

October 8th
All Age pub walk - tbc

October 29th
Compassionate Friends Service 4.30 pm.
[A gentle service for those who have lost loved ones].

November 12th
Remembrance service 10.30am

2nd December
An Advent Quiet Day - why not come and spend a few hours in Quiet Reflection in preparation for the busy 'silly season' of December 10am - 2.00pm sandwich lunch provided

December 3rd
Service of Prayer for Healing 4.30pm

Christmas:
Carol Service 10th December 6.00pm
Crib service 24th December 4.30pm
Christingle 7th January 4.30pm

Contact details:

Rector – Rev. Stefanie Hodges – Tel 504228 (day off Friday)
Curate – Rev. Diane Peters – Tel 532796 (away for the next week)
Newsletter – Sue Hammond – Tel 562661 or email m_hammond@talk21.com
Hall manager/lettings – Val Holt – Tel 852764
Vulnerable Adults – Eike Ndiweni – email Eike.ndiweni@gmail.com Please note Eike's change of email address
Stewardship – Mike Hammond - Tel 562661 email m_hammond@talk21.com

**ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH,
WESTBOROUGH**

Notice sheet for Sunday 20th August 2017

A very warm welcome to all joining us for our Holy Communion Service this morning. Please do join us in the hall after the service for a cup coffee and a chat.

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity.

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught His disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope
but always to bring our prayers before you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Readings:

Genesis 45: 1-15 Page 50
Romans 11 1-2a, 29-32 Page 1138
Matthew 15: (10-20)21-28 Page 982

Please pray:

- For our Lord to provide someone who can take on the role as leader for the children's work, it is vital that this ministry continues but also grows.
- For the families in the parish that the summer break will be safe and enjoyable for Parents, Carer's and children
- For those who are unwell at this time. Please remember to put the names of those you pray for on the prayer tree, they will also be prayed for during morning office
- For Brenda W and Eileen who are both mourning the loss of a sister
- For Troy and Letishia as they prepare for their Wedding on 26th August

Notices:

Housegroups – *Please sign up this week*

4 house groups are in the process of being formed.

If you are interested please put your name down on the list at the back of the church, thank you.

- **Fairlands Group 'Women in Bible'** Wednesday. 7.30pm - run by Dawn Murrell. You don't have to live in Fairlands to attend. Subject to be decided.
- **Basics of Faith Group** – for all who are interested in finding out more about the Christian Faith. Saturday mornings (tie to be decided)
- **Thematic themes – ['Decisions- Seeking God's Guidance']** to be hosted at Rae Barbour. Thursday 1.30pm
- **What is God like** – run by Sallie Anne.
- **Biblical Study** starting with the Book of James, - Wednesday morning for 1 hour after morning office. – Stefanie

There will be **no Mum's coffee morning** during the school holidays

Morning Office: Monday – Thursday 9am-9.30am, why not use this quieter time of the year to join us

Can you help?

We need to recruit more **Sidespeople** to help with welcoming people to our services. To find out what is involved with this vital role please speak to Stefanie



Ride & Stride – 9th September 2017

Jamie and Sayah are taking part in this event and would be delighted if you could sponsor them!

Ride and Stride raises money for the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust and for the churches of the participants. Cyclists and walkers are sponsored to visit as many churches as they can within a set time. One of the churches visited will be St Francis and we will need to have people here to welcome and to provide refreshments.

We can only play our part if people can help by organising refreshments, welcoming etc. Please volunteer!

Congratulations to Julie and Malcolm who are renewing their Marriage Vows as they celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary today.

Thank you to Alice and William for the great job they have done in sorting out the meeting room and labelling all the boxes!

URGENT! Volunteers needed to clear the side passage ready for the DAC visit at the end of this week – this is just a tidy up and really doesn't involve a lot of work

House Clearance Sale – 2nd September 10.00 - 2.30 outside the church. Any help you could give would be much appreciated!

Thanks to the generous donation we received, the new hall lighting has now been installed ready for the start of the new school term

Stuart Beake is retiring as Archdeacon of Surrey on September 19th

The farewell Eucharist in the Cathedral on **Sunday, 17 September at 6pm** will be followed by refreshments and a chance to say a personal farewell to Stuart and Sally.

For catering purposes it would be very helpful if you could let Stefanie know if you wish to attend so that she can pass the numbers on.

Forthcoming Events - Dates for your Diary

September 10th

All Age Harvest Festival service followed by a Community Street party, with an Auction of Promises. A time to celebrate Harvest and encourage our community to come together. (More details to follow)

October 1st

Tea party and Songs of Praise

If you have a favourite hymn drop it in an envelope addressed to Stefanie and we will try to incorporate it. It would be good to have a line or two of why it is your favourite.