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# St Augustine's Church Newsletter

Weeks commencing:

Sunday 26th August and Sunday 2nd September 2018

## Services and Events

### Sunday 26th August

10.00 am Parish Communion & Crèche

### Thursday 30th August

9.30 am Prayers

### Sunday 2nd September

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am All Age Service & Crèche  
 "Blessing the Bags"

### Monday 3rd September

7.30 pm LRPC Meeting

### Tuesday 4th September

9.30 am Coffee Shop - Re-opening

7.30 pm Sustainability Group - Annexe

### Wednesday 5th September

8.15 pm Home Group - White Cottage

### Thursday 6th September

9.30 am Prayers

10.30 am Home Group - Annexe

2.00 pm History Visit

5.00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday 8th September

1.30 pm Wedding

### Sunday 9th September

10.00 am Parish Communion & Crèche

3.30 pm Family Fun Church

## Ignatian Prayer

During the 5 Sundays in September we are going to be finding out more about St Ignatius, and what he has to teach us about prayer.

The home groups will be following up on these themes during their fortnightly meetings in September, October & November.

You would be very welcome to join one of these groups just for the period of the prayer course, so do speak to Lisa, or one of the Home Group co-ordinators if you would be interested. The details of who the co-ordinators are, and when the groups meet, are on a flyer at the back of the church.

Lisa

## Community Audit Scaynes Hill

As part of our church Mission Action Plan we are committed to exploring how we can serve our community better through an audit of parishioners' needs. Following on from the Church Mission Survey carried out by Gaynor we are planning to undertake a community audit of Scaynes Hill and are looking for a team of people to work on this project. If you are interested and would like to know more please speak to Jenny Walker or Lisa.

## Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop starts again on Tuesday 4th September at 10 am! A free coffee and cake for everyone to celebrate being back. Also, the new rota is in the annex. We desperately need helpers and bakers so please think about signing up!

# Notices

## Steve Argent's Licensing

Steve Argent will be licensed as a lay-reader at a service at Chichester Cathedral at 2pm on Saturday 29th September and all are welcome to join in this special service. There will be a celebratory lunch after the 10am service on Sunday 30th September. All are welcome to join in either or both of these celebrations, and please do keep Steve in prayer as he prepares for his licensing.



## Blessing of the Bags

Please bring your school bags, packed lunch box or reading bag (or all three!) to our All Age Service next week, Sunday 2nd September at 10 am. We will be celebrating the start of the school year with a blessing for all those who are starting or going back to school and/ or moving on to the next stage of their education.



## Prayer for the Weeks Ahead

*Father of all goodness and mercy, as August draws to a close, we thank you for the lovely months of summer we have enjoyed this year and we celebrate with you the beginning of September and fresh starts. These are days filled with joy and excitement as well as uncertainty and wonder.*

*We pray for our places of work, and for your blessings in all that we undertake. We ask that our time is fruitful, enriching and a testament to your glory.*

*God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray for all schools that they may be lively centres for learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of goodness. As students begin the new year, give them open minds and hearts to learn and to experience more fully the majesty of the world you have created. May this year be full of promise for them, and for their teachers, as together they experience new beginnings. Enable them to grow in knowledge and wisdom during this school year and all the days of their lives.*

*Lord bless all our bags and the students, teachers, and workers who carry them.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.*

# Notices

## Cuckfield Deanery Synod

An invitation to all members of the Cuckfield Deanery Synod to join together for a Day of Prayer and Reflection during this Year of Prayer. We have 65 places, to be allocated on a first come / first served basis. Please advise if you have additional church members who would like to attend - we would love to welcome them too if space allows. Please respond to Rachel Field (details below) by 12th September 2018.

**Saturday September 22nd 2018**

**10am - 3pm**

**Our Lady of England Priory,  
School Lane, Storrington, Pulborough RH20 4LN  
Cost £10 (bring your own lunch)**

There will be times of teaching, personal or guided prayer and silence in the Priory and its lovely grounds. This Cuckfield Deanery Day will be run by members of the Chemin Neuf Community – who spoke at our Synod in May 2017. The community is Catholic with an ecumenical vocation. It is rooted in both the Ignatian tradition and the experience of the Charismatic Renewal.

[www.chemin-neuf.org.uk](http://www.chemin-neuf.org.uk)

Some comments about a quiet day with the Chemin Neuf Community:

*"It was lovely to be able to take time out from the hustle and bustle of every day life to dedicate to the Lord."*

*"It was so good to draw aside a while, and to be led by the mature and kind leaders of this community."*

*"An opportunity that was much more needed than I had realised to drill down and take stock of life at a deeper level."*

*"It was lovely to spend a day placing oneself in God's presence with no distractions. It was a blessing."*

*"I found the day inspiring, refreshing and peaceful. It was lovely to spend time together as a group"*

Rachel Field - Deanery Lay Chair

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## Harvest Festival

We will celebrate our harvest festival on Sunday 7th October beginning at Oakgates Fruit Farm as usual. There will also be a harvest tea on the afternoon of 7th. More details to follow.

Lisa



## FSW

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the FSW Summer Food Collection. The food and household goods were immediately distributed and made a big difference to local families over the summer holidays.

Jenny

## Happy Birthday

to

**Jessica Sams**

who celebrates her 14th Birthday today.

