

Dates for your Diary:



February

Holy Communion	Monday 11 th February 12.00pm
Lunch Club	Monday 11 th February 1.00pm
St Francis Fellowship	Monday 18 th February 2.30pm
Community Shop	Saturday 23 rd February 11am – 1pm
DCC Meeting	Tuesday 26 th February

March

Men's Breakfast	Saturday 2 nd March 8.45
Finance Standing Committee	Tuesday 5 th March
Holy Communion	Monday 11 th March 12.00pm
Lunch Club	Monday 11 th March 1.00pm
St Francis Fellowship	Monday 18 th March 2.30pm
PCC Meeting	Tuesday 19 th March
Community Shop	Saturday 23 rd March 11am – 1pm

Contact details:

Rector – Revd. Stefanie Hodges – Tel 504228

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

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ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

Notice sheet for Sunday 3rd February 2019

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

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

Collect for The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

God our Salvation,
help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies
and poison our minds
and to choose again Your gift of life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord

Readings

Ezekiel 43: 27 – 44: 4 Page 877

1 Corinthians 13 Page 1154

Luke 2: 22-40 Page 1028

Please pray:

- For those who are unwell and those going through particularly difficult times, especially Mary and Bob, Dawn and Graham, Maureen and Pam, Eike, Joram and Cecil; praying that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and encourage them in their time of need. That they may turn to him for Healing and Comfort.
- Satyah, Aileen and baby Leon as they settle back home
- For Laura, Nathan, Liam and Noah.
- For the people of Zimbabwe through this turbulent time.
- Tearfund have sent out a request that we pray for the Yemen and for the people there in response to the crisis, currently the worst in the world.

We continue to pray for the churches in our Deanery. This week we pray for Holy Trinity with St Mary's:
We give thanks for a wide range of activities bubbling up at St Mary's
We pray for wisdom as we seek to develop work amongst 12 – 14 year olds
We pray for New Start, our Lent course: "The cross: what happened and why it matters"



**"Sing to the Lord a new song,
His praise in the assembly of his faithful people"**

Psalm 149 v 1

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing some new hymns which will be sung at the beginning of the service and gradually introduce them.

We look forward to a 'Joyful sound of Praise' 🎵

Hearing Champions

1 in 6 people have a hearing loss in our Diocese. An increasing older population and longer life expectancy, mean that our church buildings need to be able to welcome and accommodate those with sensory loss to aid communication. We are looking for volunteers to:

- Be trained in the basic maintenance of hearing aids to become 'Hearing Champions'
 - Offer these simple maintenance sessions at existing church social events
- Hearing Champions Training will include checking the hearing aid is working, replacing the battery and giving an outline of audiology pathways in your area.

A message from Sue Hammond

At one time there were 3 of us who had been trained in this parish. Sadly I am now the only one and I am finding it hard to keep on top of everything much as I really enjoy what I do. If anybody is interested, the training is not at all arduous and I would be very happy to discuss it with anybody before they make a decision. I can be contacted on 01483 562661 and there is a poster and application forms at the back of the church

Daily scripture reading is essential to our growth

One of the most important ways that we walk with Jesus is to read our bible. Daily scripture reading is essential to our growth as a Christian and a daily devotion can help with that. Daily Walk Devotion is about helping you take your next step of faith.

It is that daily encouragement from scripture that will help you understand the Word of God and encourage you in your faith. Committing to reading your bible every day is a vital spiritual discipline.

Adding a daily devotion to that can inspire and sustain you as you go about your day.

We can do this in a number of ways,

Bible notes: booklet with a verse a day and a reflection. – **Free**, found on Resource Table at the back of church.

Bible in a year. Scriptures for every day of the year covering the Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel Reading – **Free**, found on the Resource table at the back of the church

If you do not yet own your own Bible, no problem, please come and speak to Stefanie.

Apps to download onto your phone, great resource, stopping for just a few minutes each day, Every weekday there will be a devotion posted on the website that is taken from scripture.

first thing in the morning,

last thing at night,

while stopping for coffee or waiting for an appointment, etc.

[Some suggested apps. Remembering that we are all individuals so please look for one that suits you.](#)

Bible in a year.

Daily Walk Devotion

Crosswalk devotionals.

Bread for our hearts devotionals.