

**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.

**INSTEAD OF PRAYING...****MONDAY**

Instead of praying that we will hear God's voice, we need to thank Him that we do hear. (John 10:27) Thank you Lord that you speak to us in so many ways, please help me to make time to listen to your still small voice.

**TUESDAY**

Instead of praying that we will be set free, we need to thank God for already setting us free. (Galatians 5:1) Thank you so much for our salvation, please keep me constantly amazed at, and grateful for your grace.

**WEDNESDAY**

Instead of praying and asking God to have a good plan for our lives, we need to thank Him for already having a good plan. (Jeremiah 29:11) Father as we commit each day to you may we know that the ordinary things can become extraordinary with you and are woven into your master plan.

**THURSDAY**

Instead of praying that God will make us righteous, we need to thank Him that He already has. (2 Corinthians 5: 21) Lord, we can sometimes feel that we are not good Christians, may we remember it is not our efforts but your work that counts.

**FRIDAY**

Instead of praying and asking God to bless us, we need to thank Him that we are already blessed with every blessing. (Ephesians 1:3) Help us to see more clearly how much you have blessed us and to be eternally grateful.

**SATURDAY**

Instead of praying that we will be accepted, we need to thank God for already accepting us in Christ. Ephesians 1:6) Keep us from unnecessary anxiety about our destiny for your Word reassures us that because of Christ we are accepted.

**SUNDAY**

Instead of praying my usual prayers Lord, help me to take a fresh look with faith at the words I say to you and help me pray in line with your Word so that your will is done and your kingdom may draw nearer.

**Amen**

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

**Today's Services**

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

*Please stay for refreshments afterwards*

6.00 pm Kairos

**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****Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**

3.00 pm FEAST, School - Tom

7.30 pm Kenya visit planning meeting

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

2.00 pm IDWAL meeting - Chichester

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Jigsaw Nursery Music - Tom

7.30 am PCC

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - Ascension**

10.30 am Holy Communion and

7.30 pm Patronal Festival - The Ascension

Church

Celebrant and preacher: The Bishop  
of Horsham

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

10.00 am Pre-School Music - Tom

3.00 pm Feast+, School - Tom

7.30 pm Youth Group - Tom

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am Diocesan Synod

6.00 pm Wedding interview

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion with

Children's Church

**This Week's Readings**

Acts 16:9-15 Page 1049

Revelation 21:9-14 Page 1182

John 14:23-29 Page 1022

## 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. This evening's 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! Tonight at 6.00 pm.

*Mark*

### Classical Concert

A classical concert will be held at St. Augustine's Church next 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*

### 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, is staying in Scaynes Hill for several weeks. 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*

### Ladies' Breakfast

A ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am at S<sup>t</sup> Augustine's, we will be joined by Heather Candy. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church if you wish to attend.

*Many thanks, Di*

## 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

For those of you who did not see the letter from Julie and Trevor, a copy is pinned to the notice board at the back of the Church.

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