

# St Augustine's Church

## Newsletter



Sunday 20th November 2016 – Christ the King

### *Services and events this week*

#### **This Sunday**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All-Age Communion – Crèche available

#### **Tuesday 22nd November**

10.00 am Anchor Coffee Shop

12.00 noon Midday Prayers

#### **Wednesday 23rd November**

6.30 pm Community Choir practice at the school

#### **Thursday 24th November**

10.30 am Home Group – *Annexe*

8.00 pm Home Group – *38 Orchard Close*

#### **Friday 25th November**

7.30 pm Youth Club

#### **Next Sunday, 27th November**

10.00 am Parish Communion with Sunday Club

6.00 pm Kairos

*This week's Bible Reading:*

Luke 23: 33–43 page 1001

How good is the God we adore,  
Our faithful unchangeable Friend!  
His love is as great as His power,  
And knows neither measure nor end!



## **Carol Singing round the Christmas Tree**

We will be lighting the Christmas Tree and singing carols on Sunday 4th December at 5pm and this will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

## **Men's Christmas Meal**

The Men's Christmas meal will be at The Red Lion, Lindfield, on Thursday 8th December – we'll meet there at **7 pm**. The cost will be £17, including coffee/tea and a tip. Please sign up **now** on the sheet in the Annexe, and indicate your menu choices. *Mike H*

## **Ladies' Christmas Lunch**

Our Christmas Event for Ladies will be on Saturday 10th December at 12:30 pm, in the Annexe, when we will have a shared lunch party. More details will follow soon.

## **Heating in Annexe**

If you're in the Annexe for a planned event during the week and the heating doesn't appear to be working properly, could you please let a Warden or Keith Martin know *as soon as possible*. Many thanks to Keith for fixing it again last week!

## **Posada Travelling Nativity**

Last year throughout Advent we had a knitted nativity set and a box of fun activities that travelled to a different home each night. Families explored the Christmas story and had a great time welcoming baby Jesus into their homes. We are doing this again this year. If you are interested in having the travelling nativity to your home this advent please sign up on the list or get in touch with me.

*Emily*

The **Family Fun fireworks** last Sunday was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Keith for organising such a great display and to Debbie for making the delicious food.

## **Christmas Events and Services**

Cards giving details of our Christmas events and services are ready for distribution. If you're able to, **please could you take a bundle to give out in a road near you.** Thanks.

*Jenny Walker*

## **Family Support Work News**

A special **Coffee Morning** to help FSW will be held in the Coffee Shop on Tuesday 6th December – St. Nicholas' Day. Besides coffee and cakes there will be a Christmas stall and raffle, with all proceeds donated to FSW. If you would like to provide a raffle prize please see Jenny Walker.



Count-down to Christmas with an **Advent Jar** instead of an Advent calendar and help FSW. Advent Jars are a new initiative from FSW. If you would like to support FSW's work with vulnerable children and their families in Sussex in simply take a jar and pop a coin into it each day during Advent. Jars will be available in church on Advent Sunday (27th November). At the end of Advent please return the jar with your donation to Jenny Walker.

FSW is also collecting **Christmas foodstuffs** and would welcome donations. This year items are being made up into Christmas gift bags for local families. There will be a collecting box at the back of church. The FSW local support worker would welcome any new toys or gifts suitable for teenagers and these can also be brought along to the Coffee Morning.

**Fuel poverty** is both serious and widespread in Sussex affecting many children and their families, so FSW is asking for your help. If you are eligible for a Winter Fuel Payment but feel you do not need it, please consider donating some of it to help vulnerable children in Sussex this year. You will find cards with information about how to do this on the table in the annexe, or ask Jenny Walker for details.*Jenny Walker*

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God of hope  
be with us on our Advent  
journey  
to the stable and beyond,  
be with us in our meeting  
and in our travelling  
together,  
be with us in our worship  
and in our praying  
together,  
be with us in our Advent  
journey  
to the stable and beyond,  
our God of hope.

AMEN

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