

# St. Augustine's Church

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## Ash Wednesday

We will mark Ash Wednesday with an informal Eucharist in church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. All are welcome.

## Confirmation

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Mark, the Bishop of Horsham, to conduct a confirmation at St Augustine's on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, at 10am. We will welcome a couple of candidates from Wivelsfield & Slaugham, as well as our own confirmation candidates. All are welcome to join us for this special occasion.

## Coffee Shop Pancake Day

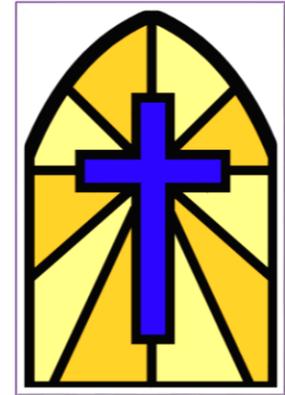
This Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, is Shrove Tuesday, and we will be repeating last year's pancake event, starring the wonderful Clive Welland and his performing frying pan! Do come and join us for a delicious morning.

## EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

This year we were hoping to be able to run two mornings of holiday club on 1st April and 2nd April. Holiday clubs are a great way to reach children and their families in our community. They give us an opportunity to bless our church and community families and to share the good news of Jesus with them. Last Easter we had 37 children at the holiday club, which was so exciting.

**So far we have not had enough offers of help to run any Easter Club at all. Could you please, please check your schedules, now that we are closer to the dates, and see if you can spare any time to make this happen?**

We can only run a holiday club if we get enough help. Please contact Emily if you would like to help 07825235907 or [youth.sash@gmail.com](mailto:youth.sash@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Events

### February 17

Shrove Tuesday – pancakes at Coffee Shop!

### March 1st

Confirmation 10 am Service

## February 15th 1 before Lent Readings

Mark 9: 2-9

Reminders:

James Nathan Morris will be baptized at our 10am service next week (22<sup>nd</sup>).

No choir this week – half-term

## Prayer Diary

Prayers taken from Lent course based on the film "Chocolat" produced by Hilary Brand

### MONDAY

Father God, who created all things for our delight, help us to live life to the full. Teach us to never neglect or refuse the good things you offer us. Teach us to appreciate the simple joys of being human, and teach us in turn to create delight for others.

### TUESDAY

Lord, keep us alert, lest we start to use your good gifts in a way you never intended. Keep us from over indulgence that turns healthy appetite into addiction. Teach us that fruit out of season can be sweet to the lips yet poison to the body.

### WEDNESDAY

Strengthen our weak wills and deal with those deep longings that make us crave what is bad for us. We ask for your forgiveness when we fail...we acknowledge that it is 'when' and not 'if' because each of us is fallible. We ask you that because of this fallibility we all share, you will help us to be gentle with ourselves and others, as you are with us.

### THURSDAY

Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart, teach me to move in the power of your Spirit, teach me to walk in the light of your presence, teach me to love with your heart of compassion, teach me to trust in the word of your promise, teach me to hope in the day of your coming.

### FRIDAY

Lord, help us to open the door to allow the wind of the Spirit to blow through our stuffy lives. Help us to open the door to welcome strangers and intruders who may be Christ in disguise, help us to open the door to changes and disturbances that may just have something to teach us, help us to open the door to you.

### SATURDAY

Lord, we acknowledge that who we are speaks far louder than what we say, or even what we do. Help us to accept ourselves fully as God accepts us, so that we may accept others fully as God accepts them, to forgive ourselves fully as God forgives us so that we may forgive others fully as a token of the forgiveness God wants them to receive.

### SUNDAY

Please help us to be quicker to celebrate difference than to condemn it, in the name of the loving, forgiving, accepting Christ.

AMEN.

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**Home Groups: Please contact the Home Group leaders if you would like to attend.**

Tuesday 8 pm, fortnightly      Mike & Di Harding

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays    8:15 pm      Sue & Clive Welland

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays

10:30 am Derek & Gwyneth Paine (Church Annexe)

8:00 pm Kerry & Mark Jones

**Mission Giving : February**

Please see the notices at the back of church, or talk to Lynne for more details.

Wheels for the World is one of the recipients of St. Augustine's Mission Giving. For the month of February we seek to remember it in our prayers (more information at the back of church). Wheels for the World is one of the overseas programmes of 'Through the Roof', a disability charity based in Epsom. The charity seeks to show the love of God in a practical way by providing wheelchairs and mobility aids to disabled people in developing countries, mainly Africa. Old NHS wheelchairs are sent to a workshop in HMP Parkhurst and restored to "as good as new" condition by the prisoners. This work gives training to the prisoners and helps them to look outward to the needs of others, providing an opportunity for growing their own sense of self-worth. The restored wheelchairs are sent by container ship to partners 'in country' and are followed by a team comprising therapists, technicians and administrators. The UK teams align with partner organisations in the countries of destination. Each disabled person is seen, assessed individually and a wheelchair or other mobility aid, adapted to their personal requirements, is issued to them. Training is given in its use. Please pray for this work which makes so much difference to people's lives.

WANTED: St Richard's Church in Haywards Heath needs a photocopier. Is anyone upgrading and would be pleased to pass their old one on to a small parish? Father David Weaver, 413621

