

Dates for your Diary:

September 10th - All Age Harvest Festival service and Community Street party

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. Dean Diana will be attending for the Blessing of the window

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

Newsletter – Sallie Garrood – Tel 504839 or email

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Hall manager/lettings – Val Holt – Tel 852764

Vulnerable Adults – Eike Ndiweni – email Eike.ndiweni@gmail.com Please note

[Eike's change of email address](#)

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ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

Notice sheet for Sunday 27th 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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings:

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 Page 58

Romans 12:1 – 8 Page 1139

Matthew 16:13 – 20 Page 983

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 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 the children as they prepare to go back to school; for everyone going into new classes or starting at new schools
- For Troy and Letishia who were married here yesterday

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 (time 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

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

Can you help?

Sidespeople 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

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



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 sign up and volunteer!

Harvest Promises

Harvest is a time for giving thanks to God for the wonderful world in which we live and especially for the food we eat and the folk that grow and produce it. It is also a time when those of us who are not farmers can give thanks for the different work that we all do – for the plumbers, decorators, scientists, nurses, teachers, drivers, homemakers. Harvest is a time when we can celebrate and give thanks for the gifts that we all bring and share through our daily work.

To celebrate and give thanks for the gifts we all bring this harvest we are asking that you think of something about your work or talents that you could share with others. You might be able to make a cake, do an hours ironing or gardening, do some decorating, babysitting, read stories, clean cupboards, help with homework... the list is endless!

Please could you think of something that you could do as a thanksgiving to God and offer it as a promise at the auction. Then after the harvest service there will be an auction of the promises and you can bid for something you like the sound of. I already know of someone who is hoping to bid for some babysitting. It will be fun and best of all the money raised will be our harvest offering.

Stefanie

Book Group

The next book group is 30th August 7.45 at 10, Weston Road. We are reading *The Long Road* by Rose Tremain, a book chosen for us by Rae. All readers welcome

Stuart Beake's Retirement

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.