

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 is Diane Harding, 01825 722113. We will only include someone's name in the prayer diary if they have given permission for us to remember them in our prayers.

Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word, always doing the smallest thing right and doing it all for love... remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God.

St Therese of Lisieux

SUNDAY

Please pray for the services today, and for Mark as he leads us. We give thanks for all mothers on Mothering Sunday and we pray especially for those who will find this day difficult because of bereavement or loss.

MONDAY

We pray for the Friends of Nakuru meeting at 11 am today and also we continue to pray for Alpha. We ask for the presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us as we hear the talk and discuss the implications together. We pray for the Martin family as they await the results of Keith's scans and, also, wait for Thomas' appointment with a paediatric surgeon.

TUESDAY

We pray for the afternoon Lent Group today and for the Wednesday evening Lent Group. We pray that our hearts may be stirred to want to know God better, and that our lives will be transformed.

WEDNESDAY

Please pray for the young people in our Parish, for the assembly at St Augustine's School and that like Jesus they may grow in wisdom and stature, in favour with God and man. We pray for all those involved with working with children and young people that you would bless, sustain and encourage, and that you would help them in their busy lives.

THURSDAY

We ask you Lord for all those who come into St Augustine's especially those who meet for Holy Communion today, that we would be conscious of your presence in this place. May we find rest, peace and hope in you.

FRIDAY

We bring before you today those we know who are housebound, in hospital or nursing homes; for all those who are facing illness, chronic long term conditions. For those who are in constant pain, awaiting referrals; those who are anxious, Father we ask that you would draw near and bring comfort and reassurance.

SATURDAY

We thank you for your provision and care throughout another week. Help us as we plan our time to commit it all to you, that we may live that not overly busy but are fruitful and productive.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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

Today's Readings

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| Numbers 21:4-9 | Page 151 |
| Ephesians 2:1-10 | Page 1108 |
| John 3:14-21 | Page 1006 |

This Week's Services & Events

Monday 23rd

- 11.00 am Friends of Nakuru Meeting
7.30 pm Alpha Course

Tuesday 24th

- 2.00 pm Lent Group, Vicarage

Wednesday 25th

- 9.00 am Assembly, School
8.00 pm Lent Group, Vicarage

Thursday 26th

- 10.30 am Holy Communion
7.00 pm School Governors Meeting

Friday 27th

- 7.30 pm Youth Group

Sunday 29th

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion with
Children's Church
6.00 pm Evensong

Names to be Remembered This Week

*Mary Watkins
Derek Millard*

Notices

The Reverend Jean Sedgley

Jean is well known to many of us at St Augustine's and, for the past 10 years, has been curate at Holy Trinity, Cuckfield. Jean is retiring after Easter and has decided to worship with us here in Scaynes Hill. Although officially retired she will, from time to time, be involved in leading Communion services, preaching and other in aspects of parish life. I am absolutely thrilled that Jean has decided to be a part of our Church family and her presence among us will be a great encouragement. Please give her a warm welcome! *Mark*

Holy Week Services

Sunday 5th April - Palm Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am All Age Communion
(meet at school at 9.45 am)

Tuesday 7th April

10.30 am Blessing of the Oils
Lancing College

Thursday 9th April – Maundy Thursday

7.00 pm Parish supper and Holy Communion in the Church

Friday 10th April – Good Friday

10.00 am All Age Worship
2.00 pm Last hour at the Cross
with Holy Communion

Sunday 12th April – Easter Day

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am All Age Communion with Baptism

UFO's Fundraising Meal

On Friday the 3rd the UFO group are cooking, hosting and running a fundraising meal in St Augustine's School Hall. The aim of the evening is to raise money for two things visited by Tom and Emily in their recent visit to Cameroon. We would like to raise £100 for sound equipment and church outreach and youth costs at Holy Trinity Bafoussam, and any monies raised in addition to this will be given to the church to buy food for the amazing and essential prison ministry in Cameroon. Tickets for the evening cost £7.50 and include a Cameroon-themed meal, entertainment from some of the young people and a short talk on the things being supported in Cameroon. Tickets are available from the UFO members or Tom Robson. Alternatively you can also support the event through donation of soft drinks, volunteering to help with the cooking (!) or offering a small sponsorship of the young people. Please contact Tom Robson for more information.

Men's Breakfast

Our next men's breakfast is on Saturday 4th April at the Sloop pub, Scaynes Hill at 8.30 am to 10.00 am sharp; we have as our speaker the very popular Jeremy Taylor. As usual a full English breakfast is available with coffee or tea, all for a fiver – do come and join us. It's a great way of getting to know the men at St. Augustine's and opportunity to bring a friend.

Notices

and a few Reminders....

Following the recent death of Sarah Brayne; as a tribute to Sarah and the work done at Chailey Heritage we wanted to do something that would help them. On Saturday 4th April Scaynes Hill Village Club will be hosting a quiz in aid of Chailey Heritage. Entrance to the quiz will be £2.50 per person and includes a buffet. All quiz entrance money will go to Chailey Heritage. On top of that 20p from every drink sold will also go to the fund. We would like to try and raise at least £200. If you can't make the event but would still like to donate then why not sponsor a team for £10? Tickets can be bought from Scaynes Hill Village Club after 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, after 3.00 pm on Saturdays or after 11.00 am on Sundays. For more information ring Nick, Patti or Sue on 01444 831662.

If you would like to contribute to our **Easter Collection for Brighton Voices in Exile**, a box will be in the church on 29th March, 5th April and the Easter weekend. Items which are most useful to them are toiletries, nappies, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned fish or corned beef. We have decided to offer our help to this group again, as we did this Christmas, as they seek to improve social justice amongst this most vulnerable group.

St Augustine's school are collecting **Nestlé Books for Schools, Sainsbury's Active Kids, Tesco's Computers for Schools & Flora's Cooking with Schools** tokens again this year. There is a box at the back of church and our school would be very grateful if we were able to donate any tokens collected.

Easter Flowers – Owing to the very cold weather this Winter the traditional Arum lily crop has suffered badly and our supplier cannot provide blooms for us. To purchase such lilies from a retailer would be very expensive. This means that we must make new plans for our church flower arrangements. We shall be using another variety of lily and flowers instead, and hope that parishioners will be happy to donate to the cost of the arrangements in memory of their loved ones. £1 per name to be remembered is suggested. The usual list and envelopes will be the back of the church until Sunday, 5th April 2009.

The **APCM** will be on Sunday 19th April (Low Sunday) after the 9.30 am service. Alan Cattermole has come to the end of the three years that he undertook to be church warden and so will be standing down at the next APCM. Alan has been a great colleague and I am grateful to him and Jennie for all that they have given to St Augustine's Church over the years. Do please pray that the Lord will raise up a new church warden and other members of the PCC. If you would like to find out what is involved please speak to Mark, Sue or Alan.

The Churches Together AGM for Haywards Heath and District will be held on Wednesday 22nd April at 8 pm in St Augustine's Room, St Paul's Church. As well as the business there will be a talk from Peter Barnes the senior youth worker with Streetmate. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting so please come along and support it.

Pew Bibles

If you would like to purchase a pew bible from the new consignment, please sign the list at the back of church. Each bible costs £8. If you wish to find out more, please contact Alan or Sue.