

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 everyone
9.15am to 11.15am – do come and join us!

January

St Francis Fellowship Monday 20th January 2.30pm
Community Shop Saturday 25th January 11am-1pm

February

Men's Breakfast Saturday 1st February 8.45
Holy Communion Monday 10th February 12.00pm
Lunch Club Monday 10th February 1.00pm
St Francis Fellowship Monday 17th February 2.30pm
Ash Wednesday 26th February
Community Shop Saturday 29th February 11am – 1pm

Why don't you join us for Morning Prayer Mon & Tuesday 9.00am – 9.40pm

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ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

Notice sheet for Sunday 19th January 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 Second Sunday of Epiphany: The Baptism of Christ

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to Your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings:

Isaiah 49.1-7 Page 736
1 Corinthians 1.1-9 Page 1144
John 1.29-42 Page 1061

Please pray:

- For the emergency Services and people of Australia and for the people of the Philippines.
- Our Government Leaders.
- For God's guidance for any plans for our future as a Church.
- For Penny – Mike's funeral will be on the 23rd Please ask Stefanie for further details.
- For Carol
- For the ladies coming to our Coffee Morning
- For all of those for whom 2020 will be a challenging year- pray for peace, hope, joy and friendship in the coming weeks

- Pray for those around us, for Family, Friends and Neighbours that they may come to know and accept Christ as their Saviour, through us, this coming year.

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.

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.

Book Group

A man called Ove certainly created a lot of conversation - great choice Laura.

Val has a DVD of the book Ove and has invited everyone to share watching the film at her house on 28th January, 8.00pm. We are all welcome -wine, tea and baklava...

The next book group will be on March 24th 8.00pm, 10 Weston Road. Tracy has chosen SAVING BUDDY by Nicola Owst.

Thought for the week

A very interesting discussion took place during our Coffee Morning where questions about God, Faith and Baptism were discussed. It made me think of the many people who are out there who have questions about God or misconceptions of who God is and what He is like or even if He is there at all.

What does your faith mean to you?

How would you respond if someone was to ask you who God is?

How in practice is your faith revealed to others?

Is it a matter of just doing good things or is there something more?

In what ways do you or could you build up your spiritual life?

Does worship contribute to sustaining and building your relationship with our Heavenly Father?

The Gospels tell us very clearly to develop our relationship with our heavenly Father and to build up our spiritual life is more than just believing all though that is a good start.

‘Love the **Lord your God** from **your whole heart** and from **your whole** soul and from **your whole** mind and from **your whole** strength’ (Mark 12:30)

Briefly speaking, this verse means that **God** wants us to love **Him** with our **whole** being.

As the Psalmist says:

‘I will give thanks to you, oh Lord my God, with all my heart and will glorify your name for ever’ (Psalm 86:12)

We are a special people – why not take some time to reflect on 1 Peter 2:4-10