

## 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 Feast, the after school club that Tom and his team run. Pray also for the Annexe committee as they meet and that we would know how to use the annexe effectually for the church and community.

### TUESDAY

Pray for those who are housebound, lonely or ill, and ask God if there is someone we need to visit or telephone. We pray for those in hospital and nursing homes, that they would know the comfort of God's presence with them.

### WEDNESDAY

Pray for the school Christmas production, that it may encourage parents and children to come to one of the Christmas services. Pray for the children from the nursery and pre-school through to senior schools that they would enjoy a safe and happy holiday.

### THURSDAY

Pray for the refugees this Christmas time, that they would be given hope for the future, also for the people who work with and for them, and that we would have a good collection of necessary supplies for them.

### FRIDAY

Pray that we would have prepared hearts as we enter the Christmas season, that we would be kind, thoughtful, helpful, appreciative, courteous as we spend time with family, friends or alone. Above all, may we know peace.

### SATURDAY

We pray for the children's club this morning, that not only would they have fun but come to know more about Jesus. Pray also for Mark in this busy season that the peace and presence of the Holy Spirit might be with him as he leads the services.

Special prayer for the choir...we need it!

## Names to be Remembered

*Dorothy Newson  
Rose Pepper  
David Luxford*

# 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*

4.00 pm Christingle Service

## Today's Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Page 710

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Page 1123

John 1:6-8, 19-28 Page 1004

## This Week's Services & Events

### Monday 15th

12.00 noon School Christmas Lunch

3.00 pm FEAST

4.00 pm Annexe Committee Meeting

7.00 pm Leaflet Drop

### Tuesday 16th

#### MARK'S DAY OFF

1.00 pm School Christmas Production

### Wednesday 17th

6.00 pm School Christmas Production

8.00 pm Home Group, Heather Place

### Thursday 18th

10.30 am Holy Communion

8.00 pm Choir Practice, Heather Place

### Friday 19th

9.15 am Great Walstead End of Term Service

7.30 pm UFOs

### Saturday 20th

10.00 am to Children's Morning,

12.00 noon St Augustine's School

3.00 pm Baptismal Service

### Sunday 20th – Advent 4

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion with  
Children's Church

8.00 pm Carols by Candlelight

## Notices

### Bible Sunday

Many thanks to all who made donation towards providing Bibles for the children of our school. We have nearly raised all the money required. If anybody still wishes to donate, please would they use a Bibles for Children yellow envelope, which can be found at the back of the church.

### Leaflet Drop

Please would anyone who would be prepared to help distribute our Christmas card, listing our Christmas services, meet at Church at 7.00 pm on Monday 15th. With enough people it should take about 30 minutes.

*Many thanks, Tom*

### Brighton Voices in Exile

This year our Christmas collection of goods will go to Brighton Voices in Exile to support their work. The box will be in the church on Sunday 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 then this would be used to purchase bus tickets to enable people to get to their meetings.

*Many thanks  
Jenny*

### Carol Service Practice

A small choir will be singing two items in the carol service. Anyone who wishes to be in the choir are welcome to attend the practice on 18th December at 7.30 pm at Heather Place for more information speak to Clive Welland on 831234

### Home Group

Home Group will be meeting at 8.00 pm this Wednesday evening, 17th December, at Heather Place. Anybody who is interested in attending would be welcome to come along.

### Christmas Carols – Scaynes Hill Club

On Tuesday 16th December, there will be Christmas Carols at Scaynes Hill Village Club led by Tom Robson on guitar and supported by Canon Mark Payne. Whether you like to sing carols or whether you just like to listen then this is the event for you. It will start at 7.30 pm. All welcome so just come along. The more the merrier.

*Sue Morton*

### Mince Pies

If anyone would be prepared to make some mince pies to be served after the Carol Service next Sunday, please let Sue know on 831234.

*Many thanks*

## Notices

### Christmas Cards

Emily Robson will be selling some home-made Christmas Cards after church. The cards are £1.50 each and all money raised will be donated to the Church trip to Cameroon with the Deanery in January. Also Christmas cards are appearing on the table at the back of church. Please look to see if there are any for you and/or somebody to whom you could deliver. *Alan*

### Christingle Service

A huge thank you to Tracey Comber and her team of helpers who made the Christingles yesterday.

### Family Support Work

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts of toys last Sunday at the Toy Service. I took a huge selection to Knowles Tooth Children's Centre on Monday. Your generosity will enable many need families in the diocese to have a good Christmas this year. *Sheila*

## Advent 3 – Joy

**Leader** This season of Advent is half the way through, and today we light the third candle of our wreath. It is pink to remind us that there is so much about which we should rejoice.

**All** **In the midst of all the parties and merriment, we are a people seeking true joy in the arms of the One who comes to bring it. We rejoice in the Anointed One who came and who comes. To bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, and proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.**

**Leader** For us, God has replaced our mourning with the oil of gladness, so we light this third candle as a symbol of joy.

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