



Dates for your Diary:

January

St Francis Fellowship Monday 15th January 2.30pm

February

Men's Breakfast Saturday 3rd February 8.45am

Lunch Club Monday 12th February 1pm

Shrove Tuesday 13th February

Ash Wednesday 14th February

St Francis Fellowship Monday 19th February 2.30pm

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ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

Notice sheet for Sunday 14th January 2018

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

Collect for the Second Sunday after Epiphany

Eternal Lord

Our beginning and our end:

Bring us with the whole creation

To Your glory, hidden through past ages

And made known

In Jesus Christ our Lord

Reading

I John 1: 1-7

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Please pray for:

- **Stefanie**
As we start the New Year it is very good to welcome Stefanie back. Stefanie will be returning to work gradually over the next few weeks. We give thanks to God for her life and work and continue to pray for her ongoing recovery
- For all 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

Notices

Don't forget - St Francis Fellowship – tomorrow at 2.30, all welcome!

You're Invited!

Everyone is invited to attend a gathering at the Rectory on **Saturday 10th February** between 2 and 4pm (social - snacks and chat) – Please note change of date which is due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please can you let me know if you would like to attend.

Stefanie

Gospel Choir, 'Motivation by music'

Many of us had a great time at the lively and joyful Gospel Choir's Christmas Carol Service.

Just a reminder of the invitation given by Emily Bollon, to try out a free session 'Motivation by Music'. Emily's philosophy is that everyone can sing and everyone should have great fun whilst doing so.

Why not give it a go. They meet on a Wednesday Evening 6.30pm in the Church.



A big "thank you" to Pete Smith, for his great work on the Hall cupboards.

We are very grateful for his skills and for his very able assistant Penny.

Just a Thought for JANUARY!

What is Prayer?

Prayer is simply responding to God. It's about turning our hearts and minds towards Him, bringing us to God and God to us.

It may involve talking or listening. Stillness or Action. There are no special words to say. And there's no required way to kneel or stand.

You can pray with others or alone, you can pray in church, walking down the street, in the shower. Praying alone you can whisper, you can sing, you can shout. Sometimes you don't even need to use words at all. Anybody can pray, anytime, anywhere. God is always listening.

Romans 12:1 reminds us of the great freedom and Privilege we have with our God of love.

Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going –to-work and walking around life – and place it before God as an offering.

Let's consider getting our New Year off to a great start – why not write down some of your prayers, date them, listen and record the day you received an answer, even if it wasn't the answer you expected.

Stamps

There is a collecting box at the back of the church for used stamps. Dawn M is collecting them for the Leprosy Mission