

**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 prayers this week connect our human experience with the life of our Lord Jesus Christ here on earth.

**MONDAY**

Jesus, Word of the Father, speak for those who have no voice and stand by, powerless, while others exert control over them and their situations. We pray for the politicians at this time of elections, keep them in truth and integrity.

**TUESDAY**

Jesus, child of Bethlehem, remember now those children who are born to struggle, whose mothers have no milk and fathers have no bread. We pray especially for China in the aftermath of the recent landslide.

**WEDNESDAY**

Jesus, refugee in Egypt, remember those who have been terrorised out of their homes, and struggle to settle and be accepted in a foreign land. We pray for areas where there is racial tension and for a fair system of immigration.

**THURSDAY**

Jesus, teacher of Galilee, remember now those children who think they cannot learn, that success is for others and that theirs is a lost cause. We pray for S<sup>1</sup> Augustine's school for teachers, children, staff and governors.

**FRIDAY**

Jesus, friend of the poor, be a friend to the invisible poor in our neighbourhood, those we never notice, the empty and lonely, the exhausted and silent ones. We pray for the annexe to be a means of reaching out to our community.

**SATURDAY**

Jesus, healer of the sick, remember now our broken humanity, and touch with your tender love all those who cannot trust their bodies to be whole. We continue to pray for those we know who are ill and thank you for answered prayer.

**SUNDAY**

Jesus, bread of life, pray over us, break us open and share us out, that the Church may feed and fill the world with your generosity. Lord we are so grateful for all you have given us, may we be ready to freely share all that we have.

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

**Amen**

# S<sup>t</sup> Augustine's Newsletter

**Today's Services**

- 8.00 am Holy Communion  
9.30 am Parish Communion with  
Children's Church

*Please stay for refreshments afterwards*

**This Week's Services and Events****Monday 26<sup>th</sup>**

3.00pm FEAST-Tom

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 pm Film Club Discussion

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am Jigsaw Music - Tom 10.30 am  
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**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am Holy Communion

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Pre-School Music - Tom  
3.00pm FEAST+-Tom  
7.30 pm Youth Group - Tom

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

2.00 pm Wedding Interview

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Easter 5**

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

**This Week's Readings**

Acts 9:36-43 Page 1041  
Revelation 7:9-17 Page 1171  
John 10:22-30 Page 1017

**Name to be Remembered this  
Week**

*June Joyce*

## Notices

### Kairos: the vision thing...

With politicians desperately trying to convince us of their vision for our futures, I thought it would be good to think about our vision as a parish. The next Kairos will be a workshop to begin to come up with a vision statement for S<sup>t</sup> Augustine's. What are we here for? What kind of Church do we want to be? What are our values? The vision statement will feed into the review of our mission action plan. Come along and catch the vision! May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm.

*Mark*

### Film Club

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, Film Club will meet again at the Club this time to discuss the film the "Shawshank Redemption". These discussions have proved to be very thought provoking in the past and we are sure this one will prove to be the same.

### Women's Breakfast

A big thank you to Di and Nanette for organising and providing such an informative and delicious breakfast. Everyone who attended was extremely interested to hear about the work of The Haven from Sara and Fiona; we are very grateful to them for giving up their time to come and talk to us.

### Classical Concert

A classical concert will be held at St. Augustine's Church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. All proceeds will go towards the annexe fund. The violin will be played by Russell Gilbert (member of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra) and the piano by Fiona Fawsett. It will include music by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. If anyone in the Church family has a means of advertising this event locally (schools, through their work, etc.) please could they obtain an A4 flier from me. Tickets are now on sale from Nanette Morris (Tel. 01444 831163) priced at just £10 (including refreshment).

*Many thanks Nanette*

### Pray for our Nation

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Day is election day. There will be two opportunities to come together and pray for our nation on this day. At 10.30 am Mark will lead a service of Holy Communion with special prayers for our national life. At 7.30 pm, Tom will lead informal prayers for the nation in the Church. Why not come to one of these events and then go to vote afterwards?

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Dear Friends,

As I head off for my final term at Trinity College, it is a time of reflection and thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that two years ago I was selected to train for ordination and now I am on the brink of being ordained - I have been challenged and prepared on so many levels especially through the academic work and wonderful lectures. My time at college has been very good for me, not least of all because it has given me a broader experience of the worldwide church but it has given me opportunities to be involved in various types of pastoral work, different areas of the Anglican Church, as well as being prepared for Parish ministry. I feel very blessed to have been part of this training and hope and pray that the Lord will use it as I continue training as a Curate in Washington and Ashington.

I finish my final term on the 5<sup>th</sup> June with a Valedictory service and then we hope to move some time before I am ordained on the 26<sup>th</sup> June at Chichester Cathedral. At the moment, there is a house in the pipeline but it is in need of renovation, so we wait to see if it is going to be suitable and if possible, ready before I am ordained. It is an old semi detached cottage just outside the Parish, with views from the house of the South Downs, sheep and trees from every window. Trevor and I have popped down to visit the people of Washington a few times and have been given a tremendous welcome and we are both looking forward to settling down into Parish life without the commuting to Bristol each week. It is a strange time, with many changes approach-ing but we know the Lord will strengthen and sustain us as we let go of our present situation and pick up the new. It will be hard to let go but we will not lose touch and will count on seeing some of you from time to time! It is good walking country near where we will be living and the sea is not that far away, you would be very welcome. We have been greatly blessed by our time at St Augustine's in so many ways and as our sending church you will always be very much in our prayers and our first point of call on our days off! So many of you have prayed for us over the past three years and all of you have been an en-couragement to both of us, especially when the commuting or studying has been difficult. We will miss you but we hope to have an opportunity to say 'goodbye' and 'thank you' in the vicarage garden on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

As I prepare myself for ordination, I am constantly reminded of the need for a strong prayer life and space for prayer and reflection, it is one of the areas of college life I have appreciated, especially the daily times in chapel and opportunities to experience different spiritual traditions. We have recently held a 24/7 prayer in college, it was wonderful to see the college draw together to pray for the world, the nation and different situations. There have been times of sadness at the college and times of immense joy, it is at those emotional times, I am grateful to be part of the community of Christian faith where we support one another, weep with each other and give thanks and praise to our Lord and Saviour. As I start my final term, I am left with just two subjects, Principles of Christian ethics and the Book of Romans. However, the Diocese expect all Ordinands to continue in their learning, with once a month study days in Chichester and ongoing training for ministry, so the essays will continue. I have enjoyed the studying and am grateful for wonderful lecturers who bring the bible alive and challenge and train the mind for teaching and preaching.

The Parish of Ashington has seen tremendous growth in the past few years and they have recently reordered the church to accommodate the growing congregation. Washington is smaller but they are growing too and have recently drawn up plans to build a new toilet!! I can't tell you how pleased I am about these plans!!

I would like to thank you all for your prayers during these past two years, it has made such a difference knowing that people are praying for us, it has been an amazing journey! Now we are about to embark on the next stage of the journey, as Trevor and I move to Washington, leaving Ben and Andy in Haywards Heath.

I would really appreciate your prayers for this final term, especially as lectures carry on late into Friday afternoon, which means I will travel back late on a Friday evening. There is much to do this term not just at college but preparation for moving and saying goodbye to much of the familiar. The words of Micah 6:8 speak of the need to be obedient, walking humbly with God. This is my prayer for us as we step out to serve the Lord, that he would keep us reliant on Him and that He would strengthen and sustain us for His purposes. Thank you so much for all your support and prayers. *With love, Julie and Trevor*