

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.

The following has been extracted from The Intercessions Handbook by John Pritchard.

CIRCLES OF PRAYER - Let us think for a moment of our prayers as being like circles in a pond, made by throwing a stone into the water. The surface of the pond is still and silent; the stone drops into the middle, and we see the first circle emerge:

MONDAY

In this circle are the people closest to us - family, friends, the irreplaceable ones. There are not many in this first small circle, but we know them well, their strengths and their struggles, their enjoyments and their special needs ... let us pray for them.

TUESDAY

The circle spreads. The second circle are the people we know well, perhaps work with, go out with sometimes. Here there may be more distant members of the family whom we don't make contact with as much as we ought, but we care for them nonetheless. Here are the neighbours, friends from a while ago, people who send us Christmas cards. Here there are many needs; let us remember some and pray for them.

WEDNESDAY

The circle spreads again. The third circle are people we know less well. We see them at the school gate, the supermarket, at church, out with the dog, we see them often and exchange greetings or just smile acknowledgement. There are hundreds of people in the third and fourth circle, too many to pray for individually but we can lift them to God ... let us pray.

THURSDAY

The circle widens further as we think of the people in the village, Haywards Heath, Lindfield and all the people we know in other villages. We don't know their needs, but they are known to God; He has loved them from birth. Let them be washed with these circles of prayer.

FRIDAY

The circle extends to our country, the Queen, the government, the recession, unemployment, our young people, debt, both national and individual, the coming election, the soldiers who are away serving overseas and the families who wait, and those who have lost loved ones in the conflict, and the spiritual state of the nation. We pray for your help, your grace and your mercy.

SATURDAY

The circles spread right out. They reach the edge of the pond; one after another they lap against the banks. Our prayers extend to the ends of the earth, for all creation is the object of his mercy. Let us delight to encompass all things within the circle of God's extraordinary care and keeping. Our prayer is an act of love for the world.

SUNDAY

Lord God, our prayer today is a small pebble thrown into a large expanse of need. We thank you that your love is greater still, and we entrust every circle of our prayers to your generous mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

S^t Augustine's Newsletter

Today's Services

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion

Please stay for refreshments

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 26.1-11	Page 194
Romans 10.5-13	Page 1073
Luke 4.1-13	Page 973

This Week's Services and Events

Monday 22nd

10.30 am	DOC Meeting
7.30 pm	Concert in Aid of Haiti, Village Centre

Tuesday 23rd

2.00 pm	Lent Course, Vicarage
8.00 pm	Deanery Synod, Cuckfield

Wednesday 24th

3.30 pm	Annexe Committee Meeting, Heather Place
8.00 pm	Lent Group

Thursday 25th

10.30 am	Holy Communion
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Saturday 27th

8.30 am	Women's Breakfast, Church
11.00 am	Baptism visit

Sunday 28th - Lent 2

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion with children's church

(Mark will be preaching at All Saints, Lindfield)

Names to be Remembered This Week

*Brian Crossley
John Parker*

Earthquake in Haiti

This Monday, 22nd February, at 7.30 pm there will be a concert at Scaynes Hill Village Centre in aid of Haiti. If you are interested in coming along and supporting this worthwhile cause, please contact Clive Welland who can provide tickets and further information.

Notices

Recipes Required - Annexe Fund

Many thanks to those of the Church family who have handed in recipes for the Church Recipe Book, the funds of which will go towards the annexe project. We still need many, many more recipes and would ask that every member of the Church family contribute at least one recipe. It can be a starter, main course or dessert and there will even be a section for children's favourites. There are now forms at the back of the Church for the recipe details to be written on or alternatively (and preferably) the form can be downloaded and completed in a word document from the church website - <http://sash.org.uk/annexe-cookbook>. Recipes can be emailed to nhreich@yahoo.com or handed in to either Nanette Morris or Emily Robson.

Family Support Work

Following the response to the Toy Appeal at Christmas, which was wonderful, we are now offering a service in complete anonymity - to relieve you of any Christmas gifts where the thought counted more than the actual item! Maybe perfume you do not use, a duplicate best-seller, wrong size or simply just not your sort of thing. FSW can use new items all the year round as birthday presents. Please bring your "surplus to requirement" gifts to church and put them in the box and they will be given to those who will treasure them. What better way to recycle that to bless someone else?

Sheila

Women's Breakfast ... save the date

The next women's breakfast will be held in the Church on next Saturday, 27th February, at 8.30am. This month will be a craft's breakfast so please bring any colourful odd buttons that you have lying around the house as we will be making broaches and bracelets (all other materials will be provided). There will also be a prayer time as well as a delicious continental breakfast. The cost will be £3.50. Please invite friends to this event and sign the list at the back of the church if you are able to come so that we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

Di and Nanette

Lent Course

Do sign up for one of the Lent courses. This home grown course examines the parable of the prodigal son. There are two evening and one day time courses you can attend. If you are unable to attend a course why not read the book: The Prodigal God by Tim Keller.

Mark

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Newsletter

Please could you let me have any newsletter items by Thursday morning at 9.00 am. These can be sent through to:

kanddmartin@sky.com

or telephone them through to 01444 831431.

Many thanks
Debbie

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Fund Raising Quiz

This is a very early advert but because of its importance it seems fitting to give advance notice. On Saturday 13th March 2010, The Friends of S^t Augustine's will be holding a Fund Raising Quiz Night at Scaynes Hill Village Club. Tickets cost £4.00 for non-members of the Club and £2.00 for members of the Club. There is a maximum of 6 people per team. All monies raised will go towards S^t Augustine's Church of England Primary School, Scaynes Hill. Scaynes Hill Village Club will also be donating 20p from every drink sold on that night. Please support your local school. It's a great school and it's part of our community. They need us to support them!