on the 13th

- Eileen Baker's family as they come to terms with the shock of her death and for all who will miss her so much
- Sheila, a lady who Stefanie visits, herself very unwell but also her daughter-in-law Marina who is suffering with lung cancer and currently in hospital.

Dates for March/April

13th Grace's funeral in church

20th Women's Fellowship in the hall at 2.30pm "Having fun raising money for British Heart Foundation, with an opportunity to practice your resuscitation skills! " visitors, male and female. New members always welcome.

25th Community Shop 11am in the hall

April 1st Men's Breakfast 8.30am in the hall

Quiz night and Fish and Chip supper 6.30pm in the hall

Prayer groups meet on each Tuesday 9-9.30am and each Wednesday 7-7.30 pm in the Church.

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ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

Sunday 12th March 2017 at 10 am Lent 2 and David's baptism

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

Readings:

Psalm 67 *p.581*2 Corinthians 5 v. 14 – 6 v.2 *p.1161*Matthew 22 *p.990*

Collect:

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
may we come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please feel free to use the toys and books in the back room if your tiny one needs distraction during the service.

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

We are delighted to welcome David's family and friends to church today on the occasion of his baptism. Tracey would like to welcome all members of the church family to join her and David in the hall after the service for refreshments to celebrate his baptism.

As we welcome a new member to our church family it is with sadness that we have to say farewell to another as we learned of the death of

John Wakefield. He died on Wednesday this week surrounded by the love of his family. His funeral will be held in St Francis on March 29th at 11.30. Please hold John and Brenda and their family in your love and prayers.

1st April Quiz Night and Fish and Chip supper. Book the date in your diary now and see Dawn M. for more details.

Community Lunch has been cancelled for tomorrow as it coincides with Grace's funeral, which will take place in church at 12.00, followed by a time of fellowship and food in the hall after the family return from the crematorium.

The next book group will be on the 22nd March, 7.45 at 10, Weston Road. We are reading A Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George. All readers welcome - you just have to like reading a variety of books. Diane

The children are taking part in their own 'Love Life, Live Lent' course and we ask that you encourage them to bring back their Lent boxes each Sunday so that they can be recharged with the thoughts and actions for the following week – not forgetting the Sunday mini eggs – Sundays are not fasting days!!

Lent Home Groups continue this week and are doing well. 16 people are attending the sessions and others are welcome to join in one of the groups if they would like. We are using the little Love Life Live Lent booklets which have daily Lent activities which are then developed a little further in the groups. If you don't have one yet the booklets can be obtained from Diane for £2.99.

Below is a corrected list of the dates and venues for the groups-Thursdays 1.30-3.00pm at 8 St Johns Road, hosted by Rae. Wednesdays 6.30-8.00pm at 92 Applegarth Avenue hosted by SallyAnne.

Mondays 7.30-9.00pm at the Rectory hosted by Stefanie.