

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.

Jesus encouraged us to receive the Kingdom with childlike faith. We can often overlook deep truths because they come in simple packages, as we sing Away in a Manger this Christmas, let us join together to make the third verse our personal prayer.

MONDAY

BE NEAR ME LORD JESUS: Lord in all my busyness and anxiousness, help me be aware that you are near, help me to be still at times, to be aware of your presence. May those who need a friend know this Christmas time that you can be near to them.

TUESDAY

I ASK THEE TO STAY: Although your stay on this earth was only 33 years, you went away to allow your Holy Spirit to come and be our comforter. For those in difficult situations, especially for those in hospital, in residential homes, for those in prison unjustly, may your presence abide and remain.

WEDNESDAY

CLOSE BY ME FOR EVER: There is a friend who is closer than a brother, Lord you are able to be with and help, when all human help is unavailable. We pray for soldiers and their families this Christmas, that by some means they will feel upheld by you.

THURSDAY

LOVE ME I PRAY: Father, you created us to love and be loved and we know that you love us. Thank you for the countless ways you communicate your love to us, and help us to communicate love to those around us as we spend time with friends and families.

FRIDAY

BLESS ALL THY DEAR CHILDREN, IN THY TENDER CARE: Lord we pray for Christians around the world in so many different cultures, but sharing one faith, one baptism, and celebrating the birth of our one Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you that we rest in you and in your tender care.

SATURDAY

AND FIT US FOR HEAVEN: In this coming year Lord, may you continue the work in progress on our inner lives, and may we draw ever closer to you. May we grow in goodness, kindness, grace and love to the glory of your name.

SUNDAY

TO LIVE WITH THEE THERE: We thank you for the hope we have as we face a new year, despite the doom and gloom reported in the newspapers. Help us to live with heaven in mind, with quietness and confidence.

Amen.

S^t Augustine's Newsletter

Today's Services

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion <i>Please stay for refreshments afterwards</i>
6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight

Readings

Sunday 20th December

Micah 5:2-5	Page 883
Hebrews 10:5-10	Page 1142
Luke 1:39-45	Page 969

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7	Page 658
Titus 2:11-14	Page 1134
Luke 2:1-20	Page 970

Christmas Day

Hebrews 1:1-4	Page 1136
John 1:1-14	Page 1004

Sunday 27th December

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Page 261
Colossians 3:12-17	Page 1119
Luke 2:41-52	Page 971

Forthcoming Services and Events

Wednesday 23rd

11.30 am Funeral of Miss Joan Bartlett, MBE

Thursday 24th

3.30 pm Crib Service - KS1
5.00 pm Crib Service - KS2 plus
11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Friday 25th

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am All Age Communion

Sunday 27th - Christmas 1

NOTE - NO 8.00 am Service
9.30 am Parish Communion
(No Children's Church)

Thursday 30th January

NO Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd January - Christmas 2

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
11.00 am All Age Worship and Baptism

Miss Joan Bartlett, MBE - RIP

Joan died peacefully in her room in the early hours of Tuesday morning at the age of 96. Her funeral will take place at 11.30 am on Wednesday 23rd December at St Augustine's Church, Scaynes Hill followed by a burial in the graveyard of S^t John the Baptist's Church, Wivelsfield. At Joan's express wish the funeral will be within the context of a service of Holy Communion. There will be a reception at the Birch Hotel after the funeral. Joan was a much loved and faithful member of this Church for many decades and she has long wished to be with her Lord. **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15** May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Names to be Remembered

*Joan Bartlett, MBE
Faith Baker
Edward Miller
Lillian Beard
Andrew Radcliff*

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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 is at the back of the Church until the end of today, Sunday 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 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)

Choir

There will be a second rehearsal for the Carol Service Choir after the service this morning at 10.45 am. 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

Mince Pies Required!

All donations of homemade mince pies for this evening's 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, this evening. 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.