



## Dates for your Diary:

### August

**Lunch Club**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 1pm

**Book Club**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 7.45pm

**Community Shop**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm

### September

**Men's Breakfast**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September 8.45am

**Back to Church Sunday**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September \*\*

**Holy Communion**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 12.00pm

**Lunch Club**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1.00pm

**St Francis Fellowship**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm

**Harvest Festival**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 10.00am \*\*

**Community Shop**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 11am – 1pm

\*\* More details to follow

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## ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

### Notice sheet for Sundays 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018

A very warm welcome to everyone joining us for our Communion Service.  
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

**2 Samuel 11: 26 – 12: 13a** p314, **Ephesians 4: 1-16** p1175, **John 6: 24-35** p1070

### 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 obtain the pearl beyond all price,  
Through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### Readings:

**1 Kings 19:4-8** p360, **Ephesians 4: 25-5:2** p1175, **John 6: 35, 41-51** p1070

### Please pray:

- For Peggy, Maureen and Ned, Mary and Bob – for God's healing and peace
- For Archdeacon Paul and Bishop Andrew as they seek to lead and encourage God's people
- Pray for the future ministry of St Francis Church and for our outreach to the parish
- For Sarah Bennett as she prepares to train later this year to become a Pastoral Assistant
- For all families with young children in the long summer holidays that the break will be safe and enjoyable for parents, grandparents, carers and children

## RECOMMENDED!

Every believer knows prayer can move mountains, draw us closer to Christ, help us live the Christian life more effectively, connect us to answers from Heaven, and so much more. Yet, most of us also readily admit we don't pray enough and often struggle to **pray in faith**. Perhaps you can identify with the Christian writer Marshall Segal who recently wrote, *"Prayer might be, at the same time, the most pivotal and most puzzling activity in the Christian life.*

*It is the lifeline and life-mystery for believers.*

*We know we need to pray, but we know we don't pray enough.*

*And we're not always sure we're even doing it right when we do pray.*

Because **prayer is both powerful and perplexing**, why not try to read at least one if not all of these books to jolt your prayer life back into a healthy rhythm.

The three books suggested below are selected because they are easy to read, perfect for getting your prayer life started, or for starting over.

So, here's a brief idea what each book is about.

### 1) **THE HOUR THAT CHANGES THE WORLD** by Dick Eastman

For many years, when the low cost paperback edition was available, I led the churches I've served to give away hundreds—maybe thousands—of copies of this book. I have recommended it to everyone I know. I once wrote the author and jokingly told him I had singlehandedly made his book a best seller! He wrote me back an encouraging note.

This book divides an hour into 12 segments of five minutes each. It shows the reader how to incorporate the different aspects of prayer, like praise, confession, intercession and eight other categories (praise is listed twice), into our daily communion with God. The book is full of inspirational quotes and uses enthusiastic, simple language to motivate us to pray more regularly and

confidently. It is, for all of its rich content, a short book too, so it won't take you long to read it.

### 2) **WRESTLING WITH GOD** by Greg Laurie

This book has three refreshing things about it.

For one thing it is written in a positive, sometimes humorous, common sense way, using everyday language. You don't need a big theological vocabulary to read this book. Secondly, the book uses numerous examples and stories, excellent quotes and Greg Laurie's own life experiences to help us overcome one of our biggest challenges in prayer—we get discouraged and tend to give up too quickly. Finally, the book is short. It's a quick read and you can start benefiting from it right away.

### 3) **FRESH WIND FRESH FIRE** by Jim Cymbala

This book is one of the most influential books I've ever read. The story of how God transformed a struggling congregation of about 25 people into one of the leading churches of our time is pure gold! In one sense it's more than a book about "how to pray." In fact, it's not that at all. Yet, in order to grasp in a contemporary context what is possible when people pray, this is "must reading." The first chapter hooked me and I couldn't put it down. The entire book is loaded with personal stories of contemporary people who received incredible answers to prayer and transformed lives as a result of prayer. I urge everyone to read this book and I beg every member of my church to read it. If you're a pastor you *have* to read this book!

**There you have it—a summer reading list on prayer that can revolutionize your prayer life!**

## Notices

*Thank you!* to Richard Brown for all he has done for the audio system and for the team who help each week.

### Summer Holidays

Please note that Revd. Diane Peters will be away for the next week