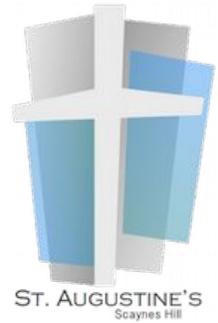


St Augustine's Church

Newsletter



Sunday 29th January – Epiphany 4

Services and events this week

This Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion with Sunday Club

Tuesday 31st January

10.00 am Anchor Coffee Shop

12.00 noon Midday Prayers

Wednesday 1st February

No Community Choir practice

7.45 pm Deanery Synod – *St Richard's, Haywards Heath*

8.15 pm Home Group – *Heather Place*

Friday 3rd February

7.30 pm Youth Club

Next Sunday, 5th February

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All-Age Communion – crèche available

This week's Bible Readings:

1 Kings 17:8-16 page 343

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 page 1080

John 2:1-11 page 1005

The Year of the Bible and Deanery Day

Leaflets giving information about this Diocesan initiative are available at the back of the church.



A Deanery Day on the theme of the Bible will be held on Saturday 11th February at the Church of the Ascension in Vale Road, Haywards Heath. The day will be led by Bishop Richard Jackson. It starts at 10 am for 10.30 and ends at 3 pm. Our Deanery days have been very inspiring in the past, so do consider going.

This year's Lent Course produced by the diocese also links in to the Year of the Bible theme. Lisa and our friend Rev Alice Whalley have contributed sessions. If you'd be interested in joining a group to study this course, please speak to one of the wardens.

Mission Giving 2016

Our policy as a church is to tithe 10% of our giving each year end, and I am pleased to say that as a result we have been able to distribute a total of £7,329 among 14 different charities, churches and other organisations in 2016, both in the UK and abroad. I have received many letters of thanks, all of which are filed in a book on the table at the back of the Annexe. Do have a look at these letters which explain in many cases of the excellent work they are doing locally and overseas.

During the year we have also made other donations through special collections, such as the Harvest Appeal, and every third month's coffee shop proceeds are donated to charities.

Thank you again for your kind generosity to St Augustine's, so that we can bless others – it is a blessing for me as Treasurer to see we are an outward looking fellowship. We are reminded again of Jesus' words "freely you have received - freely give".

Mike



Family Support Work

The total amount of money raised from the Advent Jars was £150.67 Many thanks to everyone who supported FSW in this way.

The annual FSW Spring Supper will be held on Friday 17th March at Wivelsfield Village Hall. This is St Patrick's Day, so Irish Stew will be on the menu. Tickets, which include the meal and entertainment, cost £13.50 and will be available nearer the time. There is a limited number available so please let me know if you would like any tickets.

Jenny Walker

Next Week's All-Age Service

This might sound like an odd request, but we'd like everyone, if possible, to bring a teddy with them to our next All Age Service, which will be on Sunday **5th** February. There will a competition for the oldest teddy, the largest teddy and the smallest teddy ... **and** prizes!



Emily

[Want to learn more about Haywards Heath Foodbank?](#)

[There will be a talk about our local foodbank this Wednesday at the Cuckfield Deanery Synod. All are welcome at Synod meetings – you don't have to be on the Synod! Do come and find out more about this local charity: we meet at 7.45 for 8 pm at St Richard's church, Haywards Heath.](#)



Men's Breakfast – Saturday 18th February

Do put this date in your diary, as our own Mark Brunet is the speaker and will share something of his own exploration of faith. He has chosen the title "Why I think that theology is unimportant", which no doubt will get us guessing what he means by such a statement.

We will be back in the Annexe, starting at 8.30 am with the usual full English breakfast costing £5. All men are welcome – please sign up on the sheet in the Annexe.

Mike

PRAYER FOR WISDOM

Dearest Lord,

We pray for wisdom,
may we search for her,
discern her and invest in her,
for we and future generations,
desperately need her in our day
and in the days to come.

Wisdom was present in the
beginning, and wisdom is present
in the heavens, we pray for
wisdom to dwell on the earth.

We pray for wisdom for world
leaders, especially Theresa May,
for people of influence, leaders of
faith, for peacemakers, and for
ourselves.

May wisdom help us build a strong
and healthy society, may she
guide us in our ways and choices,
speaking to our hearts when we
stray from your will for us.

May you strengthen us, Lord, in all
goodness, so that our desires
meet and meld with wisdom.

AMEN

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