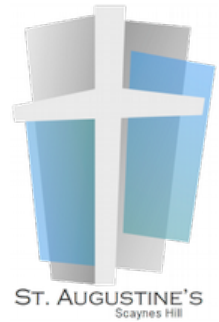


St Augustine's Church

Newsletter



Sunday 11th December – Advent 3

Services and events this week

This Sunday

- 10.00 am Parish Communion – *crèche available*
- 3.30 pm Family Fun – Crafts and Christmas tea

Tuesday 13th December

- 10.00 am Anchor Coffee Shop
- 12.00 noon Midday Prayers
- 7.30 pm Home Group – *Barn End, Newick*

Wednesday 14th December

- 6.30 pm Community Choir practice in the church

Friday 16th December

- 7.30 pm Youth Club

Next Sunday, 18th December

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am All Age Communion – *crèche available*
- 6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight service

This week's Bible Readings:

Isaiah 35: 1–10 page 682
James 5: 7–10 page 1150
Matthew 11: 2–11 page 923

Notices

Parish Lunch

We enjoyed another wonderful lunch together last Sunday. Thank you to Di Harding and the home group team. Thank you also to the people who moved into the kitchen to wash and clear up. That made a difference.

A sum of £63 remained after expenses and this will be donated to Family Support Work. We are pleased that our fellowship and enjoyment also leads to others benefitting.

Jenny C

Christingle Service

The Christingle Service this year will take place after Christmas at Family Fun on Sunday 8th January at 3:30pm. This will be held in the Annexe.

Emily



Family Support Work



Many thanks to all those who have supported FSW so generously in a variety of ways. Thank you to everyone who came along to the Coffee Morning on Tuesday. There will be a further opportunity on Sunday to buy Christmas items and tickets for the raffle. This will be drawn in the Coffee Shop next week on Tuesday 13th December.

Jenny Walker

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Charles Wesley

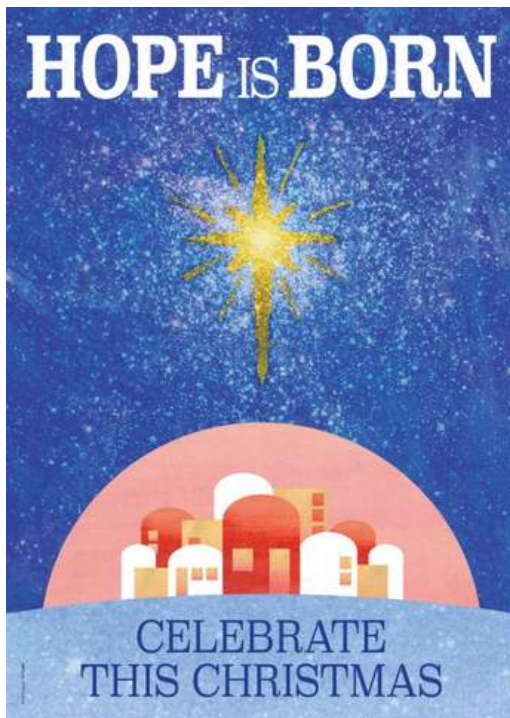
Church ceiling

In last week's newsletter, we reported that we were planning to carry out much-needed repairs to the ceiling in the church during January. These repairs will require the church to be closed for about 3 weeks or so. The Annexe will remain available to us. The existing ceiling is cracked and thermally inefficient.

Following a meeting with the architect and the builder this week, we can now confirm that 10 am services will be held in St Augustine's School, beginning on Sunday 8th January. The 8 am communion service on Sunday 15th January will be in the Annexe and the usual life of the church will carry on as normal. Together we can make this change work well for the time it is necessary.



Jenny C and Jenny W



In all the Christmas busyness, don't forget to make time to come to one of our special Christmas Services.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Lord

In our waiting, may we
make time to wait on
you,

In our preparations, may
we prepare for your
coming,

In our giving, may we give
you our best,

In our hospitality, may you
feel welcome in our
homes,

In our church, may you
have centre stage,

In our hearts, may we
know that you stand at
the door and knock,

In truth, may we respond
with joy.

AMEN

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