

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

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

March

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

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ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH, WESTBOROUGH

Notice sheet for Sunday 26th 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 Third Sunday of Epiphany:

God of all mercy
Your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
Anoint us with Your Holy Spirit
and set all Your people free
to praise You in Christ our Lord

Readings:

Isaiah 9: 1-4	Page 694
Psalms 27: 1,4-9	Page 557
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18	Page 1144
Matthew 4: 12-23	Page 968

Please pray:

- For Penny following Mike's funeral on Thursday
- For Carol as she continues her recovery
- For the Emergency Services and people of Australia and the Philippines.
- For our Government Leaders.
- For God's guidance for our future as a Church.

Thank you

Thank you to all who contributed last week towards flowers for Mike Ellis's Funeral Service.

Penny is very touched and grateful but informed me that she and the family have now requested there be no flowers other one the family display on the casket.

She was very moved and grateful for your thoughtfulness and grateful for the donation and asked if it could be donated to a new venture to be set up in Mike's name.

A member from the church is starting a project teaching young people to develop skills in photography (photography was a passion of Mike's). What a wonderful living legacy to honour Mike and to reach out to young people.

Once again on behalf of Penny thank you for your kind donations.

Thought for the Week

Attending Mike's funeral service on Thursday was a very moving occasion and as with all funerals a tribute to his life was given. A testimony of what made Mike, Mike. His life and tributes of what others thought of him. We all have our own memories of Mike, the times we shared with him whether in worship here at St Francis Church, the individual conversations shared or at the social gatherings, maybe at the amazing BBQ's he and Penny shared with us in their garden.

At our own funerals, we will have others speak of us and what we meant to them, our worth!

But have you ever stopped to think for more than a passing moment your worth in God?

Let me ask you another question that may help us think a little deeper into that question.

I am sure most of us have heard of the story of the woman who poured perfume on Jesus's feet. We are told that Jesus was visiting a friend for dinner, and when this woman, a prostitute, heard that Jesus was in the village, she took her most expensive bottle of perfume over to the house. When she stood in the presence of Jesus, she was overcome with emotion as

she wept. She bent down and took her perfume and poured it on His feet.. The friend of Jesus was shocked, asking Jesus, "Don't you know what kind of woman you're allowing to touch you?" But Jesus said to His friend, "Her sins are forgiven! Her faith has saved her. She is able to go in peace." Jesus forgave her, comforted her, and defended her.

Do not let anyone make you question your worth in Jesus. No matter what you've done and where you've come from, Jesus has called you His own. He has called you worthy. He has called you forgiven. He goes before you, He comforts you, and He defends you, and then, in all love and beauty, He calls you to go in peace. That is pretty amazing!
And let us also remember our worth to Him is such that:

"God put His love on the line for us by offering His Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to Him". ([Romans 5:8 The Message](#))

Let us take comfort and strength also in His promise for those who believe, trust in him

"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish – ever! No one will snatch them out of My hand". ([John 10:28](#))



**Chicken Foot evening
Saturday 1st 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.