

# St Augustine's Church

## Newsletter



Sunday 12th June 2016 – **H.M. Queen's Birthday**

### **Services and events this week**

#### **This Sunday**

- 10.00 am Queen's Birthday Celebration Communion, with Sunday Club, followed by refreshments
- 12.00 noon Queen's Birthday Celebration Lunch
- 3.30 pm Family Fun Queen's Birthday Party (although unfortunately, the Queen will not be in attendance)

#### **Tuesday 14th June**

- 10.00 am Anchor Coffee Shop
- 3.30 pm TAG
- 7.30 pm Home Group – 9 *Badens Close, Newick*

#### **Wednesday 15th June**

- 6.30 pm Community Choir practice at the school
- 8.15 pm Home Group – *Heather Place*

#### **Thursday 16th June**

- 8.00 pm Home Group – 38 *Orchard Close*

#### **Friday 17th June**

- 7.30 pm Youth Club – Games Night

#### **Saturday 18th June**

- 8.30 am Men's Breakfast – Hugh Bourne

#### **Next Sunday, 19th June**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Parish Communion with Sunday Club

*This week's Bible Readings:*

Psalm 95: 1-7a page 576

Mark 3: 7-10 page 949

# Notices

## Church in Guinea

At last week's service, we heard about Bishop Jacques Boston's presentation to a fringe meeting of the General Synod. If you would like to listen to his presentation, you can find it at <http://www.weareus.org.uk/news/ebola/> (you'll need to scroll down the page a bit). The other presentations are also there, as well as some information about Ebola and the 'Us'/Anglican response to it ('Us' is the new name for the USPG).

*Helen*

Please remember that the churchwardens would like to hear your ideas of what our response should be, now that we have a link with a church in Guinea. The PCC has begun to consider this but it is important for the whole congregation to be involved. Please speak to us.

*Jenny C and Jenny W*

## Avoiding a Bottleneck!

In an attempt to avoid congestion at the back of the church before and after services, in future all sign-up sheets for breakfasts and other events will be placed on a table in the Annexe lobby area. As it can be off-putting to find everyone blocking the narrow passageway, sidespeople will be encouraging us to move on to more congenial areas.

*Jenny C and Jenny W*

## War Memorial

Owing to concern about the deteriorating condition of the wooden Calvary on the War Memorial, it has been taped off as a safety precaution although there is not thought to be any imminent danger to its structural stability. We have sought specialist advice from the War Memorials Trust, which is also a possible source of funding for the project, but are awaiting their response. We hope that we will be able to commence work on the repair and conservation of the War Memorial before the winter.

## Men's' Breakfast – Saturday 18th June

All men are welcome to our next breakfast together at 8.30 am next Saturday in the Annexe, when Hugh Bourne, Curate of All Saints Lindfield, will be our Guest speaker. Please sign up on the list in the Annexe lobby area.

*Mike Harding*



## Songs of Praise Service



Sunday 17th July will be a Songs of Praise service. Please let us know if you have a favourite hymn or anthem, and we will do our best to include it.

The list is on the table in the annexe. If you are willing to speak about why you have chosen that hymn, please indicate on the form... although we will also try to include songs from those of you who aren't comfortable with speaking.

*Gaynor*

## Voices in Exile

You may remember that I did a food or toiletries collection for *Voices in Exile* several times when Mark Payne was vicar. Mary – Jane, who led the group then, came to Kairos to talk about the needs of the refugees and I attended some of their meetings in Brighton. Bishop Mark is now asking parishes to help fund a caseworker to work with refugees based in Sussex. *Voices in Exile* is being used as the specialist charity to respond to the need. If you are able to contribute to the fund to provide a worker please use one of the envelopes at the back of the church.

More information about *Voices in Exile*, can be found on their Facebook page (it works even if you're not on Facebook yourself!);

<https://www.facebook.com/brightonvoicesinexile/>. Thank you.

*Jenny C*

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Loving Father God,

Thank you that love and care for us all and that we do not need to earn your love.

Help us to remember that every good thing we have comes from you, and to be content with the good things you have given us.

We pray for those who don't have a place to live or enough food to eat – show us what You would have us do to help them.

Give us a compassionate heart and a generous spirit, that we might live in a way that reflects your love for us all.

Amen

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