



Dates for your Diary:

September

Men's Breakfast	Saturday 1 st September 8.45am
Back to Church Sunday	Sunday 9 th September **
Holy Communion	Monday 10 th September 12.00pm
Lunch Club	Monday 10 th September 1.00pm
Harvest Festival	Sunday 16 th September 10.00am **
St Francis Fellowship	Monday 17 th September 2.30pm
Community Shop	Saturday 29 th September 11am – 1pm

October

Men's Breakfast	Saturday 6 th October 8.45am
St Francis Weekend	Saturday & Sunday 6/7 th October **
Holy Communion	Monday 8 th October 12.00pm
Lunch Club	Monday 8 th October 1.00pm
St Francis Fellowship	Monday 15 th October 2.30pm
Community Shop	Saturday 27 th October 11am – 1pm

** More details to follow

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ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

Notice sheet for Sunday 26th August 2018

A very warm welcome to everyone joining us for our Communion Service this Morning and an extra special welcome to Stanley Vincent Thorns and his family as they come to celebrate his Baptism today.

Please do join us in the hall after the service for a cup coffee and a chat

Collect for The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, You search us and know us:

May we rely on You in strength and rest on You in weakness,

Now and in all our days;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Readings

1 Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 Page 344

Ephesians 6: 10-20 Page 1177

John 6: 56-69 Page 1071

Please pray:

- For Mary and Bob – for God's healing and peace, praying also for all those who take care of family, friends and neighbours who are unwell, elderly or vulnerable.
- For Archdeacon Paul and Bishop Andrew
- For our member of Parliament Anne Milton, as she carries out a difficult job, and makes difficult decisions, Pray that the Lord will uphold her in her Christian Faith and keep her strong and faithful to her calling in a difficult field.
- For the Christians among us who work in secular workplaces. May the Lord's Holy Spirit keep them strong as witnesses of His Love and Grace.
- 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

A thought to consider! How to drive out fear and temptation.



A college man walked into a photography studio with a framed picture of his girlfriend.

He wanted the picture duplicated. This involved removing it from the frame.

In doing this, the studio owner noticed the inscription on the back of the photograph: *"My dearest Tom, I love you with all my heart. I love you more and more each day. I will love you forever and ever. I am yours for all eternity."*

It was signed "Helen," and it contained a P.S.: *"If we ever break up, I want this picture back."*

Helen was obviously not completely committed to that relationship.

In the Book of Ruth, Ruth was a young woman who understood total commitment.

God also loves commitment. That's why He included Ruth's statement to her mother-in-law in your Bible: *"Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me."*

That's the kind of commitment God admires - unqualified commitment.

How about you?

Are you seriously committed to knowing Christ so you can be like Him?

Are you really committed to read, memorize, and meditate scriptures regularly?

Hey, I'm aware that sometimes life can be overwhelming that you feel you don't even have 5 minutes to read your Bible.

But you also have to understand that for you *to grow spiritually you need a regular commitment* to read, memorize, and meditate God's Word.

Having scriptures by heart and mind is a powerful way to resist any temptation and live a life that's pleasing in the eyes of God.

Again, I encourage you to start memorizing scriptures starting today and experience how your faith grows each day.

Want to talk about it or get some ideas. Please come and speak with me

Stefanie

Notices

It is with great sadness to tell you that Inge Bell of St Clare's passed away last week after a time in Milford hospital, lets please pray for her sons Colin and Gary and her friend of over 20 years Ernie Marshall also from St Clares, it is a great shock and loss to each of them.

Chalice Bearer

If you are interested in becoming a chalice bearer for Monday Holy Communion Services please speak with Stefanie



Chicken Foot Evening

Saturday 1st of September at 7.30pm

Please invite, friends, family and neighbours – a perfect opportunity to 'invite the new students who have moved in next door'

£8.00 for adults, £3.00 for under 10s - this includes a Chicken & Chip supper.

Sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Ride & Stride on 8th September 2018 will be raising 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.

Please volunteer and sign up at the back of the church