

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.

Please remember in your prayers Peggy Rogers, Nicola Sams' mother, as she is in hospital and likely to have to undergo an operation during the early part of this week.

Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers: 2 Timothy 1:3. This week we remember Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith.

MONDAY : ALGERIA - Thank God for the continued growth of the church, keep praying that the government would repeal the new religion law and ensure religious freedom for Christians in Algeria.

TUESDAY : PAKISTAN - Remember Christians affected by religious violence in Gojra in August that left seven Christians dead and 50 houses destroyed. Pray that the guilty perpetrators will be brought to justice.

WEDNESDAY : INDIA - Some further attacks on Christians in Orissa, alongside recent acquittals of those charged with last year's attacks have caused further insecurity and despondency for many. Pray for justice and courage in the face of adversity.

THURSDAY : BURMA - Believers in the North Western part of China state continue to be affected by the famine caused by rats eating food supplies. Please pray for God's provision to meet their needs.

FRIDAY : CHINA - Pray for comfort for Shi Weihan, his wife Zhang Jing and their two daughters as the face a second Christmas separated by his imprisonment. Ask the Lord to continue to sustain Shi and to use him as a witness to his fellow prisoners.

SATURDAY : ERITREA - Thirteen members of the Full Gospel Church in Asmara were arrested in October. These believers join 2,800 Christians imprisoned for their faith. Ask God to give them grace to remain faithful under very difficult conditions.

SUNDAY : MAURITANIA - Remember the family of Christian aid worker Christopher Leggett, who was shot dead by Al-Qaeda in August. Pray for the protection of Christian workers who remain in the country.

Amen.

S^t Augustine's Newsletter

This Week's Services

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion
11.00 am	Toy Service and Baptism

This Week's Readings

Malachi 3:1-4	Page 908
Luke 1:68-79	Page 970
Philippians 1:3-11	Page 1113
Luke 3:1-6	Page 971

This Week's Services & Events

Monday 7th

11.30 am	IDWAL
3.00 pm	FEAST
5.00 pm	Brighton Voices in Exile

Tuesday 8th

2.00 pm	School tea and carols for parishioners
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Wednesday 9th

9.00 am	School Visit
12.30 pm	Deanery Cluster Clergy Meeting

Thursday 10th

9.00 am	Resources' Committee
10.30 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Wardens' Meeting

Friday 11th

7.30 pm	UFOs
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Saturday 12th

8.30 am	Women's Breakfast, The Sloop
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Sunday 13th

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion
4.00 pm	Christingle

Welcome

Welcome today, especially to the friends and families of Max Kemp, who is to be baptised.

Message from the Bishop of Chichester

Bishop Eric Kemp died peacefully on Saturday 28th November at the age of 94 after bearing increasing blindness and deafness in recent years with grace and fortitude. Bishop Eric was not only Bishop of Chichester from 1974 to 2001, but was also one of the most significant figures in a number of areas of Church of England life in the second half of the twentieth century. Many further tributes will be offered in the coming weeks, but I would like to mention in particular his contributions to the ecumenical movement, to the reform of canon law and to the establishment of synodical government. At a personal level, I have been grateful to Bishop Eric for his friendship, encouragement and tuition for the best part of three decades. I thank God for the privilege of having known him and having been able to learn from his Christian devotion, his historical scholarship and his intellectual rigour. I pray now for him, that he may enjoy the fullness of heaven for which he longed, and for Pat whose companionship over the 56 years of their marriage was such an essential part of what he was able to offer. life of John on Friday 18th December at 2.30pm at S^t Peter's Church. *Mark*

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Notices

Brighton Voices in Exile

We will again be collecting for this group, who support refugees and asylum seekers in the Brighton area, of which Mark is a Trustee. The box for contributions to the above will be in the back of the church for the next three weekends Sunday 6th, 13th & 20th December. Requests are for:

Nappies - all sizes
Shower gel
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Tea, Coffee, Sugar
Tinned fish, Tinned Corned beef
Rice, Pasta

Also, chocolate items suitable for children
All the contributions will be taken to Brighton after the final collection, in time for Christmas.

Many thanks, Jenny

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Advent and Christmas Dates

We thought it would be helpful for list the dates of additional services & events for the remainder of the year.

Sunday 6 th	Toy Service - 11.00 am
Sunday 13 th	Christingle - 4.00 pm
Saturday 12 th	Women's Breakfast, The Sloop
Sunday 13 th	Christingle - 4.00 pm
Sunday 20 th	Carol Service - 6.00 pm
Thursday 24 th	KS1 Crib Service - 3.30 pm KS2 Crib Service - 5.00 pm Midnight Eucharist - 11.30 pm
Friday 25 th	Holy Communion - 8.00 am All Age Service - 10.00 am
Sunday 27 th	No Holy Communion Parish Communion - 9.30 am (No Children's Church)

Christmas Carols and Tea at the School

Fifteen, or so, parishioners have been invited for tea and carols at S^t Augustine's School on Tuesday 8th December at 2pm. The children will sing and the event will last about 40 minutes. Please let Mark know if you would like to attend.

Choir

A small choir will be formed to sing at the Carol service. If you are interested in being a part of this please tell Fiona Fawcett or Clive Welland.

Recipes Required - Annexe Fund

The Annexe Committee are intending to publish a collection of recipes (especially if you have created or modified them yourself) in aid of the annexe appeal. We would be very grateful if you could either pass or send any recipes that you think suitable for inclusion in this book to Clive Welland at cdwelland@aol.com.
Many thanks, Clive

.... and a Quick Reminder!

We would like to establish a **volunteers' 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.

There will be a **Women's Breakfast** on Saturday 12th December at the Sloop at 8.30 am. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to come along.

On Saturday 12th December we will be running a **Christmas holiday morning** for all primary aged children at S^t Augustine's school. We will have two action packed hours of games, crafts, snacks singing and a short talk on the true meaning of Christmas. Please contact Tom if you are interested in your child attending, or registration forms will be available on the morning. The cost of the club will be £2 per child.

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.