

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.

Last week, Christian women around the world gathered together to pray. The service was organised by the women of Cameroon, with whom we are linked, and here are some of the prayers that were prayed. The theme was, despite hardship, ... **LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD.**

MONDAY

Oh God, you are our refuge and strength, ever ready to help, strengthen, guide and enlighten us in times of joy and sadness. Though the earth is shaken and the mountains fall into the ocean depths, though the seas roar and rage and the hills are shaken by violence, we know you are near. Be near to the people of Chile.

TUESDAY

We will not be afraid when drought persists and deserts bear no more oats, when floods come and landslides and other disasters are destroying our land. Come Holy Spirit, breathe upon the nations of the world and upon all living things. Fill us with your power and love. Lift our hearts and bless us.

WEDNESDAY

Let us praise God, reflect on God's word, share our stories and renew our commitment to be a community of love and peace in every part of the world. Open my lips and my mouth shall praise your name.

THURSDAY

We confess that hatred, conflicts, violence, abuse, corruption and greed are breaking down our communities. Many people are suffering. We ask your forgiveness for the times we have allowed these things to happen, through what we have done or through what we have failed to do.

FRIDAY

We praise God in his sanctuary; we praise God in all the earth. We thank you and pray for the women of Cameroon, who praise you in the marriage ceremony, for the birth of a new baby, and in the funeral service at the end of life. In Cameroon, women's voices are not heard but You listen to women's voices, whether they whisper or make a voiceless sound.

SATURDAY

We praise God for the Earth's resources: for the sea, the ocean, for water, for energy and for harmony in cultural diversity. We praise God for the peace we enjoy. We praise God for his surpassing greatness.

SUNDAY

We praise you for life itself. We praise you for your mercies never end; they are new every morning. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for answered prayers of the past, for those you are answering in the present, and for those that we will offer in the future, with the assurance that you will answer them according to your wisdom. **Amen**

S^t Augustine's Newsletter

Today's Services

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion
11.00 am	All Age Service

Today's Readings

Isaiah 55:1-9	Page 704
Psalms 63:1-9	Page 555
1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Page 1086
Luke 13:1-9	Page 988

This Week's Services and Events**Monday 8th**

11.00 am	Friends of Nakuru
3.00 pm	Feast, St Augustine's School - Tom
5.00 pm	Brighton Voices in Exile AGM

Tuesday 9th

10.30 am	DOC
2.00 pm	Lent Group
8.00 pm	Lent Group

Wednesday 10th

All Day	Mark leading Clergy Wives Retreat
8.45 am	School Assembly - Tom
11.00 am	Jigsaw Music - Tom
8.00 pm	Standing Committee
8.00 pm	Lent Group

Thursday 11th

10.30 am	Holy Communion
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Friday 12th

10.00 am	Pre-School Music - Tom
3.00 pm	Feast +, St Augustine's School - Tom
7.30 pm	FAF - Tom

Saturday 13th

10.30 am	Baptism visit
12.00 noon	IDWAL

Sunday 14th - Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion with Children's Church
6.00 pm	Kairos

Names to be Remembered This Week

Edward Parker
Valerie Farley

Notices

Kairos

The Kairos service this month has been planned and put together by the Wednesday evening Home group. Please come along and support them.

Brighton Voices in Exile

We will be collecting for this group again in the run up to Easter. The group, of which Mark is a Trustee, supports those seeking sanctuary and is based in the Brighton area. A box for contributions will be in the back of the Church for the next three weekends - Sunday 14th, 21st and 28th March. Requests are for:

- Nappies - all sizes
- Shower Gel
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Tea, Coffee & Sugar
- Tinned Fish or Corned Beef
- Rice & Pasta
- Also chocolate items suitable for children

All the contributions will be taken to Brighton after the final collection, to be available for distribution at Easter. *Jenny*

Mothering Sunday

Posies of flowers will be given out at both the morning services on Mothering Sunday.

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will take place on 11th April at 11.00am. The meeting will also elect Church Wardens for the year. Ursula Brunet has decided not to stand again as warden due to a significant increase in work pressures. I am grateful to Ursula for all that she has done to support the ministry of the Church over the past 12 months. Sue Welland has agreed to stand again as warden. Please pray that someone would come forward to fill the vacancy. A brief job description is being drawn up and will be available shortly. There are also up to 4 places to be filled on the Parochial Church Council.

Mark

Cathedral Link

The Spring mailing has just arrived giving details of a wide variety of events at the Cathedral. The Newsletter is on the table at the back of the Church so please look to see if anything interests you. We are a distance away but it is well worth attending their talks if you are able. Maybe you could combine it with evensong, shopping or the theatre. Do look.

Jenny, Cathedral Link

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African Adventures

I will be taking two groups of people from the diocese to Africa later this year; to Cameroon in late June and to Kenya in October. The Kenyan visit would be suitable for more mature travellers and will include visits to link dioceses, church projects and to the Maasai Mara reserve. The visit to Cameroon will be for the more adventurous and will involve visiting churches, development projects and the rain forest. A small number of places are available on these trips, please speak to me for more information. *Mark*

Fund Raising Quiz

On Saturday 13th March, The Friends of S^t Augustine's School 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. 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 Village Club will also be donating 20p from every drink sold on that night. Please support our local school. It's a great school and part of our community. They need us to support them!

Amazing Grace

On March 20th at 7.30pm there will be a performance of Amazing Grace - a performance about the life of John Newton, slave trader and rapist turned hymn writer and vicar! Professional actors Robin and Chris Meredith will perform the play which has literally travelled around the world. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Proceeds to the Annexe Fund