

Dates for your Diary:

December

Lunch Club	11 th December
Brownies and Rainbows Carol Service	11 th December 5.30pm
Pre-School Carol Concert	14 th December 1pm
St Francis Fellowship	18 th December 2.30pm

Christmas:

Carol Service **TODAY at 6.30pm!**

Christmas Eve:

Holy Communion	10.00am
Crib service	4.00pm
Midnight Communion	11.00pm

Christmas Day: 10.30am

Christingle 7th January

This service is in aid of The Children's Society. There are collection boxes at the back of church for the Society if you would like to take one to put loose change in ready to bring to the service.

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ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

Notice sheet for Sunday 10th December 2017

A very warm welcome to everyone joining us for our All Age Service this morning and to our Carol Service this evening. Please do join us in the hall after the service for a cup coffee and a chat.

Collect for The Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
Purify our hearts and minds,
That when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
As Judge and Saviour
We may be ready to receive him
Who is our Lord and our God

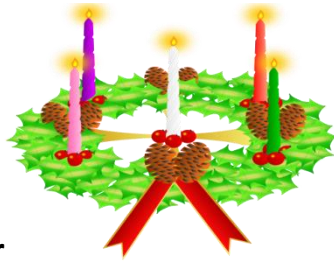
Readings

Isaiah 40: 1-11	Page 725
2Peter 3:8-15a	Page 1144
Mark 1: 1-8	Page 1019

Please pray:

- For Stefanie's ongoing recovery
- For Doris Grainger, Dawn Murrell and all others who are unwell at this time. If you would like to, please put the names of those you pray for on the prayer tree and they will also be prayed for during Morning Prayer in church
- For all who have responsibility for caring for others
- For our young people and all those involved with their learning and their care.
- For the people of Zimbabwe and for peace and true justice to prevail in the future particularly remembering Joe and his family of whom some still live there

Notices



Reverse Advent Calendar

During December it is great fun opening the windows on the advent calendars each day, looking at the picture inside and perhaps getting a chocolate from inside. Here at St Francis we are going to reverse that tradition and instead of taking something out of the calendar, we are going to put something in! Our calendar has 4 boxes, one for each of the 4 weeks in Advent. Please could you bring something to contribute to the reverse calendar. Items to put into the boxes are:

*chocolates, biscuits, tinned foods,
stationary - pens, pencils, colours, colouring books,
toiletries – shower gel, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand cream etc.*

Together we can do great things for our community!

Lunch Club

Don't forget that our monthly lunch club takes place tomorrow. All welcome!

St Francis Fellowship

Monday 18th December at 2.30 in the hall
Christmas Music with Fred Smith
Everyone welcome!

Book Group

The next Book Group will be meeting on Wednesday 10th January at 7.45pm. We are reading 'The Cat Who Could Read Backwards' by Lilian Jackson Braun. Unfortunately we are unable to get this from the library. For those who have access to the internet it can be purchased quite cheaply on Ebay or Amazon. All readers are very welcome.

I thought you might like a chance to read again for yourselves the poem that Kathryn read as part of her sermon last Sunday, it captures advent so well
Diane

Advent Calendar

He will come like last leaf's fall.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to the bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

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