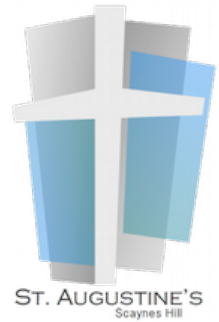


St Augustine's Church

Newsletter



Sunday 4th December 2016 – Advent 2

Services and events this week

This Sunday

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Parish Communion with Sunday Club
followed by Parish Lunch
- 5.00 pm Christmas tree lighting and carols

Tuesday 6th December

- 10.00 am Anchor Coffee Shop – *FSW Coffee Morning*
- 12.00 noon Midday Prayers

Wednesday 7th December

- 6.30 pm Community Choir meet at St Mary's, Ditchling Common

Thursday 8th December

- 10.30 am Home Group – *Annexe*
- 7.00 pm Men's Christmas meal at The Red Lion, Lindfield

Friday 9th December

- 7.30 pm Youth Club

Saturday 10th December

- 12.30 pm Ladies' Christmas Lunch – *Annexe*

Next Sunday, 11th December

- 10.00 am Parish Communion with Sunday Club
- 3.30 pm Family Fun – crafts and Christmas tea

This week's Bible Readings:

Isaiah 11: 1–10 page 661
Romans 15: 4–13 page 1077
Matthew 3: 1–12 page 915

Notices

Carol Singing round the Christmas Tree



Join us this evening at 5 pm, when we will be lighting the Christmas tree outside the church and singing carols.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be available afterwards to warm you up!

Men's Christmas Meal

A reminder to all men who have signed up that our Christmas meal will be at The Red Lion, Lindfield, this Thursday – we'll meet there at **7 pm**. (£17, including coffee/tea and a tip.)

Mike H

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who came to our Children in Need Bake Sale last week. We made a massive £200.40.



Thank you to everyone who donated so generously and bought all our cakes - it is an amazing total!

Emily Martin



Family Support Work Coffee Morning

Don't forget that this Tuesday in the Coffee Shop – St. Nicholas' Day – we will be having our special Coffee Morning in support of Family Support Work. 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.

Other ways to support FSW include collecting loose change in an Advent Jar, donating non-perishable food to go in Christmas gift bags for families or, for those who receive it and don't feel you need it yourself, donating part of your winter fuel allowance to help those suffering fuel poverty. More details about any of these from Jenny Walker. Thank you!

Ladies' Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Event for Ladies will be a shared lunch party on Saturday 10th December at 12:30 pm, in the Annexe. All ladies are welcome! Please sign up on the list in the Annexe.

The Church Ceiling

After we had a new roof some years ago it was always intended we would go on to replace the ceiling, which is old, cracked and thermally inefficient. The building of the annexe and installation of the sound system have delayed this, but this year we have sought faculty permission and now agreed a builder contract. It is proposed that the work will take place over three or four weeks in January.

During the building works we will hold our main 10 am Communion service at St Augustine's school. The 8 am communion, Family Fun and the monthly evening Kairos service will take place in the Annexe, and the weekday life of the church will continue as normal.

Much of the work to obtain the faculty was carried out by Mark Brunet who has offered to oversee the builders. We are very grateful to Mark and should you have questions about the work do please ask Mark. Jenny Walker and I will be meeting this week to try to work out the logistics of our church life during the works. Please ask us if you have questions, though we cannot promise to have all the answers at once! We will need help during this time and we are dependent on everyone's good will. Mark will need some help prior to the work starting and we will need some practical help on Sundays. Together, we are sure we will manage. *Jenny C*

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, I say with all my heart that you are good and your mercies are new every morning.

Keep me from a wilderness mentality and complaining about what is going on in my life.

May I speak life and honour you with the words I speak.

AMEN



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