baptism on Saturday 19 June 2021 by parents Michelle and Howard Derham. All three God parents – Chloe, David and Danny were in attendance.

## *Dear Friends*

It's the day after the House of Commons have just voted to support the Government's decision to cut the overseas aid budget from 0.7% to 0.5%, citing the impact of Covid as the reason. 0.2% doesn't sound much, except that governments deal in big numbers, so that 0.2% amounts to £4 billion.

This morning at Morning Prayer, the New Testament reading came from Paul's Second Letter to the church in Corinth, in which Paul is urging the Corinthians to give generously to a collection for the distressed Christians in Jerusalem, citing the generosity of the Macedonian churches, who, "during a severe ordeal of affliction" have nevertheless, from "their abundant joy and extreme poverty . . . overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part." Paul goes on to say, "They voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means." (2 Corinthians 8. 2-3)

At the conclusion of this reading, Hazel and I, almost as one, commented that we found ourselves comparing that with what had happened in the Commons the day before. And lest some of you may be tempted to stop reading at this point because you don't believe in mixing religion and politics, let me say that much of what Jesus did was political, for he frequently challenged the religious leaders of the day, as, for example, in overturning the tables of the money changers and animal sellers in the Temple, accusing them of turning God's house into a "den of thieves." And before we're tempted to say that that was just a religious act, we need to remember that the religious leaders in Jesus' day were also the political leaders, exercising their authority through the Sanhedrin, the ruling council.

That Christianity involves politics is evident from the presence of the bishops in the House of Lords. It was also recognised by the Lambeth Conference of 1988, which developed what have become known as the Five Marks of Mission, one of which is to "seek to transform unjust structures in society," and that cannot be achieved without being political, as demonstrated by William Wilberforce who, as who as an MP, worked for the abolition of the slave trade.

But back to what happened in Parliament yesterday, when every living prime minister, with the exception of Boris Johnson, condemned the

decision to cut the overseas aid budget, including John Major, David Cameron and Teresa May, who, a committed Christian, spelt out in the Commons that, as a consequence of the cuts, “fewer girls will be educated, more boys and girls will become slaves, more children go hungry and more of the poorest people in the world will die.” Charities, including the Red Cross, have calculated that these cuts will lead to 100,000 preventable deaths and millions facing malnutrition.

So how might we respond, since the decision has been made and anyway it was always out of our hands? One way is to support those charities whose work focuses on supporting those very countries which the Government is abandoning, such as the Red Cross, Save the Children, and Christian Aid. Another is to bear all this in mind next time you’re invited to the ballot box.

And remember, Paul was asking the Christians in Corinth to support the Christians in Rome – overseas aid indeed!

*Richard*



### Afternoon Tea

At the time of writing, we are hopeful of all restrictions being lifted in late July and so having an opportunity to celebrate and look forward to a return to some of the activities that we undertook before the lockdowns of the past 18 months. In order to take advantage of the good weather (?) and light afternoons, we will be having an afternoon tea on Sunday 22 August from 3.00 pm-5.00 pm in the gardens at St Mary’s. This will be an opportunity to gather together for a social interaction and to catch up with those that we may not have seen for some time. Further details will follow in due course, but do put the date in your diary.

### God With Us

Just before the lockdown, four of us visited Dulwich Picture Gallery and thoroughly enjoyed the Rembrandt Exhibition and the way he painted the Light of God shining in his paintings. After lunch we made our way back to the car to make our journey home, but to our dismay the front wheel tyre of the car was completely gashed by a sharp stone edging and it was flat. As all four of us are elderly, we felt slight panic at what would probably prove a long job to get out a mechanic, since neither of the men with us would be able to change a tyre.

To top it all, it was now raining, and the gallery was closed. Suddenly a young man appeared out of nowhere and said, “Don’t worry, I’ll fix it for you”. He proceeded to change the very badly damaged wheel as we looked on, feeling suddenly very strange and calm. As he finished, he said he did not want any payment – or thanks – he was so pleased to have been of help. We turned around and he was gone – he disappeared as suddenly as he had arrived.

My friend, Theresa, looked at me and said, “That was an angel sent by God”. I realised that strange calm and wonderful feeling that we had felt was God with us in our hour of need and I will never forget our ‘angel’.

*Daphne Dack*

*You can see more stories of God with us in a video prepared for the service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July. This is on our YouTube channel at*

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCq1RdXI27bTlompT6ICPoGQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq1RdXI27bTlompT6ICPoGQ)

## **The Children's Society**

Hello, I'm Jon, I both volunteer and work for The Children's Society.

Firstly, a big THANK YOU! Over the past 20 years, the churches of St Francis of Assisi and St Mary of Nazareth have raised over £30,900 to support our work with the most vulnerable young people. We're extremely grateful for your support, especially over the past year, which is why I wanted to give an update on how COVID-19 has impacted The Children's Society.

During the past year, The Children's Society has been busy recreating our services to provide them in a digital world, for example by shipping equipment to young people, like laptops and smart phones, to ensure those who didn't have them had a way to connect with our project workers.

I'm a volunteer befriender in the Refugee & Migrant team, which works with young people who have often fled war-torn countries and are separated from their families.

They often have no support networks here and limited opportunities to make friends. I meet face-to-face with a young person to do an activity that we've chosen together, such as visiting a famous London landmark or museum, or playing games or sports. This helps the young person get familiar with their new city.

I personally was overwhelmed with my first visit to London as a teenager, not knowing if you tap in or out of buses. Can you imagine how it would be for a young person from another country? These activities would help them get an understanding of British Culture, improve their English and build their confidence. However, since the lockdown, this has stopped... We've replaced these with weekly catch-up calls, which were quite tricky, as it's more difficult to communicate on the phone across a language barrier. Fortunately, technology is a big helper and we've recreated things we were doing before by taking online tours of museums or zoos – something we can do at the same time.

I do hope I've given you an idea of how we've recreated our services during lockdown. We couldn't do so without the support from parishes like St Francis' and St Mary's. THANK YOU!

*Jon Mann, Relationship Manager – The Children's Society*

Despite the challenges, we continue to walk towards the young people that society crosses the road to avoid. These young people have something within them, and that something is hope.

We counsel, support and campaign for the young people whose hopes and happiness are the most threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect. We couldn't do that without the help of our supporters.

Thank you for your support once again and if you would like a collection box, please do contact David & Wendy Taylor or Christine Morton. It's a convenient way to support us, collectively raising £1.2 million a year. We will be coming to a service in September where there will be an opportunity to find out more about the work of The Children's Society and to meet – hopefully in-person.

## **Growing in Faith and Life – The Bishops of Southwark's Certificate in Discipleship**

Booking has now opened for the extremely popular Bishop's Certificate Course starting in September. There are five taught modules (5 weeks per module) and a final residential weekend module as follows:

- Following - about the New Testament
- Remembering - about the Old Testament
- Exploring - about the history of the church and what it means to be Anglican
- Believing - about what Christians believe
- Deepening - about living, serving and praying as a follower of Jesus
- Expecting - about putting your future into God's hands

The last two modules were new to the course that has just finished. In the 'Deepening Module' students look at the very first church described in Acts 2: 42-47 to see how they developed their disciplines, fellowship and service to all. It is based on the 'Holy Habits' series published by the Bible Reading Fellowship. The last module, 'Expecting', is a residential weekend at the Diocesan retreat house called Wychcroft in Surrey.

For 2021/2022, there are four options to participate. Tuesday evenings at Trinity House, near London Bridge, Wednesday evenings online via 'Zoom', Thursday evenings online and Saturday mornings at Trinity House.

Some students enrol on the course as a stepping-off point for exploring their vocation and they have progressed to become Ordinands, Readers and other Lay Ministers. However, the overwhelming majority of people take it just for the joy of finding out more about their faith. There is no obligation to complete assignments. However, completing the course assignments is, at present, compulsory for those who wish to be Southwark Pastoral Assistants (SPA's). There is a special celebration service in Southwark Cathedral each year when Bishop Christopher presents all students with their certificates.

The cost of the course is £220 which includes the residential event at Wychcroft. For more information about the course speak to Brian Griffiths our Reader who is also a course tutor, or Debbie Adams who has completed the course. To request an application form and a schedule of dates, email [bishopscertificate@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:bishopscertificate@southwark.anglican.org) or telephone the Diocesan Office on 020 7939 9400 and ask for the Discipleship and Ministry Department.

*Brian*

### **What is Reader Ministry?**

The office of Reader goes back to the third century when candidates for ordained ministry had first to be in minor orders including lectors or readers. In the Church of England, Reader Ministry in its present form was revived in 1866. Originally only men were allowed to be Readers, but the first women readers were licensed during the First World War. Readers are licensed by the Bishop to lead 'Services of the Word', including the traditional offices of Morning and Evening Prayer. However, as they are not ordained as priests they may not preside at the Eucharist (Communion), although they may assist with the service including preaching, conducting some parts of it and distributing the consecrated bread and wine. Readers are also licensed to administer home communions and to teach the faith. Some Readers, after additional training, are authorised by the Bishop to conduct funerals. The traditional robes a Reader is permitted to wear are cassock, surplice and blue scarf.

There are currently over 10,000 licensed Readers in the Church of England. In some Dioceses (such as Rochester and London) Readers are now renamed as Licensed Lay Ministers (LLM). Following the selection process, Southwark Readers train with St Augustine's College of Theology for the Certificate in Higher Education in Theology, Ministry and Mission. Much of the teaching is shared with students who are preparing for Ordained Ministry. Currently training comprises of two years with St Augustine's after which the Readers are licensed and then a further two years of post-licensing training.

The role of a Reader in the church is changing and there is a new vision for Reader ministry. This vision is entitled: 'Resourcing Sunday to Saturday Faith – Readers, Lay Ministers and Everyday Faith'. There are three main strands to this vision: teaching the faith, enabling mission in the everyday, and leading in church and society. This new vision springs from a major Church of England study published a few years ago called 'Setting God's People Free' and it seeks to bring about a change in the culture of the church – one which makes everyday faith central to what we do. In The Church of England General Synod in June this year a very bold new strategy was put forward by the Archbishop of York. The vision is to set up 10,000 new worshipping communities by 2030 and to develop 3000 churches as worshipping hubs for children and young people. The strategy says 'We sense we need a bold calling of lay leaders in their thousands to complement this movement, particularly in ministry with young people.' Readers and Licensed Lay Ministers are going to be absolutely critical to this new world for the church.

Reader ministry is just one lay ministry in our Diocese. New lay ministries being launched in our Diocese at present include Lay Pioneers, Family, Childrens and Youth Ministries. More information can be found on the Diocesan Website by visiting <https://southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/ministry/discipleship-ministry/lay-ministries/>

*Brian*



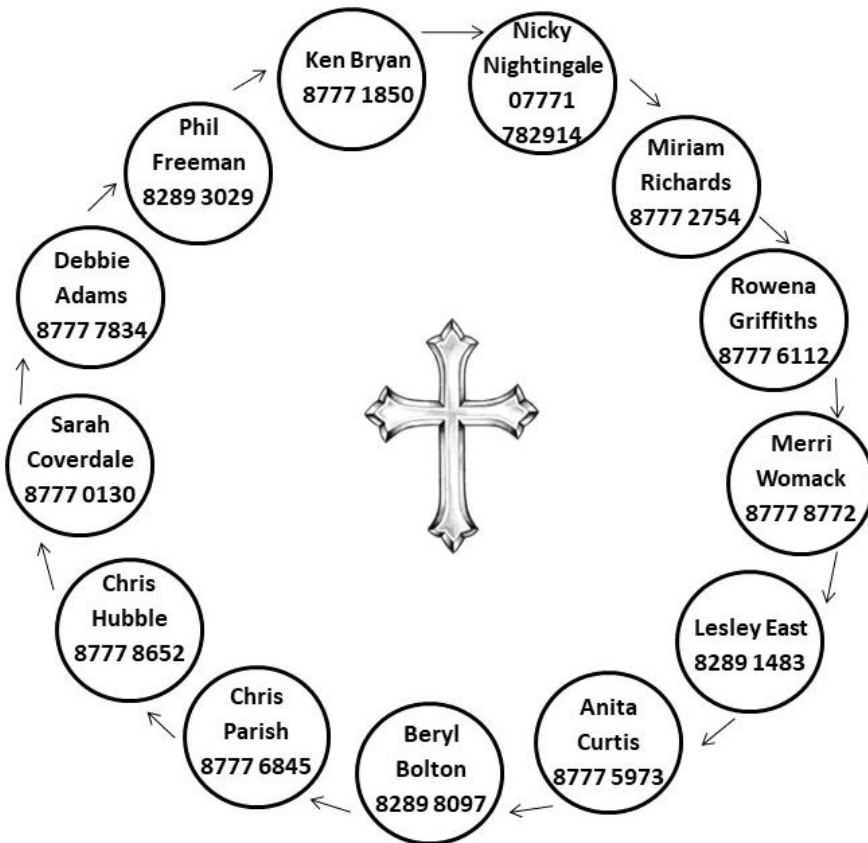
### St Francis' & St Mary's Prayer Chain

Many people find they are given strength and peace of mind when they know that they, or their loved ones, are being prayed for – and the more people who are praying for someone, the better!

If you would like prayer for yourself, please call anyone on the chain below and they will pass a message on around the circle. If you would like prayer for someone you know, please get their permission first.

If you would like a name added to the intercessions list in our services (which will be on-line as well as in-person), please state this when you make contact.

*Hazel*



### **Bishop Jonathan writes . . . .**

As I began to think about what to write this month, I found myself at something of a loss. Not because I couldn't think of anything, but because there is too much.

I am writing on the anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, and I want to write reminding us all that black lives have not ceased to matter. I am writing as we may (or may not) be emerging from the last stages of lockdown, and I would like to reflect on the ways in which Coronavirus is becoming defined by poverty, ethnicity and social exclusion. Check the map of vaccination statistics if you don't believe me. And I am writing just after the Catholic Bishops issued a letter on the challenges of climate change, and as preparations for COP26 are getting under way. The climate crisis has not gone away, and time is rapidly running out even for such a crisis-driven species as human beings to do something about it.

So what shall I say? Rather than focusing only on one, I have tried instead to dig out one of the common themes which seems to me to underlie all three. It's all about justice – justice perhaps more in the biblical sense than in our law courts. It's about justice as the restoration of God's desire for the whole of creation, the re-ordering of what is out of joint. It is in the experience of those who suffer poverty, marginalisation, persecution and more that we see where the world has gone wrong. That is one of the many ways in which the poor are our teachers.

The search for justice is not merely for the benefit of those who suffer, though that would be enough. It is also vital for those of us whose lives are – or seem – safe and secure. The point is being made in relation to vaccination clearly enough: no one is safe until everyone is safe. But it is also, obviously, true of our climate. Rising sea levels will sink much of South London as much as Miami or Dhaka or Vanuatu.



And it is true of racial justice also. As long as black lives matter less than white, everyone's life is out of kilter, diminished. Only when all people are valued, as the equally and infinitely beloved children of God, is that balance restored.

✠ Jonathan Southwark



**The Dean of Southwark has written the following prayer which you may wish to use**

***Please pray for all who are involved in the response to this crisis worldwide.***

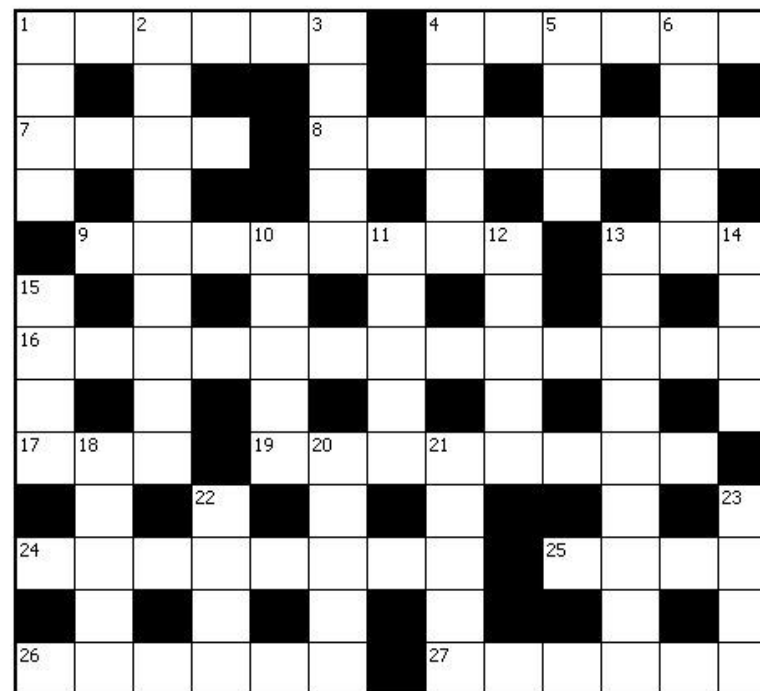
Loving God,  
 Source of healing and comfort,  
 Fill us with your grace,  
 That the sick may be made whole,  
 That those who care for us may be strengthened,  
 That the anxious may be calmed,  
 And those most vulnerable be protected  
 In the power of Spirit  
 In the faith of  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

**October/November Magazine**

Items for inclusion in the next magazine are needed by Sunday 12 September. Please email them to Margaret Green or telephone her to make alternative arrangements.

Tel: 01793 537888 or email: magletitiagreen@hotmail.com

**Bible Crossword for August/September**



**Clues**

**Across**

- 1 Of Moses (6)
- 4 'You have been weighed on the — and found wanting' (Daniel 5:27) (6)
- 7 Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4)
- 8 Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8)
- 9 Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection (Acts 23:8) (8)
- 13 South London Mission (1,1,1)
- 16 Sure of one's own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9)
- 17 'At this the man's face fell. He went away — , because he had great wealth' (Mark 10:22) (3)
- 19 Airs used (anag) (8)

- 24 'The Lord is my — , I shall not be in want' (Psalm 23:1) (8)
- 25 'He has sent me to — up the broken-hearted' (Isaiah 61:1) (4)
- 26 At or towards the rear of a ship (6)
- 27 Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller, — Blessitt (6)

**Down**

- 1 Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4)
- 2 Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9)
- 3 Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1)
- 4 'Father, give me my — of your estate' (Luke 15:12) (5)
- 5 Assistant (4)
- 6 On a par (John 5:18) (5)
- 10 Credo (anag) (5)
- 11 Beaten with a rod (5)
- 12 The fourth of Job's 'comforters', who deferred making his contribution because of his junior status (Job 32:6) (5)
- 13 Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as 'a capable man' (Ezra 8:18) (9)
- 14 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where — and rust destroy' (Matthew 6:19) (4)
- 15 Employs (4)
- 18 Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5)
- 20 Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1)
- 21 Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life (5)
- 22 Recess at east end of a church (4)
- 23 One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)



**Crossword Solutions for June/July**

A	M	B	U	S	H		S	C	H	O	O	L	
T		I		I				O		W		U	
T	I	R	E	D			F	A	M	I	N	E	S
A		E		E			A		P		E		T
C	I	T	A	D	E	L			E	N	D	O	R
H		T					S		T				E
			A	T	O	N	E	M	E	N	T		
F					S		H			A		A	
A	V	E	R	T			O	R	A	C	L	E	S
R		A		R			O		L		E		L
M	A	R	R	I	E	D			L	A	N	C	E
E		L		C					E		T		E
R	H	Y	T	H	M			H	Y	S	S	O	P

**Sudoku for June/July**

			7	8	6	3		
3	4				9			8
			2				7	1
	7				3	1		
9	5	2	4		8	6	3	7
		6	9				4	
4	6				1			
2			8				1	3
		3	5	4	2			

**Sudoku Solutions for June/July**

5	2	1	7	8	6	3	9	4
3	4	7	1	5	9	2	6	8
6	8	9	2	3	4	5	7	1
8	7	4	6	2	3	1	5	9
9	5	2	4	1	8	6	3	7
1	3	6	9	7	5	8	4	2
4	6	8	3	9	1	7	2	5
2	9	5	8	6	7	4	1	3
7	1	3	5	4	2	9	8	6

**Word Search Clues for August/September**

**The Transfiguration**

On 6 August the Church remembers the Transfiguration of Jesus. The story is told in Matthew 17, Mark 9 and Luke 9. The mountain may well have been one of the three high spurs of Mount Hermon, which rises to 9,000 feet. Jesus was suddenly transfigured before Peter, James and John. His face began to shine as the sun, his garments became white and dazzling. Then Elijah and Moses appeared, but why? These two men represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But both the Law and the Prophets found their true and final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah. Elijah and Moses were handing on the baton, if you like. Now God's dwelling with mankind would depend on the New Covenant based on Jesus' death on the cross.

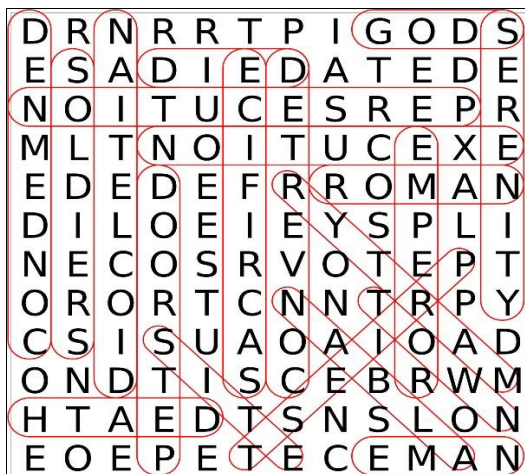
Words to Find		
Beloved	Law	Pleased
Covenant	Mankind	Prophets
Dwelling	Moses	Radiant
Elijah	Mount	Sealing
Exodus	Mountain	Sinai
Face	New	Son
James	Peter	Well

John		
------	--	--

**Word Search for August/September**

L	N	U	N	W	R	O	L	A	O	L	L	E	W	O
S	P	W	P	E	T	E	R	A	D	I	A	N	T	T
I	B	E	L	O	V	E	D	W	E	L	L	I	N	G
N	O	I	T	A	R	U	G	I	F	S	N	A	R	T
A	O	I	O	D	S	A	N	O	S	T	N	T	O	N
I	W	T	M	N	S	U	D	O	X	E	N	N	H	E
I	L	A	M	F	F	E	N	B	V	H	S	U	W	W
O	A	U	C	L	A	A	F	O	E	P	N	O	O	E
M	E	U	T	I	O	N	C	S	L	O	D	M	M	M
L	N	M	O	D	O	W	E	E	I	R	N	D	H	G
T	A	M	N	N	O	M	A	A	J	P	J	S	O	E
N	P	D	O	N	A	S	W	L	A	O	P	S	M	O
S	R	L	O	J	E	E	O	I	H	T	A	E	J	E
I	E	A	O	D	N	I	K	N	A	M	I	T	S	U
A	I	E	E	N	G	A	J	G	E	I	A	D	E	A

**Word Search Solutions for June/July**



-20-

**GROUPS & ACTIVITIES AT  
ST FRANCIS' CHURCH**

On Saturday mornings the church is open from 9.00 am to 10.00 am for quiet and prayer. From 10.30 am to 11.30 am refreshments are served and this raises money for Action Aid.

Contact Barbara Goodchild .. .. . 8777 8782

**The Church Halls.** There are two halls available for hire – a large hall suitable for 30 people upwards and a small hall for up to 25 people.

Bookings Secretary: Liz Raper .. .. . 8777 2745

**Church Choir.** The choir helps to lead the singing at Sunday services. It regularly sings anthems and there are special musical services at festivals. Rehearsals: 7.15 pm – 8.15 pm on Thursdays.

Contact Geoff Mussard .. .. . 8650 8389

**Men's Group.** This meets on the second Monday evening of the month, alternately at St Francis' and St Mary's.

Contact Tim Shingler .. .. . 8402 8286

**Reading Group.** This meets on the second Thursday morning of the month.

Contact Barbara Plummer .. .. . 8289 3846

**Matchbox Theatre.** A well-established amateur dramatic society which includes members of St Francis' Church and performs in the church hall, usually three times a year.

Contact Mike Downing .. .. . 8776 2732



**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH HALL**

**Cubs**

Tuesdays from 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm

Contact Yvonne Bulman: yvonne.bulman@gmail.com

**Scouts**

Fridays from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Contact Hilary Moy, Group Scout Leader .. .. . 07961 826814

**Ravenswood Women's Institute**

Fourth Thursday of the month from 7.45 pm

Contact Barbara Goodchild .. .. . 8777 8782

**West Wickham Market [Stalls & Refreshments]**

Fridays from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm .. .. . 8776 1603

**Wednesday Market [supporting South East Cancer Help Centre]**

From 9.00 am to 1.00 pm .. .. . 8777 3005

**Fitness Through Movement, Exercise & Dance**

Tuesdays from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm .. .. . 8771 7896

**Weight Watchers**

Mondays at 6.30 pm and Tuesdays at 10.00 am

## **Sugar Craft & Cake Decorating**

Thursdays at 8.00 pm (Six meetings a year)

***Articles and items for the magazine are always welcome.***

*Any contributions can be left in the envelope at the back of the church [on the notice board] by the second Sunday of the month for inclusion in the next bi-monthly magazine [editions for Dec/Jan, Feb/March, etc]. Otherwise contact the Editor, Margaret Green, on 07931 537888 or by emailing her at [magletitiagreen@hotmail.com](mailto:magletitiagreen@hotmail.com).*