

**ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH,
WESTBOROUGH**

Sunday 25th December 2016 at 10am

Christmas Day

A warm welcome to all joining us for our service today

Readings: *Isaiah 9 v.2-7* *p.694 or*
 Titus 2 v.11-14 *p.1199*
 Luke 2 v.1-14 *p.1027*

Collect:

*Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise,
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.*

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.

We must express our grateful thanks to James and Thomas, the funeral directors on Woodbridge Hill, who kindly donated a gift for the Christmas Fair raffle and the mince pies for the Carol Service.

'Congratulations to Dawn Scanlon' Wow! An author in our midst! Recently Dawn Scanlon received an award for publishing her novel and below I include a few words from Dawn explaining the work needed for the award. Well done, Dawn

**From all at
St Francis Church**

I was surprised, but delighted to be named Author of the year by the publisher of my book, 'Going Home.' The criteria for entry was more involved than I had ever imagined. To be considered, each author had to have a book in print, a manuscript of a second book, and a full synopsis of a third book. The first two I already had, but had not finished work on the idea for the third book, and was given two weeks to complete the job.

I received a beautiful gold and silver pen for the author of the year award, and a wire binding machine for the award of best debut novel. I am getting to grips with the machine, and so if you want any binding done, you know where to come!

December

24th 4pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Service

25th 10am Family Worship

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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Happy Birthday Jesus

