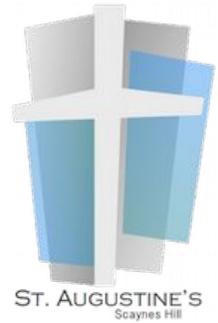


St Augustine's Church

Newsletter



Sunday 23rd April 2017 – Easter 2

Services and events this week

This Sunday

10.00 am Parish Communion with Sunday Club
6.00 pm Kairos

Monday 24th April

7.30 pm Fabric Committee – Annexe

Tuesday 25th April

10.00 am Anchor Coffee Shop
12.00 noon Midday Prayers

Wednesday 26th April

No Community Choir practice

Friday 28th April

7.30 pm Youth Club

Next Sunday, 30th April

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Communion with Sunday Club
11.15 am Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This week's Bible Readings:

Acts 2: 14a, 22–32 page 1032
1 Peter 1: 3–9 page 1151
John 20: 19–31 page 1029

Annual Church Meeting

Our Church Annual Meeting (APCM) will be held after our 10 am service next Sunday, 30th April. This is a chance to hear more about and celebrate the different parts of our church life, as well as to elect our Church Wardens, PCC members, and this year Deanery Synod members too. Please have a chat to Lisa if you'd like to know more about being involved in one of these roles, and do stay for the meeting on 30th April if you're able to.

Lisa

Copies of the Trustees & Financial Report 2016 reports ready for our APCM on 30th April, are available at the back of the church. Should you require an electronic copy, please see Mike or send him an email to mikeanddih@gmail.com

Easter Thanks

Many thanks to all who contributed to making our Easter celebrations so special this year, from helping with the Children's Easter fun morning and Good Friday activities, catering on Maundy Thursday, the beautiful flower arrangements* for Easter Sunday, reading, praying, playing music, and being a taxi service to enable others to be part of the worship too. Thanks too to the wardens, Jenny & Jenny, who have worked tirelessly with me to make sure that nothing's been forgotten! So many have done so much, and it is enormously appreciated. It was a particular joy for me to be sharing the responsibility of leading and preaching over the Easter weekend with our trainee lay-readers, Gaynor & Steve, as well as being part of the wonderful children's activities that our youth worker, Emily Ludgate, organised. I am also very grateful to Jean Sedgley for leading today's service, so that this Vicar can have a week off to recover! Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Lisa

* The church looked really lovely with all the beautiful flowers and this added so much to our worship on Easter Day. Thank you very much to the team of flower ladies who plan and create the wonderful arrangements. Thank you also to those who donated towards the Easter flowers in memory of loved ones or contributed in other ways.

Ladies, please consider joining us for a **Quiet Day** on Saturday 20th May. Full details are available today on invitation cards in the church. Please sign up on the list if you'd like to come.

Children's Society Boxes

Will all box holders please remember to bring your boxes to the Church APCM next Sunday, 30th April. Many thanks to you all for your continued support.

Bobby Whittome

FSW Spring Supper

The Family Support Work Deanery Spring Supper in March raised the splendid total of £2069. These funds will be used to support families in need across the Diocese. Thank you to those who came along to the event.

Jenny Walker

May Camp

We are looking forward to taking a group of young people to the diocesan youth camp this year, which is held at Plumpton Race Course over the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of May. This will be a significant opportunity for them to be alongside hundreds of other teenage Christians, and to reflect on their own faith. As the weekend costs £55 per person, and there will be other expenses, the young people will be organising various fund-raising events over the next couple of months – more details of this soon!

But in the meantime, if you would consider 'sponsoring' one of the young people to go, or making a donation towards this event, Mike Harding would be pleased to hear from you.

Lisa & Emily

Raffle Prizes Needed

There will be a raffle at the Youth Group Quiz Night on Friday 12th May to raise funds for taking some of the young people to the May Camp. We would be extremely grateful for any offers of raffle prizes. These can be placed in the box at the back of church or given to Jenny Walker. Many thanks.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious God,

We praise you for the light
of new life made possible
through Jesus.

We praise you for the light
of new life that shone on
the first witnesses of
resurrection.

We praise you for the light
of new life that continues
to shine in our hearts
today.

We pray that the Easter
light of life, hope and
joy, will continue to live
in us each day,
throughout the year; and
that we will be bearers of
that light into the lives of
others.

AMEN

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