

As the law becomes clearer we will share more news about how we can help the people of Ukraine.

Platinum Jubilee

You might like to think about ways we could celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee which is coming up this summer and share your ideas with the DCC who will be delighted to hear them – please!



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ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH,

WESTBOROUGH

Notice sheet for Sunday 20th March 2022

A very warm welcome to everyone joining us for our Service this morning and to Duncan Myers who will be leading the service and baptism today.

**Collect for 20th March
Eternal God, give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Please pray:

- For Stefanie as she recovers her health - we look forward to her return, fit and well.
- For Pam, David's sister. Receiving hospice care.
- For Chas, Rae and Carol who are unable to be with us this morning.
- For all our church family as we care for each other.
- For Alice and William attending a Christian Youth weekend
- For those who will use our Food Share
- Ukraine and all the people affected by the war.
- Thank you for your prayers and good wishes – I am nearly there and should be out and about from Monday. Diane

Morning Prayer - Mon – Weds 9.15 on zoom

Lent

Lent is with us! The theme this year is Embracing Justice. There are copies of the Live Lent books - £1.75 a copy. We can use them together, separately or as a group.

***Live Lent: Embracing Justice** is the Church of England's theme for Lent 2022. It invites us to examine our own lives truthfully, to see the world more deeply and to pray - for the church and the world far and near - that 'justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream' (Amos 4.24).*

For each day of Lent, this booklet for adults offers a daily Bible reading, a short reflection and a prayer, as well as a practical challenge. Each week follows a different thread through the many stories of justice in the Bible to explore how God works with humanity to bring justice, wholeness and salvation to all. The booklet is supported by a wide range of free digital resources for individuals, groups and churches available via www.churchofengland.org/livelent

LENT LUNCHES – soup, bread, cake and fruit. Every Monday in Lent in the church hall. 12.30 – 1.00pm. Donations to Christians Against Poverty. Please try to take some time out of your day, just once a week during Lent to share in our themed lunches. Please let Val or Diane know if you would like to join us.

Lent Study group will continue as usual, Monday, 8.00pm on zoom. Same zoom link as for the Sunday service.



A reminder that we have a Traidcraft account. Do please look at their varied catalogue of clothes, food, gifts and chocolate. Orders to Diane and/or David please.

EASTER SERVICES

Mothering Sunday – March 27th 10.00a.m.
Palm Sunday – April 10th 10.00am
Maundy Thursday – April 14th 6.30pm
Good Friday – 2.00 – 3.00pm
Easter Sunday – April 17th 10.00am – Hallelujah!

St Francis Fellowship

We meet on the third Monday of each month, except for April when it will be the fourth Monday (25th) because of Easter.

On Monday 21st March we have a talk entitled 'My Painting Life'

On Monday 25th April we have a talk on Poppies and the work of the British Legion.

Do join us, we'd love to see you!

Ukraine

Please pray for all those affected by the war in Ukraine.

There is a call for us all to stop and pray for Ukraine at 7.00am and 7.00pm each day, either together or separately.

If you can help by donating to the major charities – Red Cross, UNICEF, Refugee Council, please do.

The next is from Bishop Jo -

- 1) **Financially:** we can keep giving financial aid through the charities and funds which are working on the ground. We encourage in particular a church-to-church channel, so that we empower our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and bordering countries – such as through the Ukraine Emergency Appeal which is a joint venture between the Diocese in Europe and USPG, <https://ukraine-emergency-appeal.raisely.com/>