

## Dates for your Diary:



Tots' Play and Praise every Tuesday in term time at 10.00am

Coffee Morning every Wednesday in term time – open to all 9.15 to 11.15am

– do come and join us!

### February

Holy Communion	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 12.00pm
Lunch Club	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 1.00pm
Singing Group	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm
St Francis Fellowship	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm
Service of Thanksgiving	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 6.00pm
Singing Group	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm
Ash Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> February
Community Shop	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 11am – 1pm

### March

Men's Breakfast	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 8.45
Holy Communion	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 12.00pm
Lunch Club	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 1.00pm
Singing Group	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm
PCC Meeting	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm
St Francis Fellowship	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm
Mothering Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Book Group	Tuesday March 24 <sup>th</sup> 8.00pm
Community Shop	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 11am – 1pm
Singing Group	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

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## ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

### Notice sheet for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020

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 Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas): Epiphany 4

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make Your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to Your heavenly Father,  
Your God and our God

### Readings:

Micah 6.1-8	Page 934
Psalms 15	Page 549
1 Corinthians 1. 18.-31	Page 1144
Matthew 5.1-12	Page 968

### Please pray:

- For Penny as she faces her future without Mike
- For Molly who is very unwell and for Carol as she continues her recovery

### A prayer for Brexit from the Church of England:

God of hope,  
in these times of change  
unite our nation  
and guide our leaders with Your wisdom.  
Give us courage to overcome our fears  
and help us to build a future  
in which all may prosper and share;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen

## Co-op Food Share



We are fortunate to be receiving food from the Co-op Food Share. If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from some of this produce please come to the church on Wednesday from 9.30am - 11.30am or Thursday from 9.00am - 10.00am and Saturday 9.00am - 10.00. The produce given can be different each day but often includes bread, rolls, pastries etc that have been baked the previous day, and other fresh produce – fruit, vegetables etc which has reached its sell by date but is still safe to use.

**Urgent! We need someone to be in the church on Thursday and Saturday mornings between 9.00am and 10.00am. Please let Stefanie know if you could help with one or other (or both!++) of these days.**



### **Chicken Foot evening Saturday \*8<sup>th</sup>\* February at 6.00pm. Sign up today!!**

A perfect opportunity to invite friends, family and neighbours  
**who could you invite?**

£8.00 for adults, £4.00 for under 10s - this includes a Chicken & Chip supper.

**Sign-up sheet at the back of the church.**

**\*Please note change of date\***



## Thank you!

Thank you for the 4 amazing hampers that you donated to Besom at Christmas. We delivered them to a local women's hostel whose residents have very little and many are escaping violent relationships and had to leave with almost nothing. All were so pleased to receive your very generous gifts which made such a difference to their Christmas. God Bless you.  
With Love from the Besom Team

## Thought for the Week

Winston Churchill once said, "courage is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm. The thing about dreaming big for the Lord is that there is not always a perfect outcome. We *will* have disappointments, we *will* make mistakes, we *will* have heartache and we *will* fail sometimes. But let's not forget, **God is on our side**. He never leaves us and He will give us courage to keep on going and to keep picking ourselves back up when we get knocked down. He will give us the strength to find joy in our circumstances even when we don't feel joyful

So when we run into trials when problems feel overwhelming, and when life and our efforts feel they're falling apart, remember the reality (although hard to grasp) - trials are good for us - they teach us many things; patience, compassion, endurance. Ask anyone who has come through a trial - if they have not let bitterness and despair take hold of them!

Habakkuk 3.17-19

*Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines. Even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren. Even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, Yes I will rejoice in the Lord!*

*I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!*

*The sovereign Lord is my strength!*

*He makes me as surefooted as a deer,*

*Able to tread on the heights.*

If you are facing struggles, if you are facing disappointments, hold fast and keep trusting.

The Psalmist knows only too well - get familiar with the psalms to hear the cries of lament for when life is difficult and the joy that comes in the morning!