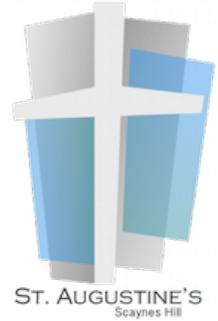


# St Augustine's Church

## Newsletter



Sunday 18th December – Advent 4

Sunday 25th December – Christmas

### **Services this week**

#### **This Sunday**

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Communion – *crèche* available

6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight service, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

#### **Saturday, Christmas Eve**

5.00 pm Children's Crib service

11.15 pm Midnight Communion

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

Isaiah 7: 10–16 page 657

Romans 1: 1–7 page 1065

Matthew 1: 18–25 page 913

### **Services next week**

#### **Next Sunday, Christmas Day**

10.00 am Family Christmas Communion – *crèche* available

#### **Following Sunday, 1st January 2017**

10.00 am Parish Communion – *crèche* available

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

Isaiah 52: 7–10 page 702

John 1: 1–14 page 1004

# Notices



## Family Support Work

The recent Christmas Coffee Morning for Family Support Work raised a total of £322. Many thanks to the Anchor Coffee Shop and to all those who contributed.

In addition to this, £63 was donated from the Christmas Lunch, making a total of £385 to be sent to Family Support Work.

Please remember to bring your Advent Jars back after Christmas.

*Jenny Walker*

## Anchor Coffee Shop

Thanks to everyone who supported the coffee shop in 2016.

A special thank you to everyone who gave of their time or talents, helping or baking.

Of course, the New Year is just around the corner, and Christmas just wouldn't be the same without a rota!

Yes, the coffee shop needs your help again in 2017, and the rota is in the annexe.

We can't run this venture without you, so please do consider joining the team this year.

Merry Christmas from all of us!

We open again on Tuesday 10th January!

*Gaynor*



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

*John 1: 5*

## 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



## Church ceiling

A couple of weeks ago, 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 repairs are needed because the existing ceiling is cracked and thermally inefficient.



Following a meeting with the architect and the builder, we can now confirm that 10 am services will be held in St Augustine's School, beginning on Sunday 8th January. We'll return to the annexe after the service for Coffee to reduce the amount of things we have to take round to the school each week.

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.

A team will be working on Monday 2nd January to clear the church in preparation for the building work. If you feel you would be able to help with this, please speak to one of the Wardens or to Mark Brunet. Thank you.

Jenny C and Jenny W

*We wish you all a very  
Happy Christmas  
and a Peaceful New Year*

# PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Thank you for this Christmas  
time, and times of  
celebration.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of  
each new day.

Thank you for grace to live well.

Thank you for the help that you  
give in times of need, and  
for the comfort we find in  
difficult times.

Thank you for all the people in  
our lives, who love us, help  
us, and bring us joy.

Thank you for Jesus, coming to  
earth to break the power of  
evil, so that we may enjoy  
restored relationship with  
you.

Finally, thank you for the sure  
and certain hope of a life  
with you, beyond this  
present time, and for your  
presence with us and in us,  
today and always.

AMEN

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