

## Dates for September

*6<sup>th</sup> DCC meeting 7.30 pm in the meeting room*

*16<sup>th</sup> Book group 7.30pm at Weston Road*

*19<sup>th</sup> Women's Fellowship 2.30pm in the hall.*

*20<sup>th</sup> PCC meeting 8pm*

*20<sup>th</sup> Moving On! 12.30 to 2.30pm (bring a sandwich) or 7.45 to 9.15pm*

*Prayer groups meet on each Tuesday 9.30-10 am and each Wednesday 7-7.30 pm in the Church.*

*Mum's coffee morning each Wednesday morning at 9.30am*

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## **ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 10am**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*A warm welcome to all joining us for our service today*

**Readings:** *Jeremiah 18 v.1-11 p.778*

*or Philemon v.1-21 p.1200*

*Luke 14 v.25-33 p.1048*

### **Collect:**

*Lord God,*

*defend your Church from all false teaching*

*and give to your people knowledge of your truth,*

*that we may enjoy eternal life*

*in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*If your little ones need distraction there are books and toys in the back room for your use.*

***Please join us for refreshments and a chat after the service.***

***Fun Day.*** *By the time you read this Fun Day will have happened, but as I type these notes out it is still in the future. I am sure that the weather looked on us kindly and that a goodly number of folk turned out to sample the delights on offer but I am afraid that you will have to wait for the notices during the service for the results.*

*I know that there are a lot of folk out there who will be happy that their arms are no longer being twisted and to all of them, we would like to say*

a very big **'thank you'**, Pam couldn't have achieved what she has without you. Thank you Pam for all the enthusiasm and hard work that you have put in.

The **book group** is now reading *The Girl on a Train* by Paula Hawkins which is also the book chosen by the Church Times, although it is not a 'religious' book. The next meeting is on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm and all readers are welcome.

### Some thoughts from Stefanie

We now enter September and the children go back to School, for some it will be the same school but a different class and teacher, for others it will be a new school completely. Let us pray for them in all the changes that they may settle in quickly and find good friends and a sense of security in their new environment.

As we to begin a new season let us continue to pray for each other, take every opportunity to build up our spiritual life and our fellowship with each other.

Why not stretch our imaginations and get to know people we see on Sunday's but know very little of them! 'we are the body of Christ, in the Spirit we were all baptised into one body, let us then pursue all that makes for peace (and joy, compassion, respect, friendship) and builds up our common life'.

I am hoping to build up a library in what is known at present as the meeting room, if you have read any books that help with your Christian journey, and are prepared to loan them for others to benefit, or simply make a suggestion so we can advertise it in the notice sheet that would be very helpful. These books don't have to be non-fiction, any book that has been inspirational in your Christian journey. There are books and

bibles there at present, if you would like to take one and put your name in the note book, please feel free to do so, but guarantee you will bring it back when you are finished. You will also find the latest 'women daily reading' these are free, enjoy reading!

If you have placed a prayer leaf on the tree in the prayer room and the person or situation no longer needs the prayer can you please remove the leaf. I would like to encourage anyone who has a person or situation that needs prayer, please do place it on a leaf or ask someone to do it for you. The prayers are prayed during the week.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL – October 9<sup>th</sup> – Celebration service and lunch

Harvest festival this year will be celebrated on October 9<sup>th</sup> at St Francis. After the service we will celebrate together with a Bring and Share harvest lunch.

Please bring gifts of harvest foods such as fresh produce, bottles, tins, cakes, to the service which we will then auction off during the celebration meal. All money raised will go to Christians Against Poverty.

### MOVING ON! A group for everyone!

Moving on is a seven week course for small groups. It's a down to earth, honest and enjoyable course helping us grow together in God and the Spirit. It uses a mix of DVD, discussion, chat and space for reflection. The course will run on Tuesdays, starting 20<sup>th</sup> September, with a choice of times: 12.30 – 2.30 (bring a sandwich) or 7.45 – 9.15pm.

Please think about joining a group, the more that come, the better the groups will be and the more we will be able to grow in faith together.