

**ST. FRANCIS PARISH CHURCH,
WESTBOROUGH**

Dates for October

4th DCC meeting 7.30pm in the meeting room

9th Harvest Lunch and auction.

10th Lunch Club 1pm in the hall

17th Women's Fellowship 'Pets as Therapy' 2.30pm in the hall

29th Community Shop 11-1pm in the hall

Prayer groups meet on each Tuesday 9.30-10 am and each Wednesday 7-7.30 pm in the Church.

Mum's coffee morning each Wednesday morning at 9.30am

Contact details:

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Vulnerable Adults – Eike Ndiweni – Eike.ndiweni@btinternet.com

Stewardship – Mike Hammond – details as for newsletter.

Sunday 2nd October 2016 at 10am

19th Sunday after Trinity

A warm welcome to all joining us for our service today

Readings: *Lamentations 3 v.19-26 p.827*

Luke 17 v.5-10 p.1051

Collect:

*Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in 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.

Community Lunch. Val. is looking for volunteers to fill the two vacancies that she has in the kitchen for the lunch on 10th October if you can offer help please have a word with Val. If you are coming to the lunch please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

Transforming Church – Transforming Lives

As you undoubtedly noticed when you entered church this morning the setup is very different. I hope you will find it comfortable and therefore enjoy and benefit from what we will be doing over the next few weeks leading up to Advent.

Joining in with the Bishop's new initiative for the diocese, which we launched last week.

For the next few weeks in our service of worship, during the 'sermon slot' we shall have an interactive session, when we will be looking at our faith as Christians, hopefully, discovering new things or affirming the faith we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that you will enter into this with an open and positive mind and get as much out of it as possible. It would be important if you could make Sundays a priority to get the full benefit of these weeks.

I must make it clear there is no pressure at all. You can sit with people you feel most comfortable and speak as much or as little as you wish

We will watch a few moments of a DVD,

There will be questions to chat about or think on your own.

There will be a moment of reflection

And if you wish take the handout given each week to help you reflect a little more in your own time.

I pray God's blessings on us as we open ourselves up to Him in this new way.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service next Sunday 9th and delighted to say the St Francis Rainbows will be joining with us.

This year we encourage you to bring produce that can be auctioned off after the service, where the money is going to charity.

Sharing our bountiful harvest with those who are struggling.

Also we would encourage you to bring family or friends as we will be holding a BBQ after the service

For catering purposes, it is important that you sign up and let us know how many will which to stay for the BBQ

Sign-up sheets are situated on the table at the back of the church & one in the hall. Let's make this a Harvest to remember!!!!

If anyone is prepared to bring a desert could you please indicate it on the sign up sheet. Thank you.

Thank you for the beautiful birthday gift I received last week. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was very, much appreciated. I had genuinely forgotten that is my birthday, (I am told it happens with age!!!) - Stefanie