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.

MONDAY
Eternal light, shine into my heart, Eternal goodness, deliver me from evil, Eternal power, be my support, Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of my ignorance, Eternal pity, have mercy upon me, that with my heart and mind and soul and strength, I may seek your face and be brought by your mercy into your Holy presence.

TUESDAY
Thank you Lord for this brand new day. Give me the wisdom to see its possibilities, the strength to face its challenges, and the grace to be open to its promise. Give me your heart of love to do a favour, speak a kindness, offer a hand, soothe a hurt, celebrate your joy, share a sorrow, or in some small way give myself to love another in your name.

WEDNESDAY
Lord God, you are always faithful and loving to your people. Help us in times of uncertainty to remain faithful to you, the God of peace. We pray for those longing for peace and justice, for those whose country is torn apart by war and terrorism, for the parents who see their children suffer and die, especially for Christians in Iraq.

THURSDAY
For those who struggle to help the injured and dying, for those who have to bury the victims, for those who help the bereaved, for the peacemakers, the politicians and negotiators, we pray that they will find a way for hostilities to end and for all who need your sustaining in difficult times, we pray you would hear our prayer for them.

FRIDAY
Too many times we turn inwards when things get on top of us, instead of turning to you. Things start to pile up and each day seems like a battle rather than a joy. Instead let us come to you each and every day, including you in every thing we do rather than push you to the sidelines.

SATURDAY
We lift before you those who feel that they are drowning in work, worry or stress, that they will trust in you and depend on you for everything. We pray that they may feel refreshed and at peace through your love and grace that you so willingly pour out on us all, we ask this in and through your amazing name.

SUNDAY
We thank you for this day, set apart as holy to you. Thank you, as we pause in busy lives, to come and be still and know that you are God in new and fresh ways, and we find in you the source of our supply is unlimited.

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **AMEN**

St Augustine's Newsletter

This Week's Services

9.30 am All Age Communion led by The Right Reverend Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham,

Please stay for refreshments afterwards

Welcome

Welcome to The Right Reverend Mark Sowerby, Bishop of Horsham who will be taking our service today and to Henry Gibson and all his family on the day of his confirmation.

This Week's Readings

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This Week's Events

Tuesday 25th
8.00 pm Home Group, New Heritage Way

Sunday 30th
8.00 am Holy Communion led by Reverend Peter Markby

9.30 am Parish Communion led by Reverend Peter Markby with Children's Church

Chris Copsey

It is with very great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Chris Copsey. Chris and Yvonne have been longstanding members of our congregation and all our thoughts and prayers go the whole family at this terrible time. His funeral will be on Wednesday 2nd February at 11.30 am at All Saints Lindfield and the service will be led by Mark.

Notices

Priest in Charge for St Augustine's

We have amazing news. Unbelievably, just over a month into our official interregnum, an appointment has been made. Details cannot be shared yet but, as churchwardens, we anticipate a really exciting and fulfilling future.

Sue and Lynne

A Very Big "Thank You"

To everyone who gave up time (and those who offered) on their precious Christmas Bank Holiday, a heartfelt "thank you". Whole families as well as individuals appeared at the vicarage. Many hands really did make light work - kitchen flooring (very stuck down!) cleared, carpets raised, floor boards prised up, planks in loft removed etc. etc. Thanks to all of you, the process of drying out the vicarage could begin in earnest.

Lynne

Vivace!

The Vivace! choir will be performing a concert, the proceeds of which will go towards our Church Annexe Fund on Saturday 5th March at 7.30pm in the Church. This promises to be a fun evening with a variety of music being performed from baroque music to rock music and should be popular with all age groups. Please do consider coming along to this event and inviting friends and neighbours along too. Tickets will be available for sale from me next Sunday and there is a sign up list at the back of Church today should you wish to reserve your tickets. Tickets are £10 and £5 for the under 12s. Refreshments will be available on the night.

Many Thanks
Nanette

Hymns

Do you have any favourite hymns or songs that you would like to sing in services during the interregnum? If so, please write them on the list at the back of Church or let Helen Hicks know on 831989 or helenhicks@hotmail.com. The service planners will try and include as many as possible.

Helen

Ladies' Breakfast

A big thank you to Di and Nanette for organising yesterday's women's breakfast and to Julie for coming to talk to us so movingly about her journey thus far. Please put Saturday 19th February in your diary as the date of the next Women's Breakfast. We will be in Church at 8.30 am and our speaker will be Anne-Marie Prescott. Please sign the list at the back of church and encourage friends and family to come along too.

Kairos

Our next Kairos will be on Sunday 13th February at 6.00 pm. Please put this in your diary. More details to follow.

Notices

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday 26th February. Our speaker will be Bernard Firkings, a professional golfer and we will be meeting at The Farmers at 8.30 am. A sign up list will be at the back of Church. Please do come along and bring a friend or neighbour with you.

Mike

Family Support Work

At our 9.30 am service on Sunday 20th February our speaker will be David Dickens and after the service there will be a plant and cake sale in aid of FSW.

Home Group

The Wednesday Home Group have just started studying the book of James. If you would like to join us please let Sue know and she will arrange a book for you. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd February at Heather Place.

Coffee Rota

There is a coffee rota at the back of Church, please could you sign up as soon as possible .

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Names to be Remembered

Chris Copsey
John Diplock
Roy Gillingham
Doris Baker
William Cherry
Angela Barton Smith