

St. Augustine's Church

Any problems, please let me know. Thanks, Gaynor

Prayer Week

Flyers are available today with more information about the week of prayer, which will be 13th – 20th September. The church will be open between 9am – 7pm each day, and we are hoping that people will sign up to pray within the church for a half hour or hour slot during the week, so please have a look at the sheet at the back of church, and consider whether you might be able to sign up! Lisa

Refugee Aid

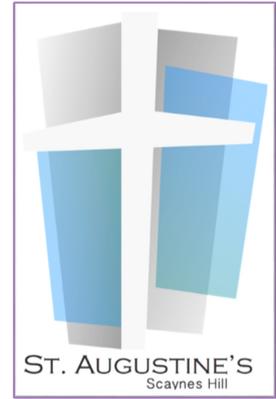
Many of us have been moved over recent weeks by the plight of refugees who are seeking safety across Europe. The images and stories this week have been particularly harrowing. There are plenty of opportunities to give to organisations which provide support as well as advocacy for these displaced people, but if you would like to make a donation through the church, then we will be sending money to Christian Aid, which works with a Christian partner organisation, ACT Alliance, in supporting refugees in Europe. Envelopes are available at the back of church, and there is also a sheet explaining Christian Aid's approach to the refugee crisis.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September. As last year, we will begin at Oakgates Fruit Farm on Clearwater Lane at 9.45am, before walking (or driving if necessary) back to the church to continue our service. Produce can be brought along, to add to the displays in church, and any non-perishable gifts will be passed on to Haywards Heath Foodbank.

Welcome Alice

From Monday 7th September, we will have a curate from Moulescombe Parish, Revd Alice Whalley, doing a two-month placement with us at St Augustine's. Alice has just been ordained as a priest, and is one year through her curacy. She will be spending time with us so that she can experience a different church and parish community, and will be getting involved in all sorts of different things. Please make her feel welcome – I know you will! Lisa



Upcoming Events

September 13

Prayer Week Launch

September 20

End of Prayer week celebration

September 27

Harvest Service

September 6 Trinity 14

Readings

Isaiah 55: 1-5

Hosea 11: 1-4

Matthew 11: 25-30

Church Garden

We propose having a working party on Saturday 10th October. Will you please consider helping and signing up on the list at the back of the church? *Jenny C*

Ladies' Breakfast

Our September Ladies' Breakfast will be on Saturday 12th September, 9 am in the annex. Chris Lee, will be our guest speaker, and her topic will be her Christian journey. Please use the sign-up sheet in church. Bring a friend, or maybe reach out to a neighbour to join us! £5 cost, to include full breakfast.

Anchor Coffee Shop

The coffee shop is open again. It's lovely to see everyone again, but we do still need help...especially with baking. Please take a look at the new sign-up sheet in the annex, and see if you can spare us a Tuesday morning, or provide a cake.

Jenny W, Ursula, Sue, Shaaron, Debbie & Gaynor

(Huge apologies to Jenny W for failing to include her on the team previously. My mistake entirely. We couldn't do it without her!)

Youth News

Youth Club: Year 6 Taster September 11th 7:30 pm—9 pm

Youth Club starts (Year 7+) September 25th 7:30 pm—9 pm

Tuesday TAG (Talking about God) September 29th 3:30 pm—5 pm

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:

Tuesday 8 pm, fortnightly

Mike & Di Harding (Barn End, Newick)

Thursday 8 pm alternate weeks

Kerry & Mark Jones (Cheriton)

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

Sue & Clive Welland (Heather Place)

2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:30 am

Derek Paine (Church Annexe)

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MISSION FOCUS September - The Haven Trust

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

Prayer Diary

MONDAY

Thank you Lord for the blessings of today, for love, for mercy, for forgiveness, for grace, for encouragement and for hope, which we can both give and receive.

TUESDAY

Thank you Lord, for homes, food, water, education and health care. We are aware of so many denied these essential facilities, speak to the hearts of those in power to extend compassion to those in need.

WEDNESDAY

Thank you Lord for the gift of prayer, as we prepare for the coming week of prayer, our hearts desire is to know you more, to be transformed and to be more like Jesus. May we connect with you in fresh ways.

THURSDAY

Thank you Lord for your great and precious promises that we find in your living word, "I will be a Father to you and you will be my sons and daughters says The Lord Almighty"

FRIDAY

Thank you Lord that when we are in you and you are in us we are new creations, help to discern that which is authentic from anything false that masquerades as faith, and so be effective ambassadors.

SATURDAY

We thank you Lord for our Queen and her long and faithful service and faith. We pray for all those with power and influence, to work for the good of all people, especially the vulnerable, knowing we will all give an account of what we have done.

SUNDAY

Thank you Lord, for the church family, for friendship, for people who care, for the sharing the good and not so good times, make us sensitive to the needs around us, so that we are truly a loving, welcoming church.

AMEN