

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.

Prayer pointers for Christmas

The mercy of our God is very tender,
and heaven's dawn is about to break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness
and death's shadow and to guide us to the path of
peace.

Luke 1 v.78-79

Find time over the holidays to:

Draw near to God and thank Him for his many blessings.

Remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

Give thanks for God's gift to us ... Emmanuel, God with us.

Think about those relationships which mean most to us and pray for them.

Pray for those who we know who are still suffering ill health.

Consider the year to come and commit it to God.

Names to be Remembered

*Olga Beard
Eric Smyth
Eileen Pratt
Faith Baker
Edward Miller
Marian Mewton
Lillian Beard
Andrew Ratcliff*

Weeks commencing: Sunday 21st and Sunday 28th December

St Augustine's Newsletter

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 21st December – Advent 4

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
Please stay for refreshments afterwards
6.00 pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

3.30 pm Crib Service – Infant and KS1
5.00 pm Crib Service – KS2 and above
11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am All Age Communion

Sunday 28th December – Christmas 1

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
Please stay for refreshments afterwards

Sunday 4th January – The Epiphany

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
11.00 am All Age Service

Readings

Sunday 21st December

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16 Page 297
Romans 16:25–27 Page 1097
Luke 1:26–38 Page 968

Christmas Eve – Midnight Communion

Isaiah 9:2-7 Page 658
Titus 2:11-14 Page 1134
Luke 2:1-20 Page 970

Christmas Day

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12) Page 1136
John 1:1-14 Page 1004

Sunday 28th December -

First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Page 710
Psalm 148 Page 604
Galatians 4:4-7 Page 1105
Luke 2:22-40 Page 971

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.

Christingle Service

Many thanks to all those who donated at our Christingle Service last Sunday. Donations received so far have totalled nearly £200.

Brighton Voices in Exile

This year our Christmas collection of goods will go to Brighton Voices in Exile to support their work. Today, Sunday 21st December, will be the last opportunity donate to this worthwhile cause. Items of most use to them are nappies (sizes newborn 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

Home Group

The Home Group will be meeting next on Wednesday 7th January at 8.00 pm at Heather Place. Anybody who is interested in attending would be welcome to come along.

Church Rotas

Lectionary readings and new rotas for sidespeople, readers, intercessors and lay ministers of communion will be available on Sunday 28th December for January to April. They will also be available online at the Parish website.

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 needy families in the diocese to have a good Christmas this year.

Many thanks, Sheila

Sale of 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.

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Distribution of Christmas Cards

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

Happy Birthday

to

Johann von der Becke

who celebrated his 4th Birthday

on

Wednesday 17th December

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Newsletter

This newsletter covers the next two weeks. Therefore, the next newsletter will not go to print until Wednesday 31st December. If you have any items that you wish to include, please could you email them by **9.00 am on Wed 31st December** to:

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or telephone them through to 01444 831431.

Many thanks

Debbie