

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

A very warm welcome to everyone joining us for our All Age Service this morning and especially to anyone visiting us for the first time. Please do join us in the hall after the service for a cup coffee and a chat.

### Collect for The Third Sunday before Lent: Epiphany 5

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with His touch:  
help us to show His love,  
in Your church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as we are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord

### Readings:

Isaiah 58.1-9a	Page 746
Psalms 112. 1-9, (10)	Page 614
1 Corinthians 2.1-12	Page 1145
Matthew 5. 13-20	Page 969

### Please pray:

- Pray for Molly - for peace in her last stage of life
- For healing of 13month old Jacob currently in St Georges Hospital, London
- For complete and full recovery for Carol and also for Ernie Marshall currently in Frimley Park Hospital

## Thought for the week

There are many people in our broken world asking why things don't seem to go right so much of the time. They want to know, "Is there hope?"  
The latest news of the Coronavirus leaving some with a sense of doom.  
Hope is essential.

We need genuine hope—not just optimism.

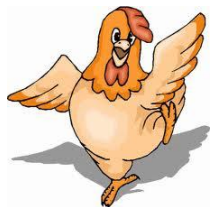
Optimism is psychological. It's based on the way you think.  
Hope is theological. It's based on who God is and his relationship with you.  
Optimism is positive thinking. Hope is passionate trusting.

The book of 1 Peter is a letter of hope. Peter wrote it to Christians who were suffering persecution in the Roman Empire. He said one reason we can have a radical hope is because God chose us before we chose him.  
The Bible says, "*You were chosen according to the purpose of God the Father and were made a holy people by his Spirit*" (1 Peter 1:2).

Our salvation is no accident. Long before you chose God, he chose you.  
It was his idea. Before God even created the universe, he decided he wanted to create you.

You were chosen according to the purpose of God. He has a purpose for your life. He wants to make you holy for heaven.  
Understanding this simple truth can give you hope.  
The highest honour you will ever receive is this:  
**God invites you to spend eternity with him.** That's a big deal!  
And it's why we can have hope, no matter what's going on in our lives.

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**Thank you** to all who supported the Chicken Foot Social last evening.



## Singing group

Come and join us tomorrow evening and on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, March 9<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>.

We meet in church from 7.30 - 8.30pm

**Everyone welcome!**

## *Songs of Praise*

*23<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.00pm*

Come and join us for a service of thanksgiving where people will be choosing their favourite hymns and talking about why they are important to them

## ***"Climate and the Ecological Emergency"***

### **What can we do about it?**

Presentation by Ben McCallan  
who works with  
Plastic-Free Guildford and  
Extinction Rebellion  
Monday 10 February 7.30 pm  
St Nicolas Church Hall  
Bury Street, Guildford GU2 4AW

*Entrance Free - All Welcome*