

**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.

If two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them. Matthew 18:19-20

**MONDAY**

Teach us Lord, how to pray and teach us the value of praying with others. Grant that we, as part of your body the church would be a praying people, so that we see your kingdom at work in our lives and circumstances.

**TUESDAY**

Forgive us Lord, for the way we become busy and distracted by many things like Martha in the Bible. Grant us your peace and the ability to prioritise those things that are most important.

**WEDNESDAY**

Thank you for the power of agreement where there is a multiplication of power when we join in agreement with You and with others to pray. Unite us, in your purposes for us as a Church.

**THURSDAY**

May we daily keep short accounts with you Father, so that we do not hold unforgiveness in our hearts or let any root of unforgiveness develop in us to spoil the effectiveness of prayer. May we live in harmony, purity, honour and humility.

**FRIDAY**

Help us to listen to your Holy Spirit so that we pray in line for those things that are best in your eyes even if we would prefer a different answer ourselves, for we know your ways are perfect and that you are good and loving.

**SATURDAY**

We agree to pray for our families and friends, for health, for marriages and relationships to be strong and real. Bless all who are going through difficult times and may faith in you sustain them.

**SUNDAY**

We agree to pray for our nation and for the elections. You know the heart of men, show us the man of your choice because it is you that puts people in authority and you know who will govern best. May we be faithful to pray for whoever is elected.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

**Amen**

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

**Today's Services**

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

**Welcome**

Welcome to S<sup>t</sup> Augustine's Church, especially to those who are having their Banns read today.

**This Week's Services and Events****Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am	Home Communion
1.00 pm	Governors' Meeting

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am	Jigsaw Nursery Music - Tom
8.00 pm	Home Group

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 am	Annexe Meeting
10.30 am	Holy Communion and Prayer for the Nation
2.30 pm	Tapestry Tea
7.30 pm	Prayers for the Nation

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**

BVIE Strategy Day

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Parish Communion with Children's Church
6.00 pm	Kairos: the vision thing...

**This Week's Readings**

Acts 11:1-18	Page 1043
Psalms 148	Page 604
Revelation 21:1-6	Page 1181
John 13:31-35	Page 1021

## 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*

### 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. Tickets are now on sale from Nanette Morris (Tel. 01444 831163) priced at just £10 (including refreshment). Please can members of the Church family who want to come to this event let me know today, even if they would like to pay for their tickets later so that we can obtain an idea of numbers for the event.

*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?

*Mark*

### Good News

Sheila Pilcher is doing very well after a successful hip replacement operation. Our love and prayers are with both Sheila and Pat and we look forward to seeing Sheila again soon.

*Mark*

### Visitor from Sierra Leone

A young man from Freetown, Mohammed Gbondo, will be staying in Scaynes Hill for several weeks from next Tuesday. Mohammed obtained his visa to visit the UK through a British Council programme. He will be visiting a number of parishes and schools before returning to Freetown towards the end of June. Despite his name, Mohammed is a Christian and I have known him for a number of years through his work at the Freetown YMCA. The occasional offer of an invitation for Mohammed to a meal during his stay would be helpful!

*Many thanks, Mark*

## Notices

### Churchwarden and Treasurer

I am delighted to announce that Lynne Watkins has agreed to serve as Churchwarden and that David Wilson has kindly agreed to take over as Treasurer. David will be co-opted onto the PCC at the next meeting. Lynne has been an outstanding treasurer for the last 3 years and Sue Welland and I look forward to working closely with her in this new role. David, who is an accountant by profession, is married to Hilary and their two sons are Ronan and Cormac. David is a Governor at St Augustine's School and the family have worshipped with us at S<sup>t</sup> Augustine's since they moved to Sussex 3 years ago. I am very grateful to him to being prepared to take on the role of Treasurer.

*Mark*

### Letter from Julie and Trevor

A letter from Julie and Trevor was published last week. For those of you who did not see last week's newsletter, a copy is pinned to the notice board at the back of the Church.

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## Name to be Remembered This Week

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