

**ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH,
WESTBOROUGH**

Sunday 31st July 2016 at 10am

10th Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to all joining us for our service today

Readings: Colossians 3 v.1-11 p.1184

Luke 12 v. 13-21 p.1044

Collect:

*Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*If your little ones need distraction there are books and toys in the back
room for your use.*

Please join us for refreshments and a chat after the service.

***It is with great sadness I must tell you that Peter Turner died peacefully
on Thursday morning at 8am. We must give thanks to our living and
faithful God that Peter is released from the struggles his ill health
brought. He now receives the promise of our Lord to be with him for
eternity. Thanks be to God!!***

The funeral will take place on Tuesday 23rd August, time to be confirmed.

Let us continue to pray for Nicola, Simon and the extended family.

Fire Drill

Since the visit from the fire brigade at the 'Community Sunday Service' we have Realised that it has been some time since our last 'fire drill' To make sure we are confident in the procedures, and to keep everyone as safe as possible, we will hold one in the next few weeks. This will also satisfy our insurance company.

Procedure

If there is a fire we will be notified by a **whistle (one located on the notice board in the hall the other on the notice board in the office)** followed by **verbal instructions** to leave the building immediately. The gathering point will be outside the main gate located at the front of the Church.

There are 4 exits, all signed,

1. Main Church Doors (West End)
2. Through the door at the back of the Hall.
3. Corridor
4. Office Door.

Anyone needing assistance should stay in their seat and they will be helped out of the building by the side's people on duty.

Everyone should make their way out immediately; the building will then be checked by Church Warden

Teaching Program

We will be holding a growing deeper course at the beginning of September, The course will look at our life Journey with Christ, There will be a variety of material using: Scripture, DVD, Discussion and Reflection.

This course will run for 7 weeks and is ideally for people who have been attending church/have been on the Christian journey for a while.

Another course will be for either those on the fringe or would like to discover more of the Christian Journey.

We hope to have two groups running simultaneously, one during the day and one in the evening.

Please watch out for further details in the coming weeks.

A reminder from Rae

There will be a **cake sale after church today** in aid of Nav Jivan Hospital in Northern India.

This will be a final donation in aid of this charity, a cause which was very close to my late husband's heart, and will be in memory of Harold.

Dr Colin Binks and his wife will be very grateful for any money we can send.

Our outreach and mission giving will continue as we support the 'Diana' project, in Kenya.

You may, or may not, be aware of the increasing amount of pastoral care and visiting that goes on in the parish, and while I thank God for all the care and support you show each other as well as neighbours and friends, I would like to ask if you have the occasional hour or two to spare, to join in with others, when the load is particularly heavy.

This would be simply visiting, listening, providing encouragement to show that we care, not counselling.

If you don't feel confident, we can run a very, very helpful seminar on 'listening skills, it is amazing how often we think we are listening but don't actually hear what is said.

Being listened to, encouraged and feeling cared for is an invaluable and basic need of everyone.

Thank you to all who have given their time and efforts to get ready for the Archdeacon's Visitation:-

- to Dawn, our church warden, for making sure that the log book and terrier are up to date and in excellent order for the inspection.
- to those who have helped with the pages and pages of questions covering every aspect of our church life and buildings

- to those who worked hard in the grounds to those who reordering the space in the sanctuary and upper room and maintenance of the altar fabrics
- to those who gave the kitchen a thorough clean
- the intrepid climber who removed and replaced the curtains
- to the person who washed and pressed them

Much of this work is ongoing throughout the year, but it becomes more noticeable when a special effort has had to be made – just like when mum comes to visit!!

Stefanie would like to thank you all for pulling out all the stops "it fills my spirit with joy when we come together as a team for the benefit of this wonderful 'spiritual' home that we and our community benefit from. Bless you."

Dates for August

6th NO MEN'S BREAKFAST

8th Community Lunch 1pm in the hall

23rd Peter Turner's funeral

27th Community shop in the hall

Prayer groups meet Tues 9.30 – 10 am and Wed 7 – 7.30 pm in the Church.

Mum's coffee is each Wednesday morning in the church.

• **Contact details:**

Rector – Rev. Stefanie Hodges – 504228 [day off Friday]

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