



Dates for your Diary:

December:

Monday 11th Lunch Club 1pm

Monday 11th Brownies and Rainbows Carol Service 5.30pm

Thursday 14th PreSchool Carol Concert 1pm

Monday 18th Women's Fellowship 2pm

Christmas:

Carol Service 10th December 6.30pm

Christmas Eve:

Holy Communion 10.00am

Crib service 4.00pm – please note change of time

Midnight Communion 11.00pm

Christmas Day: 10.30am

Christingle 7th January

Contact details:

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Curate – Revd Diane Peters – Tel 532796

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Stewardship – Mike Hammond - Tel 562661 email m_hammond@talk21.com

ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

Notice sheet for Sunday 3rd December 2017

A very warm welcome to everyone 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 First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,

As your kingdom dawns,

Turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,

That we may be ready to meet you

In our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

Readings

Isaiah 64: 1-9 Page 752

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Page 1144

Mark 13: 24-end Page 1019

Please pray:

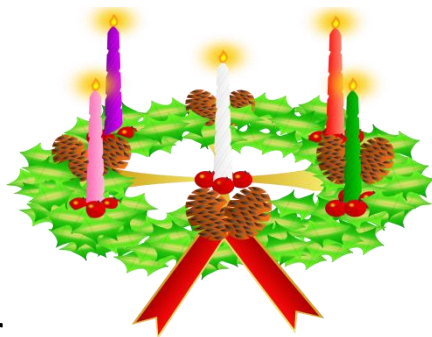
- For Stefanie's ongoing recovery
- For Doris Grainger, Dawn Murrell and all others who are unwell at this time. Please remember to put the names of those you pray for on the prayer tree, they will also be prayed for during morning office
- Revd Helen Poole recovering from surgery
- For all who have 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

Healing Service

Please note that both the Healing Service and Quiet Day have now been postponed until after Stefanie returns to work.

It was lovely to have Stefanie worshipping with us last Sunday and we look forward to when she is well enough to be back with us fully.



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. The money raised will be shared between a local charity and to provide resources for our young people in church. Items to put into the boxes are:

*chocolates, biscuits, tinned foods,
stationary - pens, pencils, colours, colouring books,
toiletries for men and women,
suitable items to raffle.*

Together we can do great things for our children and our community!



Carol Service – next Sunday at 6.30

Everyone is invited to the Carol Service on December 10th. There will be carols and readings plus songs from the excellent Gospel Choir. It is an excellent service to invite friends and neighbours to join us. The service will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Contributions of mince pies to Penny Ellis please, they will be gratefully received.



Our young people are important!

Please could you consider putting your name on a rota to sit in the back room with the youngsters during a service. It could be 1 or 2 people together and would only be once every few weeks. It would be a great help for the youngsters attending our services and would enable the parents to participate more fully in the service. The children would remain the responsibility of their parents.

If you think you could help with this very valuable work please give your name to Sue Hammond who has kindly offered to create a rota of helpers. Our young people and their parents are a very important part of our church family.

Thank you