

# St. Francis of Assisi, Isleworth

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday January 15th, 2023



'I will give you as a light to the nations' says the prophet today in the first reading to God's people in exile. What a turnaround! A captive people will become the people shedding light on others including those who oppressed them. The Bible repeatedly has situations where the unexpected happens. God surprises.

## For your prayers

For Christ to be known as the light for all peoples  
For the Church especially Sarah our bishop, and Bishop Emma Ineson, to be Bishop of Kensington from February 19th  
For peace in our world in 2023  
For the King, national and devolved government in the UK  
For all affected by industrial disputes  
For the sick, and for health and social care under pressure at this time  
For the departed especially recently Peg Smith.  
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## Notices

**Refreshments** are served in the hall after the service.

**Thursday Eucharist** this week at 10am.

**Giving to St. Francis'** there are various ways you can do this, not just in cash. At the back of church is a contactless card machine. Do give what you can to support your church.

**Licensing of the new Bishop of Kensington** is on Sunday February 19th at 3pm at St. Barnabas' church, Addison Road, Kensington.

**Ash Wednesday** is Wednesday February 22nd. Mass with ashing that day at 7.30pm.

**Lent group—advance notice** will begin on Tuesday February 28th at 7.30pm and continue on the following four Tuesdays. Details to follow.

**Next Sunday, January 22nd, at 11am**  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

*Readings:* Isaiah 9.1-4; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

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