

## REGULAR SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

### Monday

9:10am – 10:30 Scramblers  
2:00 - 4:00pm - Trefoil Guild  
(1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month)  
6:15 - 7:30pm - Brownies  
(St. Francis Centre)  
8:15 -10:00pm - Ranger Guides  
(St. Francis Centre)

### Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00am - Scramblers  
6:15 - 7:30pm - Brownies  
(St. Francis Centre)  
7:30pm - 9:00pm - Guides  
(St. Francis Centre)

### Wednesday

1:15pm Bingo (St. Francis Centre)  
6:00pm Brownies  
(St. Francis Centre)  
7:30pm Ladies Group  
(St. Francis Centre)  
(1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each Month)

### Thursday

10:00am Eucharist  
11:00 - 12:30pm Scramblers  
12:30pm Lunch Club (St. Francis Centre)  
8:00pm Bible Study St. Francis

### Friday

9:30 – 11:00am Scramblers

### Saturday

10:15 Coffee Morning

## THE DEPARTED

Pam Kirk

## ANNIVERSARIES

01/12/2010 Jim Ellis  
04/12/1969 Edwin Tyler  
04/12/1977 Anne Denmead  
04/12/1983 Marion Kinloch

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## Welcome to St. Francis in the Parish of Bedminster



## MEMORY VERSE

*Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength  
to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand  
before the Son of Man.' [Luke 21:36]*

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 10.15 am

### First Sunday of Advent

President: Andrew Doarks

Preacher: Andrew Doarks

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9

Reader: Dianne Allen

- 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

- Gospel: Mark 13.24-37

Intercessions: Joanne Smith

Eucharistic: Joanne Smith & Dave Lane

Welcome: Mark Letcher  
Pete Wilson

Coffee: Pam Sully & Jean Holbrow

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10.15 am

### Second Sunday of Advent

President: Andrew Doarks

Preacher: Andrew Doarks

Readings: Malachi 3.1-4

Reader: Annie Tyas

- Philippians 1.3-11

- Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

Intercessions: Sheila Lilliman

Eucharistic: Annalisa Lane & Dianne Allen

Welcome: Pete Vowles

Coffee: Chris & Joyce Thomas

## December

- Wed 9 St. Aldhelm's DCC  
Fri 11 Christingle 3.30pm StA  
Sat 12 Lantern Parade  
Sun 13 Christingle 5pm StF  
Wed 16 DCC Sub Group – St F  
Fri 18 Luckwell Park Carols  
5pm?  
Sat 19 ALDI Carols 10-12pm  
Amerind Grove 3.30pm  
Sun 20 ALL AGE Carols 4pm StF  
StA Carols 7.30pm  
Thu 24 Crib 4pm StA  
Nativity 5.30 pm StF  
Midnight Mass Joint 11pm  
STF  
Christmas Day Joint Service  
10.15am StF  
Sun 27 Parish Service 10am StA

## January

- Sun 3 Epiphany, Word & Spirit  
Sat 9th MOSS (Mission Outreach  
Social Subgroup)  
Wed 13 ST Aldhelm's DCC  
Sun 17th 12-2 'Engaging the  
congregation in the bible'  
Mon 18th Pastoral Care focussing  
on Weddings, Baptisms and  
Funerals  
Wed 21 ST Francis' DCC  
Sun 31 ST Francis' Candlemas  
Bereavement Service

## February

Sun 21st Feb STF Centre Big Roast  
Dinner  
Ash Wednesday 10 Feb

## Principal Dates 2016

Easter Day 27 Mar  
APCM STF 10 Apr  
Weekend Away 15-17 Apr

## Christian Aid Twice the Impact!

Great news! For every pound you give to our Christmas Appeal, the UK Government will match it with another pound\* - meaning twice the impact for people in poverty.

Our appeal focuses on the moving stories of families affected by malaria in Nigeria, and the life-saving work we're doing there. We'll share these stories with you in the coming weeks.

Make a difference this Christmas - help us protect families from deadly malaria by making a donation today.

## Shoebboxes

After a very successful week the South Bristol Processing Centre has checked 6137 shoebboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This has been a tremendous effort, each one filled to overflowing with your love,

bringing joy and hope to a child who has very little. Thank you again for your contribution to this year's campaign. Blessings Sue Farrance

## Bible questions

1. How are you preparing for the arrival of Jesus?
2. Are you thinking more of the second coming or of Emmanuel 'God with us'?
3. The powers of the heavens will be shaken? What do you think this means?
4. 'Some people are so heavenly-minded, they are no earthly use' – do you agree?
5. 'What are we here for, on earth?' – how would you answer that if a shopper asked you?
6. 'Jesus is Lord' summarises the gospel. What could it mean if we lived as though we fully believed it?
7. Which areas of your life do other influences reign more than Jesus?
8. How do you imagine the cloud to look like in which Jesus returns with great glory and power?
9. Are you afraid that you will fail to recognise Jesus when he returns?
10. From the passage, what active steps should we take when we become aware of the kingdom of God happening around us? (e.g. vv 28,29,34,36)
11. What climate do we need to create among congregations to see spiritual growth happening?
12. Do you live in the light of the hope that you have? What do you hope will happen when Jesus comes again? What will the new heaven and new earth look like?
13. V32 What is meant by 'this generation'? What could Jesus mean by 'all things'?
14. Have you given up living in the light of Jesus' return because it hasn't happened yet? How do we encourage one another to keep on living as if Jesus is returning in our lifetime?
15. A tee-shirt slogan once read, 'Jesus is coming – look busy!' What is the difficult truth behind this joke?
16. What is the threat to our hearts v34-36?
17. What could it mean to have strength to escape all these things? Which things?
18. How do imagine standing before the Son of Man will be like?