

St. Augustine's Church

Any problems, please let me know. Thanks, Gaynor

The Alpha course is a great opportunity for those who are not sure about what they believe to explore the Christian faith, and for those who are Christians to think about their faith in new ways. We are going to be running an Alpha course on Wednesday mornings in the New Year. There will be an introductory session on Wednesday 25th November, at 10am, in the annexe. Please speak to Lisa if you'd be interested in taking part in this new course.

As we make plans for our Alpha course in the spring, we will need a team of people who can help with the cooking and hospitality. If you think that you might be able to help with this, there will be a meeting in church at 11.30am on Sunday 29th November. Please come along with your diaries, and ready to offer to help with particular things on particular weeks! Thanks, Lisa

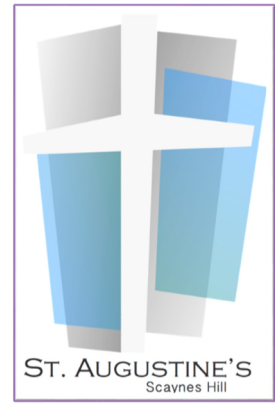
FSW Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning in aid of Family Support Work in the annexe on Tuesday 24th November. This will take place during our normal coffee shop and there will be a number of fundraising activities including a raffle and cake sale. If anyone would like to make a cake for the event I would be most grateful. Please let me know if you are able to do so. This occasion is also an opportunity to bring along a gift suitable for a child or young person such as a new toy or toiletries. Do please come along and support the valuable work of FSW. Many thanks, *Jenny Walker*



Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Children in Need cake sale last Sunday. We made an amazing £181.50 which we will pledge to Children in Need on Friday. If anyone else would like to make a donation, please see me or my Mum.

A big, big thank you to everyone for all the generosity – it is great that we can help Children in Need this way.
Many thanks, Emily Martin



Upcoming Events

November 25

Introduction to ALPHA 10 am

November 29

ALPHA helper meeting
11:30 am

November 15th 2nd Before Advent Readings

Daniel 12: 1 – 3

Hebrews 10: 11 – 24, 19:25

Mark 13: 1- 8



**Introductory meeting
In the annexe, 10am
Wednesday 25th November
Interested? Talk to Lisa**

Prayer Diary

MONDAY We bless you heavenly Father for seed and harvest, for the beauty of creation and the love that created it. May your love be in us to bring beauty and fruit into our world.

TUESDAY We see you hand dear Father in shorter days, cooling breezes, migrating birds, a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, for this and all your gifts we give you thanks.

WEDNESDAY We see your hand in the splendour of daily changing colours of leaves, a kaleidoscope of colour, that ends in dormant rest until Spring comes. For times of rest and all reasons for hope we give you thanks.

THURSDAY Creator God, who makes sunrise and sunset, warmth of sun and cold of frost and snow, seeds that die and grow and bring forth the harvest so your children are fed, and with supply for winter months, we give you thanks.

FRIDAY Father, forgive our ingratitude, having so much and yet wasting what we have been given. We pray for those whose harvest is poor, rain has not come, crops have died, for those who are hungry, homeless, and in need.

SATURDAY Bless and protect all who work to bring relief for those who suffer, and may we be generous to share the plenty from our garden, so that we may all give praise to our God.

SUNDAY In the beginning there was nothing and you created a vast universe, of which the more we know the more we are in awe and wonder, a world of beauty, where we have been made stewards, gardeners, caretakers but with capacity to enjoy. Thank you Lord.
AMEN

Arrangements for prayer cards

We have all enjoyed the prayer tree's colourful presence and it has been well used. The tree will remain in place until it has to make way for Christmas. Starting this week we have begun to remove them weekly, with any prayer requests from the lectern cards to pray over them at our weekly lunchtime prayers on Tuesdays.

It is important for everyone who wishes to be able to share their prayer requests, whether they are part of our regular congregation or come to use our quiet space to pray alone. We hope that everyone will feel that there is always somebody willing to share their prayer and that the more intimate space of Tuesday prayer will fill a need.

Thanks, Jenny C.

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MISSION FOCUS November: Open Doors

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

YOUTH NEWS from EMILY

Forgive me for talking about Christmas again

This year's nativity play is going to be on Sunday 20th December in our 10am morning service.

We hope your children will join in :-)

If your children would like to be involved

- A) please let me know
- B) make note of the rehearsal times and dates
- Sunday 29th November during 10am morning service
- Sunday 6th December during 10am
- Sunday 20th December **meeting at 9:15am** for final rehearsal

It would help to have you at the rehearsals too to make sure we have enough extra pairs of hands. *Emily*

POSADA

We are really REALLY excited because this Christmas we have a TRAVELLING NATIVITY. The idea is our cute knitted Nativity set comes to your home for one night before moving on to another family.

We need to fill every day of Advent..... So if you would like to be an "Inn" for Mary and Joseph, some shepherds, wise men and LOTS OF SHEEP, let me know. More details will be available soon.

Last year I organised some **Real Advent Calendars**. I thought I would do the same this year. The Real Advent Calendar has Fairtrade chocolate, raises money for charity and has a family activity book which helps families to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas. They're £3.99 each (but if we have enough orders we get a discount)

I'll be ordering around the 15th November. Let me know if you would like one. *Emily*

Home Groups

Please contact the Home Group leaders to check meeting dates if you would like to attend. Groups scheduled to meet this week are highlighted:

Tuesday 8 pm, fortnightly Mike & Di Harding (Barn End, Newick)

Thursday 8 pm, fortnightly Kerry & Mark Jones (Orchard Close)

1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays 8:15 pm Sue & Clive Welland (Heather Plc)

2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:30 am Derek Paine (Church Annexe)