

Notices

Newcomers Drinks at Vicarage

All newcomers to St Augustine's church (people who have started worshipping with us in the last 18 months) are invited to drinks at the Vicarage on 20th December at 8.00 pm. Please let me know if you can make it.

Mark

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Happy Birthday

to

Johann von der Becke

who celebrates his third birthday tomorrow.

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 20th December 2007**. 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
6.00 pm Advent Service

Today's Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10 Page 682
James 5:7-10 Page 1150
Matthew 11:2-11 Page 923

Hymn

IN CHRIST ALONE my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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Next Week's Services/Events

Monday 17th

1.30 pm School Nativity

Tuesday 18th

6.30 pm School Nativity

Wednesday 19th

8.55 am School Assembly

4.00 pm Staff and Governors' Tea
Vicarage

8.00 pm Home Group Communion

Thursday 20th

10.30 am Holy Communion

8.00 pm Welcome Evening for Newcomers

Friday 21st

7.30 pm FAFs

Sunday 23rd

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion
with Children's Church

6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight

Names to be Remembered

*Rose Pepper
David Luxford
Alfred Hawes
Martyn Potts*

Notices

After School Club

From the start of the January term, Tom is going to be running an after-school club in St Augustine's School. He will need the support of one or two volunteers to cover the number of leaders needed. If you feel you could help for one hour on a Monday afternoon, even if it's not every week, please speak to Tom so that we can go ahead with this exciting opportunity!

Taste of Christmas and Christingle

A big thank you to all those involved in organising and helping at the Taste of Christmas and also at the Christingle Service but, in particular, thank you to Tracey Comber who worked so hard to make this event and the service so wonderful.

Parking for Church Services

We have received complaints about church parking and we would be grateful if those attending services would respect the notice at the far end of St Augustine's Close which refers to "Residents Only Parking" (this is the area behind the church in front of the flats). Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Churchwardens

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Cakes Needed!

Please could I have some kind offers to provide cakes for the staff and governors' tea at the Vicarage on 19th December.

Mark

Mince Pies Required

If anyone would be available to make some mince pies for the Carols by Candlelight service, their help would be very much appreciated. Please let me know if you think you can help in this way. Many thanks.

Sue

Pastoral Team

I am in the process of forming a team to help with the pastoral care of parishioners and have written to a number of members of the congregation inviting them to consider being a part of this. I would like a meeting with this newly formed team to discuss the way ahead. Can I suggest that we meet at the Vicarage on January 8th at 10.00am? Please let me know if you can make it.

Mark

Bea Smith

The PCC has received a generous legacy from Bea's estate for £15,000. Bea stipulated that the money should be used to help develop the musical life of the parish and for the Children's Church. She also gave a smaller sum for the purchase of a new paschal candle holder. Bea faithfully served our church for many years and her kind legacy will help the ministry of the church move forward in the coming years.

Christmas Services and Events

Sunday 16th December

6.00 pm Advent Service

Sunday 23rd December

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

Christmas Eve

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 and events.

Mark