

Prayer Diary

As part of the Church family you may like to ask for prayer for someone or for yourself and this could be included in the prayer diary. The pastoral link for the diary is Diane Harding, 01825 722113. We will only include someone's name in the prayer diary if they have given permission for us to remember them in our prayers.

Prayer, first and foremost is listening to Jesus, who dwells in the very depths of your heart. He doesn't shout. He doesn't thrust himself upon you. His voice is an unassuming voice, nearly a whisper, a voice of gentle love. This listening must be an active and very attentive listening, for in our restless and noisy world, God's so loving voice can be drowned out.

Henri Nouwen

MONDAY

Dear God, I am so afraid to open my very self to you, to let go of long held hurts, painful memories, anger and fears. Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands? Help me to receive that which you want to give, love, unconditional love.

TUESDAY

Dear God, speak gently in my silence. When the loud outer noises of my surroundings and the loud inner noises of my fears keep pulling me away from you, help me to trust that you are still there even when I am unable to hear you.

WEDNESDAY

Dear God, give me ears to listen to your small, soft voice saying, "Come to me, you who are overburdened, and I will give you rest... for I am gentle and humble of heart". Let that loving voice be my guide.

THURSDAY

Father, keep me from believing that what I own and what I do, and what others say of me, is what I am. Cleanse me from all judgements, opinions and condemnations, keep me from "fixing" others, and may you work your life into each one of us.

FRIDAY

Dear Jesus, may prayer be the centre of my life for it is the only necessary thing, living with you in the here and now. As I spend time with you, the desire to pray grows within me, help me to understand how to pray without ceasing.

SATURDAY

Lord, keep me from thinking that it is my desire for you that causes me to pray, and help me to know that it is your passionate pursuit of me that calls me to prayer. May prayer pervade every aspect of my life, for you are wherever I am.

SUNDAY

Dear Father, as I pray, keep me from expecting from you, the small mindedness, which I find in myself. May I walk in the full light of God and simply, without holding back, acknowledge that I am human and you alone are God.

Amen

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Services and Events

Today

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion

Wednesday 4th

10.00 am Feaster Fun, St Augustine's School
8.00 pm Lent Group, Heather Place

Thursday 5th

Maundy Thursday

7.00 pm Parish Supper and Maundy Thursday Service, St Augustine's School

Friday 6th

Good Friday

10.30 am Lent Group, 17 Costells Edge
2.00 pm Last Hour at the Cross

Sunday 8th

Easter Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am All Age Service

Tuesday 10th

8.00 pm Home Group, New Heritage Way

Saturday 14th

8.30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Snowdrop
Wedding of Barry White and Petrina Teo

Sunday 15th

9.30 am Parish Communion led by
Rev. Jean Sedgely

Wednesday 18th

8.00 pm Home Group, Heather Place

Saturday 21st

8.30 am Women's Craft Breakfast
Bunting with Di Harding, Church

Sunday 22nd

9.30 am Parish Communion with
Children's Church
6.00 pm Kairos

Readings

Sunday 1st

Liturgy of the Palms

Sunday 8th

Isaiah 25:6-9
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18

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Names to be Remembered

*Joseph Tibbot
Phoebe Blann
Rosemary Sadler
Roy Shepherd
Bob Withers
Jenny Patton
Margery Candy
Ronald Hodgson
Olive Snelling
Lesley Neale*

Notices

Village Website

Scaynes Hill has a new community website - <http://scayneshill.webplus.net> - which features: weekly news (from our Village Voice), a Diary of events, Articles, Village groups, Local Business Directory, Village history, Amenities & countryside, Photo gallery, Interactive Village Forum. If you have any suggestions, can't find what you want or encounter problems with getting access contact Graeme De Lande Long by e-mail on scayneshill@webplus.net Your support will make all the difference. At Church you can speak to Helen Hicks, Kerry Jones or Stephen Barnett, who are involved in the group that set it up.

Men's Breakfasts

I have booked up 2 breakfasts and speakers at the Snowdrop as follows, both are home grown. On Saturday 14th April, Alex von der Becke is our speaker and will talk to us about The Salvation Army for whom he works. On Saturday 23rd June, another local... me; and I will probably talk about Faith, Football & Family. As usual we start at 8.30am and the cost and venue are to be confirmed. I do invite you to invite a friend, a neighbour or a work colleague.

Mike

Dates for the Diary

Maundy Thursday

7.00 pm Shared supper and informal service at the school

Good Friday

2.00 pm Last Hour at the Cross

Easter Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30am All Age Communion

8.00 am Services - April

The 8am services during April will following a slightly different pattern to usual. They will be held on April 1st, 8th & 29th, which are the 1st, 2nd & 5th Sundays of that month.

APCM

Our Church's APCM will be held on Sunday 29th April at 10.45am, after the morning services. This is an opportunity to give thanks for all that God has been doing in our Church over the last year, and to look together towards the future. It is also the occasion when we elect churchwardens and PCC members for the year ahead. Do put this date in your diary and try to come along.

Maundy Thursday Supper

If you are planning to come to the supper and informal service at the school please sign the list at the back of Church and indicate if you would like to bring a light salad or pudding. We will be having jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings.

Ursula

Annexe Update

At our service last week Lisa gave the congregation an update on the Annexe so far. If you weren't present and would like an update, please contact either Lisa, Clive or one of the Churchwardens.

Easter Flowers

This is the last Sunday for entering names on the Easter Flower list. The list will be removed after the 9.30 service.

Sheila

Notices

FSW Supper

Thank you to everyone who supported the FSW Supper at Wivelsfield on Friday 22nd March. £1,568 was raised and has been gratefully received by the charity.

Sheila

Change of Date - Ladies' Summer Social

In order not to coincide with the Olympic games opening ceremony we have decided to change the date of the summer social to Thursday 31st May (previously 27th July). Please make a note of the new date in your diary.

Thanks, Nanette.

Ladies' Breakfasts

The next breakfast will take place on 20th April in the Church at 8.30am. This is a craft breakfast led by Di when we will be making bunting (a slight change to the programme so that the bunting can be ready in time for the jubilee celebrations.) Please can you bring scissors, thread and a needle. Bias binding will be provided along with some material however if you have a specific idea on how you want your finished product to look, then it may be an idea to bring your own material (around 1m-1.5m) for your bunting especially if you want to use only a couple of types of material or wish to use double thickness to make the triangles. If anyone has some bits of material that they would be willing to give to other peoples projects then please bring this along too. These breakfasts are open to everyone so please do consider bringing a friend. There is a sign up list at the back of church for catering purposes.

Thanks Nanette.

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