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For Our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are ill, in hospital or suffering in any way.

Newsletter

If anyone has any items or ideas that they would like to see included in this newsletter please email them to me at:

newsletter@sash.org.uk

or telephone them through to me on: 01444 831431 by no later than **9.00 am on Thursday 29th November.**

Many thanks for your help.

Debbie

St Augustine's Newsletter

Today's Services

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion with Children's Church

Please stay for refreshments afterwards

Welcome

Welcome to Reverend Barry North who will be taking our services today. Barry is the advisor for the Church in Society.

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 23: 1-6	Page 741
Colossians 1: 11-20	Page 1117
Luke 23: 33-43	Page 1001

Names to be Remembered This Week

*Howard Bayliss
Daisy Main
Bertram Podmore*

Next Week's Services & Events

Thursday 29th
NO HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

Friday 28th
7.30 pm UFOs

Sunday 25th
8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
11.00 am Toy Service

NEXT WEEK – Toy Service

We would be delighted to receive gifts of new, unwrapped toys suitable for all ages of children (particularly remembering older boys) at the 11 am Toy Service on Sunday 2nd December. These toys will be taken to Knowles Tooth later in the day, where they will be selected to go to appropriate children in families known to the social workers of Family Support Work.

Notices

Mark's Blog

I am having a good time in West Africa! I had some holiday on a small island off Guinea which was wonderful. Last Sunday I attended the dedication of a newly restored church funded through last year's harvest appeal. The service was wonderful, lasted 5 hours and I had to unveil the newly painted mural. On Tuesday I travelled to Bo in Sierra Leone and visited a secondary school, that a parish near Chichester is helping to fund and on Friday I moved back to Freetown and I am helping to run some anti-slavery workshops for schools. The weather is very hot and humid. Today I expect to be in one of the large Freetown churches. Please pray that I will manage to do everything that I need to and also for my mother who I learned broke a bone in her foot earlier this week and will have to rest for 8 weeks. More news next week. *Mark*

Cameroon

Mark is very keen to take a small group from St Augustine's for a two week visit to Holy Trinity, Baffausam in Cameroon in October next year. Already a number of people have expressed an interest. The purpose of the visit will be to deepen and strengthen links but also to encourage the church people through a programme of teaching and visiting. Please let Mark know if you are interested in finding out more. The cost will be in the region of £1,200 per person.

Sidespersons' Reading Lists

The Bible Readings for Advent 2007 through to Epiphany 2008 are available on the table at the back of the church. Please take a copy. If there are not enough copies please see me.

Alan

Staff and Governors' Tea

Requests for cakes for this event on 19th December. Please let Jane von der Becke know if you are prepared to do some baking.

Server Training

Any young people who would like to be a server at Communion services can attend a training session on Sunday 16th December after the 9.30 am service. If you are interested, please contact Maria.

Mammoth Book Sale

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way with the Mammoth Book Sale in aid of Family Support Work. You will be pleased to know that the grand total of £5,561 was raised.

Notices

St. Patrick's Centre for the Homeless

The box for contributions of food will be in the church on Sundays December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December. It is most helpful for them to have tea, coffee, sugar and Long Life milk which they can use throughout the year.

Jenny C.

Silver Candlesticks

We are indeed privileged to have these splendid candlesticks made by one of our members. They have graced the altar now for a number of weeks for all to see and if there are those who feel they are worthy of a donation towards the cost - such a donation would be gratefully received. There are envelopes on the table at the back of the church marked for this purpose. Many thanks.

Alan.

Mini Retreat – Postscript

Our thanks to Julie for co-ordinating the Short Retreat on Saturday 17th November led by Brother Angelo SSF. This was deemed an inspiration and a great success by those who attended. Perhaps a similar event should be arranged at some time in the future. We were also inspired by the services conducted by Brother Angelo on the Sunday.

Christmas Services/Events

Sunday 2nd December

11.00 am Toy Service

Sunday 9th December

4.00 pm Christingle Service

Sunday 23rd December

6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Saturday 15th December

3.30 pm A Taste of Christmas

Monday 24th December

3.30 pm The Crib Service
(infant and pre-school)

5.00 pm The Crib Service
(juniors)

11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Communion

We hope to see you at some of these services/events.

Many thanks,
Mark