

Please pray for those we know who are unwell at this time or going through difficult times. Praying that our God will uphold and strengthen us through all our trials.

Please pray for the needs of the church.

Those able to do some pastoral visiting.

Someone to help Joe with the upkeep of the gardens, (weeding),

Anyone willing to give lifts to enable others to come to worship services or the occasional social.

The Christmas Fair this year will be on 10th December. Andy and Claire will be holding a meeting after church next Sunday to begin to organize it.

Dates for October

17th Women's Fellowship 'Pets as Therapy' 2.30pm in the hall

29th Community Shop 11-1pm in the hall

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

Contact details:

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Stewardship – Mike Hammond – details as for newsletter.

ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

Sunday 16th October 2016 at 10am

21st Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to all joining us for our service today

Readings: *Jerimiah 31 v.27 - 34 p. 793 or*

2 Timothy 3 v. 14 – 4 v.5 p 1196

Luke 18 v.1-8 p.1051

Collect:

Merciful God,

teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,

that trusting in your word

and obeying your will

we may enter the unfailing joy of 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.

Thoughts and notices from Stefanie:-

Blessings on you who attended our Harvest Service Worship and contributed generously to the Harvest offerings and for the wonderful response to the auction. It was great fun as well as being a blessing to all those who the money will help. There were a few items that were left from the generous donations, we will put them out again this week to give others the opportunity to buy them, with all proceeds going to Charity.

Also for those who made such a welcome to families of Gaybrielle Andrew, Matt and Jennifer who brought their little ones for Baptism. The families and friends made many comments on how friendly we are, so let's be encouraged by that, by everyone making everyone feel welcome (even daring to speak to new comers or those we have never spoken to them before).

And thanks to Matt and Jennifer for providing such an amazing spread to celebrate after the service, and to all those who helped with refreshments adding to the great atmosphere.

I have been asked for the words of the congregations response as the congregation (people of God) which is new to the service.

Minister to the Congregation: Everyone please stand.

Brothers and Sisters of this household of Faith, as representatives of the Community that welcomes [name of the child], you also have responsibilities to this child.

People of God, will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include [parent's name] and [parent's name], and now [name of the child] in your care? Will you surround them with a community of love and forgiveness? Will you pray for them, extend to them Christian fellowship,

Congregation's Response: With God's help, we will order our lives after the example of Christ, that both children and parents are surrounded by steadfast love, that they may be established in the faith and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

The children's names are, **Jennifer , Nico , Jaden, Charlie and Eboni.**

It is a good reminder to us that as the people of God we are a family and therefore show our support and encouragement to those who are being brought into His family.

This also applies to the way we apply our commitment to 'all age services' and encourage our younger generation who will we pray continue to attend and grow in faith and fellowship.

What a privilege to be part of that.

Thank you to Andy Maloney who (and with thanks for the grant from the diocese) purchased the new Media set up (T.V Screens) And Richard Brown who will be helping complete the set up the challenging technical side, which when fully installed we will be using to enhance areas of our worship services and many other future activities.

There have been a number of requests for another Chicken foot , as the afternoon worked so well last time enabling many more to come we will hold it again on **Sunday 23rd of October at 5.00pm**. Why not invite your friends and family, Please put your names on the sign up form so we get an idea of numbers. We will provide a sandwich supper this time as most will have already eaten Sunday lunch. All proceeds will go towards our new security doors for the hall.

We continue with our New style service this week (which will continue through to Advent Sunday). Thank you for all the very positive comments. It was great to see everyone join in and we pray our Lord's blessing on us as we look at Transforming Church Transforming lives through our 'Moving on Course'. I hope you enjoyed the readings for the week and found them helpful. A new set are available for this coming week. Thank you also for the helpful comments that has enabled us to tweak a few things for next week.

Please pray for the members of the P.C.C & D.C.C as we meet together on Tuesday.