

Dates for April

2nd Annual District Church Meeting in the church.

10th Community Lunch 1pm in the hall.

24th Women's Fellowship 2.30pm in the hall. Meeting open to all.

29th Community shop 11.30am 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 2nd April 2017 at 10 am

Lent 5

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

Readings:

Psalm 68 v.8 -16 p.582

1 Corinthians 3 v.5-11 p.1145

John 15 v. 1-8 p.1083

Collect:

Gracious Father,

you gave up your Son

out of love for the world;

lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,

that we may know eternal peace

through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,

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.

Easter flowers. If anyone would like to make a donation to the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one please speak to Jyl Wheeler.

This week's notes from Stefanie.

- A thank you from the families of John Wakefield and Eileen Baker to all those from St Francis who came to pay their respects and show support to the family at the funeral services this week.

Understandably it has been a very difficult time for them, but let us recognise in just a few weeks we have said goodbye to four very special congregation members, there is no doubt it has hit us hard. I would thank God and each of you, because of how gracious and supportive each of you have been to each other and to Diane and myself. This is a true sign of what being a church family is about, supporting each other in the difficult times as well as celebrating together in the good times.

Let us continue to pray for Brenda and her family and Neil and his family over the coming weeks as they adjust to living without their loved ones.

- Thank you to Dawn Murrell who has organised the Quiz night and for Jonathan for hosting a great night.
- Thank you to Richard Brown for his knowledge and patience in teaching us how to use the audio system.
- A reminder to those who have expressed a desire to visit the pre-school, and all the amazing work that goes on there. Please speak to Stefanie to arrange times.
- **Please pray for**
 - For Annual District Council Meeting today as we reflect on the last year and prepare for.

- The forthcoming Annual Parochial Council Meeting on the 30th April. For your PCC & DCC members.
- For those whose work life is particularly challenging at this time.
- Nathan, Laura, Liam and Noah.
- For Penny Smith, Maureen, Pam & Sally Anne, who are feeling unwell at this time.
- For Jamie as the demands of university and completing assignments are in full swing.