

## 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.

The prayers this week are based on Psalm 37 and we also pray for Julie Sear and her fellow Ordinands from Trinity College, Bristol as they commence their mission at St Helen's, Hastings. We ask for good relationships with the church/community and people they meet at the events so that they might convey something of the love of Jesus through their actions and words. We pray that more people would come to know the risen Christ this Easter.

### SUNDAY

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.... Father, as we begin a new week, we place our trust in you, relying on you to help us with whatever comes our way. Help us to recognise when there is opportunity to do good, and may we not delay to do it, knowing we are doing your will. Bless Mark as he leads the services including evensong tonight and the Trinity College Ordinands as they are introduced to the Church and as they preach and get involved in children's work.

### MONDAY

Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.... Grant us the grace to think often of you this week O Lord, that we would enjoy your creation and delight in our creator, as we approach Easter, we are so grateful for all that you have done for us. You meet our deepest need to know, and be known by you. We pray for the Hastings Mission as they spend time in a girls' secondary school; helping with RE lessons, assemblies, being interviewed and also as they spend time in homes for those with learning disabilities and residential homes.

### TUESDAY

Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.... In a world where values have become distorted and changed, we thank you that you are the same, yesterday, today and forever! We commit today to you and we trust you in it all.

### WEDNESDAY

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.... Father, life can be so busy and we get so tired that we find it hard to spend time with you. Help us to make space for you today, to be still before you, and wait to hear you speak or just rest in your presence. May our spirit be quieted and our strength be renewed. We pray for the Hastings Mission as time is spent with drama/music students and speaking at various homes for the elderly and to those who are stroke victims.

### THURSDAY

Do not fret - it leads only to evil. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath.... Today dear Lord, we ask that you would keep us from anxiety that can so easily spill over into anger towards ourselves or others. Instead, may we choose to trust you, and ask expectantly for wisdom, allowing your peace to penetrate our hearts and minds. We pray for the youth and their leaders as they do the fund raising meal for the Camerons tomorrow night and for the Hastings Mission as they visit home groups and also groups for the persecuted church

### FRIDAY

Turn from evil and do good; for the lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.... Keep us Lord from pursuing selfishness, pride, greed and all things that separate us from you. We know there are consequences to our thoughts and actions and we would choose the joy of knowing your presence with us. We pray for the men's breakfast tomorrow, that they would know your presence with them.

### SATURDAY

Take refuge in him, The Lord is a stronghold in time of trouble.... Thank you Father that we can turn to you in our hour of need, for you are a safe haven, help us to always turn to you first instead of being our last resort. We pray for the quiz night in aid of Chailey Heritage and for John and Patti Brayne and family and also for the Hastings Mission as they attend a men's breakfast and visit an all day craft event on a local housing estate followed by Mad Hatters revue!

# 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*

6.00 pm Evensong – Speaker: Tom Robson

## Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Page 751

Hebrews 5:5-10 Page 1138

John 12:20-33 Page 1019

## This Week's Services & Events

### Monday 30th

7.30 pm Alpha Course

7.30 pm Induction of  
Rev Dr John Twisleton  
as Rector of Horsted Keynes

### Tuesday 31st

2.00 pm Lent Group, Vicarage

### Wednesday 1st

8.00 pm Lent Group, Heather Place

### Thursday 2nd

10.30 am Holy Communion

### Friday 3rd

7.30 pm Youth Group Supper

### Saturday 4th

8.30 am Men's Breakfast, The Sloop  
Guest Speaker: Jeremy Taylor

### Sunday 5th

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.45 am Palm Sunday  
Assemble at School  
for distribution of Palms

10.00 am All Age Parish Communion

## 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 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 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.

### Church Coffee Rota

A huge thank you to everyone who helps with coffee after our services. The very fact that people are often still in Church at 11.30am is testimony to how much it is valued! As there is a combined service next week on Palm Sunday it would be nice to have coffee after the service. Please could a kind volunteer sign up.

*Many thanks, Mark.*

## Notices

### and a few Reminders....

Our next **Men's Breakfast** is on Saturday 4th April at the Sloop pub, Scaynes Hill at 8.30 am to 10.00 am; we have as our speaker Jeremy Taylor whose talk is entitled "40 years on - a life in teaching". As usual a full English breakfast is available with coffee or tea, all for a fiver – if you would like to join us, please sign the list at the back of church. It's a great way of getting to know the men at St. Augustine's and opportunity to bring a friend.

Following the recent death of Sarah Brayne and as a tribute to Sarah and the work done at Chailey Heritage Scaynes Hill Village Club will be hosting a **Quiz in aid of Chailey Heritage** on Saturday 4th April. 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 today, 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 as they seek to improve social justice amongst this most vulnerable group.

**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. 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 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 will be standing down. 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.

### 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.