

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.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for this advent time where we celebrate your coming in to our world. As we prepare, we pray you may find us watching eagerly, serving gladly and loving wholeheartedly. In our busyness, help us to remember those for whom time goes slowly.

MONDAY

For displaced people living for many years in refugee camps with no hope of repatriation, Lord have mercy upon them and grant that they may know the joy of salvation and the help of your Holy Spirit.

TUESDAY

For political and religious prisoners, we pray for freedom and justice, for the ability to remain strong against oppression, and for practical help and comfort for their families. We also pray for the submissions for funding for the church annexe, that they would be received favourably.

WEDNESDAY

For those who suffer mental and physical health problems, for those who have suffered injury through accident, war, or domestic or social violence, we pray for healing in the powerful name of Jesus Christ. We thank you for answering past prayers and continue to pray for friends and loved ones who are ill. In particular, we pray for Hilary Wilson today as she undergoes an operation at the Princess Royal Hospital.

THURSDAY

For the newly bereaved, for those who are having to adapt to the loss of a spouse, a child, a sister, a brother, a parent who dies before their children reach adulthood. Lord you entered our world to share our pain, meet with these dear ones in this time of loss and may your spirit comfort and strengthen them.

FRIDAY

For those who struggle to continue in faith, for whom the road seems rough and steep, and fears, anxieties and doubts fill their minds and hearts, grant strength for today and a sense of hope for the future. We pray for **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**, that many would renew their walk with you.

SATURDAY

For those who have to wait, for news of a loved one who is missing, for the results of tests, for the results of a job interview after long unemployment, for those who long for a child, be with them in their waiting and may they know that there is nothing too hard to bear when you are present.

SUNDAY

You, Holy Friend, are forever our liberation, peace, healing and joy. May we, your people, open our hearts and minds to your time of salvation and grace that is made perfect in our human weakness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**.

S^t Augustine's Newsletter

This Week's Services

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion with Children's Church <i>Please stay for refreshments afterwards</i>
6.30 pm	Youth Service, School Hall

This Week's Readings

Daniel 7:9,10,13 & 14	Page 847
Revelation 1:4b-8	Page 1166
John 18:33-37	Page 1026

This Week's Services & Events

Monday 23rd

3.00 pm	FEAST
7.00 pm	Child Protection Training

Tuesday 24th

7.30 pm	Baptism Preparation
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Wednesday 25th

9.00 am	School Assembly
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Thursday 26th

10.30 am	Holy Communion
8.00 pm	Deanery Synod

Friday 27th

7.30 pm	UFOs
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Sunday 29th

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY
6.00 pm	Advent Hope

Names to be Remembered

Leslie Woodward

St Peter's Church with St. Peter's
School Plus Friends Present
A Barn Nativity



Thursday 17th December 6pm
In the Abergavenny Building
South of England Showground

Admission is free - Collection for St. Peter's School PTA &
Local Charities

H1N1 Virus - Swine Flu

Following the continuing guidance from the central Church of England, the following measures will be in place at S^t Augustine's Church:

- The minister will intinct the bread in the wine before placing the bread on the palm of the communicant's hand.
- Hands will not be shaken during the peace.

If you wish to be a Flu Friend, please contact our Flu Co-ordinator - Sue Welland 01444 831234

Back to Church Sunday

There are many people who for one reason or another, have meant to go to church but busy lives or other interests having taken over - and now they may feel awkward at walking through the door of a church. We are delivering about 300+ invites in the local vicinity to encourage our neighbours to give S^t Augustine's a try. We have 2 services for our guests, one at 10.00 and the other at 6.00pm, the latter being quieter and more reflective. Do grab a few invites and ask a neighbour along so they can experience a very warm welcome, refreshments and, we pray, discover or rediscover faith and the closeness of our wonderful God.

Volunteers Required

The Friends of S^t Augustine's School are looking for volunteers to man some stalls at their Christmas Fair. If you have an hour to spare on the afternoon of Saturday 5th December, please could you contact Hilary Wilson on 01444 411242. Many thanks.

Volunteer Database

We would like to establish a database of people willing to help with occasional maintenance of the church and garden or catering for events. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to be involved in either of these groups.

Notices

Autumn and Christmas Dates

We thought it would be helpful for list the dates of our services for the remainder of the Autumn and Christmas:

November

Sunday 22nd Youth Service - 6.30 pm
Sunday 29th Back to Church Sunday - **10.00 am**
Advent Service - 6.00 pm

December

Saturday 5th Prayer Meeting - 9.30 am
Sunday 6th Toy Service - 11.00 am
Youth Service - 6.00 pm
Saturday 12th Women's Breakfast, The Sloop
Sunday 13th Christingle - 4.00 pm
Sunday 20th Carol Service - 6.00 pm
Thursday 24th KS1 Crib Service - 3.30 pm
KS2 Crib Service - 5.00 pm

Correction - Midnight Eucharist - **11.30 pm**

Friday 25th Holy Communion - 8.00 am
All Age Service - 10.00 am
Sunday 27th **No** Holy Communion
Parish Communion - 9.30 am
(No Children's Church)

Women's Breakfast

The next Women's breakfast will be on Saturday 12th December at 9.00 am at The Sloop. Please could anyone who would like to attend, sign the list at the back of Church so that we know numbers. Many thanks

... and some Quick Reminders

At 6.30 pm today in the School Hall there will be a lively **Youth Service** aimed at teenagers but open to all. The theme is "Jesus: Cute Baby or Controversial King". Please do come along.

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Louise and Graham George (Martin King's daughter and son in law) on the safe arrival of their daughter on Thursday 12th November.

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