

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 although she is in hospital and improving, we pray that she is soon home and on the way to a full recovery.

This weeks advent prayer diary is based on the Graham Kendrick hymn ... Meekness and Majesty with special attention to the amazing contrasts. As we reflect each day, let us bring before this amazing God, those we know, who need His grace in their lives.

MONDAY

MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY: Father, we thank you so much for your majesty and we ask for greater insight into your immensity, for this helps us to understand a little of your immeasurably amazing grace-filled meekness. May we embrace this merciful meekness as we meet with people this week.

TUESDAY

MANHOOD AND DEITY: Jesus, in you we see clearly the perfect unity of God and man, something not seen before or since you came to this earth. We thank you for coming to this earth and keeping manhood and deity pure and undefiled, may our lives be filled with your spirit, that others may see you and find you.

WEDNESDAY

LORD OF ETERNITY, DWELLS IN HUMANITY, KNEELS IN HUMILITY, AND WASHES OUR FEET: What an amazing journey, from creator of the everything we see and more, to a lowly cattle stall and a lowly servant feet washing. Thank you Lord Jesus for the love which took you on that journey for our sakes and for your glory.

THURSDAY

SUFFERING TO GIVE US LIFE: Father, you watched as your precious son was despised, rejected, cursed, spat upon, beaten and whipped, and finally crucified, and you allowed it, because through it, we gained life with you. Help us to trust you when things are hard for us, you have ways of using these things so they are not pointless.

FRIDAY

CONQUERING THROUGH SACRIFICE: The image of the all conquering hero is one of strength, a great fighter, clever tactician, resilient to hardship, not of one allowing himself to be a sacrificial lamb on the altar. Thank you Jesus, you fought and won an amazing fight against the evil one, who thought he had won, because he failed to understand the power of holy sacrifice.

SATURDAY

LOVE INDESTRUCTIBLE IN FRAILTY APPEARS: Dear Jesus, when we think about your vulnerability as a baby this Christmas, keep us mindful of the powerful and indestructible love that brought you to us, and help us in our relationships to choose to love.

SUNDAY

LORD OF INFINITY, STOOPING SO TENDERLY, LIFTS OUR HUMANITY, TO THE HEIGHTS OF HIS THRONE: Lord, you raise us up to be in a place of holiness, perfection and beauty and we do not deserve it, but your grace is relentless and we can only thank you and be forever grateful from the deepest part of our being.

Amen

S^t Augustine's Newsletter

This Week's Services

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion <i>Please stay for refreshments afterwards</i>
4.00 pm	Christingle Service

This Week's Readings

Isaiah 12:2-6	Page 662
Philippians 4:4-7	Page 1115
Luke 3:7-18	Page 972

This Week's Services & Events

Monday 14th

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

Tuesday 15th

1.00 pm	School Nativity Play
8.00 pm	Home Group

Wednesday 16th

6.00 pm	School Nativity Play
8.00 pm	Home Group

Thursday 17th

All Day	Lambeth Place <u>NO Holy Communion</u>
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Friday 18th

11.30 am	Bishop Eric's Funeral Chichester Cathedral
2.30 pm	Funeral of Dr John Dale St Peter's, Ardingly
7.30 pm	FAFs

Sunday 20th

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion
6.00 pm	Christmas Carol Service

Names to be Remembered

*Rose Pepper
David Luxford*

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.

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 two weekends Sunday 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

Notices

Advent and Christmas Dates

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)

Thank You

A huge thank you to Tracey and her team who made the Christingles! Also a big thank you to Di Harding for organising the Women's breakfast yesterday morning and to Julie for such an interesting and insightful talk.

Choir

There will be two rehearsals for the Choir for the Christmas Carol Service, the first will be at 8.00 pm on Thursday 17th at Heather Place and the second will be at 10.45 am on Sunday 20th after the Parish Communion service. Please attend if you can.

Many thanks, Clive

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

Family Support Work

Thank you so much to everyone who brought toys and games to the service last Sunday. They are now at Knowles Tooth Children's Centre in Hurstpierpoint. All your gifts will be given to children whose families are struggling with all sorts of difficulties and they will make Christmas a happier time for all of them.

Mince Pies Required!

All donations of homemade mince pies for the Christmas Carol Service will be gratefully received. *Sue*

Christmas Carol service

The Revd Richard Jackson, former Rural Dean of Horsham and new Diocesan Missioner will give the homily at the Carol Service. Richard is a former curate of Lindfield and until recently the Vicar of Rudgwick. He has been in post as Missioner for just over a month and we are honoured to welcome him to our Parish so early in his new ministry. Richard and his family now live in Bolney and so we may see them from time to time.

.... 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.