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**THE PARISH OF  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
BARKINGSIDE**

A parish church in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England,  
part of Redbridge Deanery in the Barking Episcopal Area of the  
Diocese of Chelmsford.

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING  
12 October 2025**

*A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors to St. Francis Church  
Please do join us for refreshments after the 10.15am Mass*

**TODAY'S SERVICES**

8.00am          Mass

10.15am        Parish Mass

We welcome the Revd Rosemary Potten to preside  
and preach at the Parish Mass.

**Collect of the Day**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you  
give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may  
use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for  
our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (26: 1 – 11)

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

## Psalm 100

**R. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.**

O be joyful in the Lord all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from age to age **R.**

## A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (4: 4 - 9)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John  
(6: 25 – 35)

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’

Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’

Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’

They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

## Post Communion Collect

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: -**

*...the sick and suffering and those who care for them, those who are alone, isolated and vulnerable, and especially for:* Connie Barnes, Debrah Barney, Bernadette, Ann Cheetham, Cornelio Denhere, Helen Forbes, Brian Good, Gillian, Judy Harvey, Trinny, Liz Leatherbarrow, Ivar Kalnins, Sharon Knight, Dan Reed, Mary Roper, Graham Sandy, Sofia Savvas, Adrian Shelton, Pauline Sheridan, Philip Sims, Christine Street, Norman Street, Anita Watts, Heather Wheeler, Mary Vadsala.

### **PLEASE ADVISE NICHOLAS OF ANY ALTERATIONS.**

*... the recently departed:*

*... those whose anniversaries of death occur this week, including:*

12th Gladys Schrier, Peggy Kuleman

13th Jean Edberg

14th William Brown

15th Claudine Trice

16th Chris Stevenson, John King

17th Scott Bruce, Frederick [Freddie] Wheeler

18th Patrick Hennessey

*... all those living or working in:* Anne Way, Aragon Drive.

**A COPY OF READINGS** for 26 October (Richard) is now available. Please collect from the back of church.

## **PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

Thanks to everyone who in lots of different ways made our Patronal festival such a joyful occasion last Sunday. Thanks of course to everyone who helped organise the lunch, and everyone who brought a wonderful selection of food to enjoy after Mass. If you have any constructive feedback on the lunch, please let Wendy Smith or Fr Stephen know. This helps us in planning for future events.

## **REMEMBERING THE DEPARTED**

This year we are marking **ALL SOULS' DAY** at our 9.30am Requiem Mass on Thursday 6 November.

As usual on this occasion we read out the names of departed loved ones as requested by members of our congregation and listed, in BLOCK CAPITALS please, on the sheet(s) at the back of church from today until after the Parish Mass on 2 November.

## **A CHURCH NEAR YOU**

Every Church of England parish has a dedicated page on the website *A Church Near You*. You can find the page for St Francis here: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6159/> We are now publishing the weekly notice sheet and Sunday readings on the St Francis page. You can access it via the A Church Near You page to keep up to date with what is happening at St Francis if you are away on holiday or unable to attend one Sunday. From the menu on the left hand side of the home page click on 'News and Notices', then click 'Notice Sheets', then 'Download file' for the notice sheet to download as a pdf

**A statement from the Bishop of Chelmsford following the announcement that the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE is to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury**

Downing Street has announced that the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE is to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

Commenting on the news, the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani said:

*“I am delighted that Bishop Sarah has been nominated to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury. I know her as a colleague and a friend in the House of Bishops and have seen first-hand the many gifts she will bring to the Church and the communities and people we serve, across our nation and the Anglican Communion.*

*“This is also a hugely significant moment, because Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to serve as Archbishop of Canterbury, which is something I am delighted about.*

*“We live in a time of extraordinary uncertainty with many great challenges, as well as many opportunities to witness to the love of God. We are blessed that God has called Bishop Sarah to serve as Archbishop of Canterbury at this time and I know that people across the Diocese of Chelmsford will be joining me in praying for her as she prepares for her new ministry.”*

**A prayer from the Church of England for the Archbishop-designate for use in churches and at home:**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
the only worker of great marvels,  
send down upon your servant Sarah,  
called to be Archbishop of Canterbury  
and all who are committed to her care,  
the spirit of your saving grace,  
and that they may truly please you,  
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.

Grant this, O Lord,  
for the honour of our advocate and mediator,  
Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## **OTHER SERVICES THIS WEEK**

Thurs 16 Oct **ST. LUKE, Evangelist (tfr)**  
9.30am Mass

Sun 19 Oct **18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
8.00am Mass  
10.15am Parish Mass  
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## **SOME FUTURE DATES AT ST. FRANCIS FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Sun 2 November **ALL SAINTS' DAY**  
Thurs 6 November **ALL SOULS' DAY** – Mass at 9.30am  
Sun 9 November **3rd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**  
**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
Sun 23 November **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**  
Sunday next before Advent  
Mon 15 December **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

It's a little early to think about Christmas, but you might like to mark your diary with the date of this year's Christmas Carol Service - Monday 15 December at 7.30pm. Fairlop Brass will, as usual, be joining us and playing carols. Please make this service well known, and encourage your friends and neighbours to join us. And if you have a diary for next year, you might like to make a note of 'Baking with Brass', the annual concert in church with Fairlop Brass Band. Sunday 26 April 2026 at 3pm.

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