

# St Augustine's Church Newsletter



## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Services and events this week

### **This Sunday, 18th**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Parish Communion

### **Tuesday 20th**

- 10.00 am Anchor Coffee Shop
- 7.30 pm Home Group, *Scaynes Hill House*

### **Wednesday 21st**

- 6.30 pm Community Choir, *School*
- 8.15 pm Home Group, *Heather Place*

### **Friday 23rd**

- 7.30 pm Youth Club

### **Next Sunday, 25th September**

- 10.00 am Parish Communion
- 6.00 am Kairos

#### *This week's Bible Readings:*

Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1	p. 726
1 Timothy 2: 1- 7	p. 1126
Luke 16: 1- 13	p. 991

# Notice

## Harvest News



Do you have a mammoth marrow, a buff beet, or a porky pumpkin?

If anyone has - or knows of anyone who has - any large vegetables they could lend us for the Harvest service, (they will be returned after Harvest, just pop your name on the bottom with a felt tip pen), please let us know. Any excess fruit and veg would also be very welcome. Please leave any donations at the back of church no later than Friday 23rd September, when the Team will be decorating. Please see Dianne Elliott if you need any more information.



This year, as so many members of our church family are away for the Harvest Festival weekend, we are not holding the usual **Harvest Supper** on the Saturday evening before the Harvest Service. The lunch taking place on Sunday 2nd October will now be our Harvest Celebration and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on that occasion...

**The Harvest Celebration** will take place on Sunday 25th September. We will once again start our harvest service at Oakgates Fruit Farm at 9.45 am and then walk or drive to the church for the remainder of the service.

### **Men's Breakfasts coming up...**

Our next breakfast in the annexe at 8.30am is next Sat 24th September when Mike Harding will talk on "money". Mike says his talk will NOT be a plea for money for the church, but rather comparing what man thinks about money and what God says about it. Usual £5 cost (any profits go to the church) - do bring a friend. Sign-up sheet is in the annexe.

(Men's breakfasts cont'd)

- Then on 5th November we have our good friend Peter Mackintosh returning - no subject matter yet but always good value. We will be returning to The Sloop for this event, which will cost a bit more but no more than £7.

### **Mike Streeter**

Mike would like to thank everyone at St Augustine's for the gift he received to mark his "retirement" as a Reader. He would also like to thank all those who told him that they had appreciated the contribution he had made to the life of St Augustine's. He and Jenny will, of course, continue to be with us.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning: On Tuesday**

September 27<sup>th</sup> the Coffee Shop will host a "World's Biggest Coffee Morning". All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.



### **Diary Date for next Lunch**

Our next shared lunch – which will be our Harvest Lunch - will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be out soon!



### **September 21st is International Peace Day.**

Please take five minutes on Wednesday to pray for God's peace through our ravaged world; for love, tolerance, and forgiveness to bear fruit where strife and division has torn countries and families apart.

Our prayer for this week is taken from last year's prayer for peace from the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

## Prayer for the Week

Loving God,  
Thank you for our marvellous world.  
Thank you for all living things that  
dwell on it, and those who have gone  
before.

We are truly sorry for times we stray  
into the path of violence and hatred.  
For times we fail to see long-term  
consequences, forgive our apathy,  
our selfishness, our inaction.

We are often quick to anger and  
slow to listen, hearing what is simple  
and easy, not what is helpful and  
true.

Help us to hear kindly and respond  
with integrity.

Lead us into righteous anger and  
active resistance, to speak out against  
injustice, help us to love our  
neighbour, to see past race, age,  
gender, sexuality, faith or body  
shape.

We hold up to you those working  
for peace, who face violence with  
courage and love in places where it is  
dangerous to do so.

Help us to be more like your son,  
Jesus Christ, who took direct action  
in the temple; who is friend of the  
poor and said,

"Blessed are the peacemakers".

We pray this in your name,

Amen

(written by FoR for Peace Sunday 2015)

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