

Prayer Diary

Welcome to St Augustine's 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 will be Diane Harding, telephone no: 01825 722113. We would only include someone's name in the prayer diary if they had given permission for us to remember them in our prayers.

MONDAY

Pray for the coming week for God's blessing on us this week that we would be a blessing to our community.

Pray for Sue and Alan as they meet with Mark, and also for Mark as he plans for the Cameroon Trip.

TUESDAY

Pray for Zimbabwe and for resolution for political, economic and health issues. Remember all those who are suffering with ill health at the moment with viruses and also long term ill health, especially for Joyce who is in hospital at present.

WEDNESDAY

Pray for the school, staff and children, that they may have good health as they near the end of term and especially for today's assembly, that the reality of the Christmas message will leave a deep and lasting impression on all who attend.

THURSDAY

Pray for the current economic situation, for those who face unemployment, repossession, spiralling debt and financial anxiety. Pray for our Government to have wisdom and that good may come out of this crisis.

FRIDAY

Pray for Tom and Emily and all those who help with children and youth. We pray for blessing for all involved and for good relationships to be built. We pray also for Maria and give thanks for all she has contributed to the youth.

SATURDAY

Pray for Family Support Work and St Patrick's and all those agencies known to us, that reach out to those in need, especially at this time of year. Pray for the services tomorrow and for Mark as he conducts them, especially the Christingle Service at 4 pm.

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Today's Services

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
11.00 am All Age Toy Service and Baptism
12.00 noon Baptismal Service

Today's Readings

- Isaiah 40:1-11 Page 687
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Page 570
2 Peter 3:8-15a Page 1157
Mark 1:1-8 Page 947

This Week's Services & Events

Monday 8th

- 9.30 am Wardens' Meeting
8.00 pm Cameroon Planning Evening

Wednesday 10th

- 9.00 am Assembly
8.00 pm West Hoathly Informal Worship

Thursday 11th

- 10.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Burial of Ashes
7.00 pm Governing Body Meeting

Friday 12th

- 7.30 pm Youth Group

Saturday 13th

- 2.00 pm St Augustine's School Fair
8.00 pm Scaynes Hill and Lindfield Church
Staff Christmas Dinner

Sunday 14th – Advent 3

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion with
Children's Church
4.00 pm Christingle
7.15 pm FAF Group

Name to be Remembered This Week

Elizabeth Schafer

Notices

The most precious gift....

Today is Bible Sunday and we are having a collection to enable the Church to give each child at St Augustine's School an appropriate Bible. I am sure that you will agree that the gift of God's word to the young people of our community is the most precious gift that we can pass on to them. Yellow envelopes with the charity's logo can be found on the pews or at the back of the Church. UK tax payers are invited to enter their details so the charity can benefit from the Gift Aid scheme.

*Many thanks
Mark*

Brighton Voices in Exile

At our November Kairos we heard about the work of this group amongst some of the most needy and destitute members of our society. This year our Christmas collection of goods will go to them for their work, rather than to the homeless group we have supported in previous years. The box will be in the church on Sunday 7th, 14th and 21st December. Items of most use to them are nappies (sizes new-born and 2 years), shower gel, disposable razors, coffee, cooking oil, sugar and hot chocolate. Should you wish to give money this would be used to purchase bus tickets to enable people to get to their meetings.

*Many thanks
Jenny*

Youth Group

Tom Robson is due to play a short set for the Youth Group at Scaynes Hill Village Club at 8.00 pm on Friday 12th December. Everyone is welcome to come and hear him.

St Augustine's School Christmas Fair

St Augustine's School Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 13th December from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm at the School. Please do come along and support the school.

Bishop Lindsay

There will be a farewell service for Bishop Lindsay at Worth Abbey on Saturday 14th February in the afternoon. All are welcome to attend. If people would like to give towards a leaving gift for the bishop cheques should be made out to CDBF (Chichester Diocesan Board of Finance) and put in the collection, we will then forward these to Church House.

*Many thanks
Mark*

Informal Worship

Members of St Augustine's have been invited to a service of informal worship at West Hoathly church on Wed. 10th December at 8.00 pm.

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Christmas Cards

Emily Robson will be selling some home-made Christmas Cards after church for the next few weeks. The cards are £1.50 each and all money raised will be donated to the Church trip to Cameroon with the Deanery in January.

Advent 2: John the Baptist

The prophet Isaiah wrote, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'".

As we light this second candle in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, perhaps we need to listen again to John the Baptizer's message, preparing the way of the Lord:

... make straight the paths

... repent of your sins

... be baptised

... and live holy lives devoted to God.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Amen**

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