

St. Augustine's Church

If anyone has anything at all that needs to go into August's calendar, please let me know. gdeal316@hotmail.com

Open Doors Speaker

We welcome Mike Cooper, from Open Doors, as speaker at our 10am service.

Annual BBQ

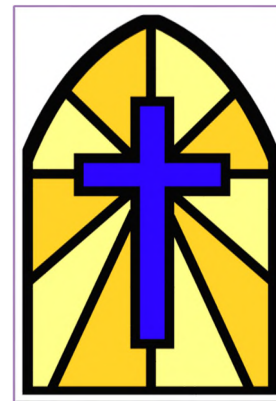
The annual BBQ in the vicarage garden will be on Sunday 23rd August this year, from 12.30pm. Please sign up on the list at the back of church if you're able to come along, and whether you're able to contribute a salad, dessert or drinks. We've never yet been rained off with this, so hopefully we will once again be able to enjoy the garden, but we will probably make use of the annexe if it's wet. Lisa

Church Gardens

Brian Sifford has taken care of mowing our church lawns, and maintaining our hedges, over many years, with great dedication and love. He now needs to stop doing this because of his health. Alan and Jenny Cattermole have also given an enormous amount of time and love through the years to maintaining our flower beds in the front and back of the church, and feel that it is time for them to relinquish at least part of this very physical work. So we are currently considering how we might manage these different aspects of our garden in the future. If you would be willing to be part of this, or have ideas about people that we might approach, please speak to Jenny Cattermole.

Choir Reminder

The Community Choir have produced a CD! You can buy them after church today, or from any member of the choir. They are £10 each, or 3 for £20, and the profits will be split between St Peter & St James hospice and Chestnut Tree House Children's hospice.



Upcoming Events

August 23 Church BBQ

July 26 Trinity 8 Readings

Matthew 5: 1 – 12

Robbie Cornish

died peacefully at the hospice on Thursday morning.

Her funeral will be in church on Friday 31st July at 12 noon, and all are welcome.

We hold Maurice, Fiona, Ainslie and the wider family in our prayers.

Prayer Diary

MONDAY

God may we live fully in the present moment; hungry to taste the life that is now; to see your glory in every sight, and in every sound to hear angels singing "Alleluia!"

TUESDAY

Let us centre ourselves today on what You, Lord, place before us – not worrying, not hurrying; not letting busy-ness consume us. Help us to make room for you, the Lord of Life

WEDNESDAY

May we know your love in our hearts as you bring truth, show justice, and free from oppression. May we choose wisely, making decisions with justice in mind, and going forward on the paths of your Commandments.

THURSDAY

Pour out your peace O God, may it saturate our minds. Pour out your love O God, may it flood our hearts. Pour out your life O God, may it drench our beings, and make us whole.

FRIDAY

Merciful God may your love rest on us today.
Compassionate Christ may your life flow through us today.
Forgiving Spirit may your power transform us today.

SATURDAY

Lord, we give thanks for you are always with us. You comfort the aches of our hearts; your spirit eases the pain of our suffering. You are present in our loneliness, and you are our strength when we are weak.

SUNDAY

We praise you God for when life seems hard we know that you are always with us. Help us to lift our voices to you in prayer at all times, for all things, good or bad, great or small.

AMEN

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Youth News

Apologies ...This is a message related to Christmas!

Yes, Emily knows it's only (June), but Emily has a plan which needs plenty of prep time and which needs your help!! We would like to have a knitted nativity set which we will use in Advent (just over 5 months away). Could you help us knit 24 sheep, several shepherds, Mary and Joseph and 3 kings? Would you be willing to donate either some money to buy wool or donate some wool?

Do you have any good second hand toys we could have for our children's box?

For either request, please speak to Emily 07825235907 or youth.sash@gmail.com"

Home Groups: Please contact the Home Group leaders to check meeting dates if you would like to attend. Usual patterns of meeting are listed but subject to change.

Groups scheduled to meet this week are highlighted:

Most groups will not meet during the summer break (August)

Tuesday 8 pm, fortnightly

Mike & Di Harding (2 New Heritage Way)

Thursday 8 pm alternate weeks

Kerry & Mark Jones (Currently meeting at 38 Orchard Close)

Gaynor Deal (38 Orchard Close)

1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays 8:15 pm

Sue & Clive Welland (Heather Place)

2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:30 am

Derek Paine (Church Annexe)

MISSION FOCUS July – St. Augustine's School

Please keep all those involved in this work in your prayers this month. Information will be at the back of church.