

## 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.

**INTERCESSION :** To plead with one person for another. True intercession is specific and pondered. It is also daring: it carries on its heart entreaty, the crisis of the world. Sincere prayer in love is never in vain ... George A. Buttrick (1892-1980)

### MONDAY

We pray for our enemies, those we may have wronged or those we find difficult. We ask for your blessing upon them that they may find, in you, a better way to live. Keep our hearts from bitterness that our prayer would not be hindered.

### TUESDAY

We pray for world leaders and our own government. We pray for them as they make decisions concerning recession, business, involvement in deployment of troops, global poverty, climate and health issues.

### WEDNESDAY

We pray for those who are involved in health care and education. We pray for your blessing on them in often stressful and frustrating situations. Grant them wisdom and peace and the sense of making a difference for good.

### THURSDAY

We pray for our religious leaders, that they would have respect for each other and together they would demonstrate that moral and faith issues are seen as helpful for community cohesion.

### FRIDAY

We pray for the needy of the world, especially remembering Samoa and Sumatra following the devastation of tsunami and earthquakes. Lord, draw near to them as they grieve for loved ones and try to rebuild their lives.

### SATURDAY

We pray for our friends and loved ones, we pray you would bless them, guide, protect and provide for their needs.

### SUNDAY

We pray for S<sup>t</sup> Augustine's Church, for Mark, for the wardens Sue and Ursula, for Clive heading up the annexe project, for Tom and Emily as they work with the young people, for the PCC and for all those who contribute to the life of the Church. Bless them Lord, and us, as we meet together this morning and at Kairos this evening.

**Amen**

# S<sup>t</sup> Augustine's Newsletter

## This Week's Services

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Harvest

*Please stay for refreshments afterwards*

## This Week's Readings

I Timothy 6:6-10 Page 1129  
Matthew 6:25-33 Page 918

## This Week's Services & Events

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am Annexe Meeting  
12.30 pm Sierra Leone Schools Links

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am School Start of Year Service

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

8.30 am Chapter  
12.00 noon IDWAL  
6.00 pm School Art Exhibition  
8.00 pm Home Group

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

NO HOLY COMMUNION  
All Day Anglican Communion Panel  
Westminster

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm SHY

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Parish Communion with  
Children's Church  
6.00 pm Kairos—The Bible Big Story

## Name to be Remembered This Week

*Joyce Hatcher*

## H1N1 Virus - Swine Flu

Dear Friends,

A sub group of the PCC met to discuss how S<sup>t</sup> Augustine's should respond. It is important not to panic or over-react. However, in light of guidance from the central Church of England we do intend to implement some measures (detailed below) and offer some training for key people about how to respond should the situation worsen. Please read this information carefully.

*Yours sincerely, Parish Priest and Wardens*

### H1N1 Virus - Swine Flu

Following guidance from the central Church of England, the following measures will be in place at S<sup>t</sup> Augustine's Church:

- For the foreseeable future the chalice (Common cup) will not be shared at Holy Communion. The minister will use hand gel before administering the bread and will intinct the bread in the wine before placing the bread on the palm of the communicant's hand. If you only wish to receive the bread (not dipped in wine) please come forward holding a service book so that the minister is aware. The minister will use hand gel before administering the bread. Those who receive blessings should come forward as normal; however a blessing will be administered without touch.
- Hands will not be shaken during the peace, or at the door of the Church
- **If you feel ill or have flu like symptoms then please do not come to church.**
- Hand gel will be available on the table at the back of Church, in the sanctuary, kitchen and vestry.
- A Parish Flu Co-ordinator has been appointed - **Sue Welland** - 01444 831234.

### **Flu Friends**

The Flu Co-ordinator will facilitate the operation of a *flu friend* system. This means that if you find yourself ill and therefore unable to collect medicine or basic provisions a *flu friend* will pick up your medication and food, and deliver it to your door. If you are prepared to be a *flu friend* please sign the list at the back of the church. If you find that you need a *flu friend* then please ring Sue Welland.

### **Coffee after Church**

This will continue as normal. Those preparing drinks should use hand gel before touching cups and biscuits. The dirty cups and mugs will be taken home by a churchwarden and washed in a dishwasher rather than by hand.

## Thank You

A huge thank you to Diane Elliot and her the team of helpers who decorated the Church so wonderfully for Harvest. Thank you for all the planning, hard work and artistic flare!

Also a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Harvest Supper last night such an enjoyable evening.

## Happy Birthday

to

### **Gavin Sams**

who celebrates his 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009

## Notices

### Leading Intercessions

There will be a two session training workshop led by Joy Gillver (Adviser for Ministry and Adult Christian Education) on leading intercessions on Mondays - 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Slaugham. If you are interested in attending, please let me know by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. *Many thanks, Mark*

### St Augustine's School

You will all be delighted to hear that our School's Contextual Value Added Score - that is the progress children make in our school from KS1 to KS2 is 101.5. This means that the rate of progress our children make at St Augustine's is in the top 5% of all schools nationally. The school's CVA has been in the top 15% nationally for four years now; in the top 10% for the last three years and now in the top 5%. This represents continued, substantial and sustained effort from everyone: children, parents and staff. Many congratulations to everyone connected with the school. *Mark*

### Kairos

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Following a brief look at the history of the Old Testament at the parish away day a number of people said they would like to get to know the story of the whole Bible. This session will focus on the key theological themes that run through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. It will aim to help us see how the message of the Bible fits together; the session will be interactive and hopefully fun!

### ... and a Quick Reminder

All items for the **Newsletter** should reach Debbie Martin by no later than Thursday at 9.30 am as the newsletter goes to print on a Thursday lunchtime.

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