

# St Augustine's Church

## Scaynes Hill

Sunday 26th July 2020

### Welcome

Whilst we are very sadly in a period of time where we are unable to be together we hope that this newsletter helps you feel encouraged and supported by our Church.

### St Augustine's Information

Welcome to this weeks newsletter and happy holidays to all those school children who are either starting their summer holidays or starting a well-deserved break from their home schooling!

Unfortunately, it has been necessary to **change the channel** on which we broadcast our 10.00 am services. However if you **click on the link below**, this will take you straight into our new channel. You will know if you are on the right place if you will see pictures of the Church and this is where you will find all our latest services. You have gone astray if you see pictures of a decorated cross and balloons! If you **subscribe** to this new channel, you will be sent notifications when news services are posted:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYBluyAatI5kfw5dctxF-w>

A big thank you to Lucy who is leading our Common Worship service this week. Many thanks as well to everyone who has helped to put this week's service together to: Steve for preaching, Bobby for reading, Helen for her wonderful prayers and Jenny and the girls for our music .

As a family we are taking a break for a couple of weeks. You will still get your weekly newsletter on 31st July and 7th August but I'm afraid that just for these two Sundays, it won't contain an order of service inside. Hopefully this won't affect your enjoyment of our 10.00 am service. Lis Gibson has very kindly offered to put our 10.00 am recorded services together for 2nd and 9th August and we are very grateful to her for taking this on. A quick reminder, we would really love to have more pictures and would be very grateful if you could send any that you have this week to Lis Gibson at :

[lis@the-gibsons.org.uk](mailto:lis@the-gibsons.org.uk)

As many of you know. Mike and Di are finally able to go off on their travels in their campervan. They go with our love and prayers and knowing that we will miss them greatly. Very grateful thanks to Mike for everything that he has done over the past years as a member of the PCC and as Hon Treasurer. He is standing down as from 1st August 2020 and we are delighted to let you know that Jamie Bewick has agreed to take on the role of Hon. Treasurer. Huge thanks to Di as well for all the many things that she has done for us over the years from inspiring ladies breakfasts and beautiful prayers to wonderful catering to name but a few. As we said, you will both be much missed.

Our new pattern of services commence on Sunday 2nd August (see p.23). If you are attending a 9.00 am quiet communion, please find guidance on what to expect in Church on p. 22 and 23. If you would like to attend a Said Communion, please contact Mark Brunet (details on back page) by Friday lunchtime prior to the service on the Sunday (for Sunday 2nd August, please by **Friday 31st July** please). We would ask you to **wear a mask/face covering** in church for services - we will be! If you are feeling unwell in any way at all, please don't visit the Church in order to minimise the spread of infection. There is a hand sanitiser dispenser situated in the porch next to the door into the Church and also just inside the entry door to the annexe. **Please always remember to use the hand sanitiser provided before entering** the Church buildings. There are also hand sanitiser dispensers outside the toilets and the kitchen.

As the Church will now be open for a service on a Sunday, the opening times for **private prayer** are also changing to ensure that we comply with regulations. From Monday, 27th July, the Church will **NOT** be opening on Saturdays but will remain open on Sundays after the service. As always, if you need help or assistance, please do not hesitate to get in contact - numbers can be found on the back page.

*With love and blessings to you all*

## FSW

The school summer holidays have now started after four months of lockdown. It has been a challenging time for the families that FSW supports. Unfortunately FSW will not be able to offer the usual range of summer activities for the families as, although lockdown has eased, care must still be taken about meeting in groups. FSW practitioners will continue to support the families on a one-to-one basis throughout the next six weeks and will be helping in any way they can with food, activities for children and their usual practical support. If you would like to help, gifts of food, household items and toiletries together with craft sets, Lego, books and puzzles would be welcome.

You can put these in the box at the back of church on Tuesdays or Saturdays. You can find out more about the great work that FSW does with children and families across Sussex on the FSW website and you can also donate in various ways. There is also a JustGiving page for FSW running at the moment. Have you saved on all those expensive hairdos during lockdown or in other ways? Could you consider contributing to the work of FSW? Anything you can do will be much appreciated.

*Jenny W*

## Thursday Morning Prayer

A reminder you can find Lucy's Thursday morning prayers here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeuVGMXRnrh48hR7nLAZ7KQ/videos?view=57&flow=grid>

I have also created a playlist on our new YouTube channel with all of Lucy's Thursday morning prayers and this can be accessed by clicking on the link on the front page.

## Vacancy News

The current situation has slowed down many of the workings of the Diocese. The Churchwardens met with the Archdeacon recently and were heartened by her reassurance that we have not been forgotten - indeed the Archdeacons meet with the Bishop monthly and discuss every vacancy in the Diocese. We were reassured that we will get a new vicar - but that it was unlikely to be before Christmas, and could be even later.

We agreed that it was sensible to see if the diocese could let the vicarage on a short-term basis, which will help keep it in good condition - so if you see removal vans outside, don't get too excited!.

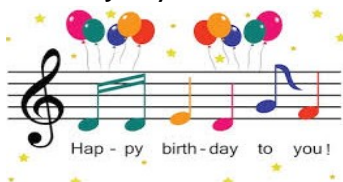
*Mark and Jenny*

## Police Guidance Young People

Sussex police have issued some guidance for parents and carers on keeping young people safe over the course of the summer holidays. We have included this on p.14 for your information - apologies for the fact it is blurry!

## Mark's Gospel: The Lockdown Readings

A massive thank you to Lis Gibson who has worked so hard to put together our Mark's Gospel Lockdown readings and who has so very generously made them available on DVD for the congregation. Lis has put so much into this project and much appreciated by all of us. These are now available, free of charge. If you would like a copy please contact Jenny Walker.



## St Peter & St James Hospice Shop

St Peter and St James Hospice are once again accepting donations for their shops. We are asked to take our items to the safe drop-off area at the Hospice site. Drive to Wivelsfield Green and follow the signs to the Hospice, BN8 4ED. Follow the signs to the Staff Car Park. Leave donations in the large cage outside the warehouse. If someone is already unloading stay inside your car until they have finished.



## Lawrence Jones

Lawrence has just graduated with a first class degree in Economics from the London School of Economics. Congratulations on a wonderful achievement

## New Wine

You don't have to attend New Wine in person this year as it is free online. Starting on Thursday 30th July it runs until Monday 3rd August 2020. This year's theme is "United Breaks Out" there are some clips on the New Wine website giving a good insight into what you can expect when you watch the various sessions i.e. worship, celebrations, bible teaching, live webinars etc.

## Birthdays

If you (or a member of your family) has a birthday in August and would like a mention at the All Age please let Debbie know. We are not having an All Age in August but both August and September birthdays will get a mention in September.

*Many thanks*



## Our Mission in This Month is ..... Haywards Heath Food Bank



Unsurprisingly, due to the consequences of Covid-19 there is a much increased need for the services of Food Banks. The good news is that Haywards Heath Food Bank is coping with demands thanks to the generosity of the public but they have had to make changes in the way that they operate. To protect both staff and customers, callers are not allowed at the banks premises. Instead, those in need are given electronic vouchers by the referring agency, which they must submit on-line to the Food Bank and then a food parcel is delivered direct to their homes. Obviously this means the loss of face to face contact with the recipients which is not ideal but it is the only way it can be done safely at the moment. Likewise donors may no longer drop off groceries at the Food Bank's depot but must deposit them at local collecting points such as Lindfield Co-op or Waitrose in

Haywards Heath. Understandably the supermarkets will only accept items purchased in their store but items can also be taken to St Richards Church Hall in Haywards Heath on Tuesdays 10am-midday or Friday 2-4pm. Do please remember the needs of the Food Bank when you are shopping or by making an on-line financial donation and also pray for their invaluable ministry at this time of increased financial hardship for many.

Particularly needed at the moment is tinned meat and tinned fruit but fruit juices, tinned vegetables and fish, rice pudding, biscuits, tea bags and toiletries are always welcome. What they have plenty of at the moment is baked beans, soup and pasta so please remember that when selecting items.

### FOR PRAYERFUL CONCERN

**For Sheila Pilcher and the whole family** - as they mourn the loss of Patrick and for Sheila as she recouperates

**For Brian Sitford and all the family** - as Brian undergoes tests in hospital

**For Jill and Gerald Bridgeman** - as Gerald is recouperating

**Gwyneth and Derek Paine** - who are both coping with ill health.

**For St Augustine's School** - for governors, staff and pupils as they start their summer break

**For all those in the village who are shielded and vulnerable**

**For all children who are struggling with their lives being on hold**

**If you would like to be included in this list, or you know of anyone who would like us to pray**

## Prayer for the Week Ahead

*Father God*

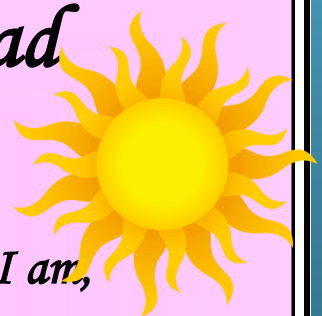
*Draw me closer to you this summer.*

*Teach me how I can pray, no matter where I am,  
or what I am doing.*

*Warm me with the awareness of Your presence  
and light my path with Your word and counsel.*

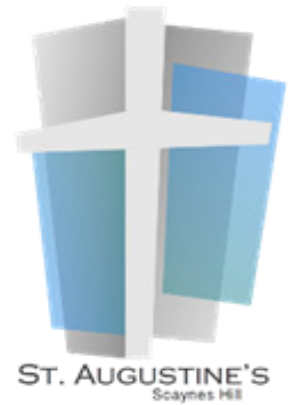
*As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart  
and a hunger and thirst for you.*

*Amen.*



# Pre-recorded Communion

Trinity 7  
Sunday 26th July 2020  
10.00 am



## Welcome

Reverend Lucy Hollingsowrth

## Hymn 1: We have a Gospel to Proclaim - 1583

We have a gospel to proclaim  
Good news for all throughout the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of His death at Calvary,  
Hated by those He came to save;  
In lonely suffering on the cross  
For all He loved, His life He gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
Empty the tomb, for He was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share His victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name Him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*We sit or kneel for the following prayer:*

**All: Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Forgiveness & reconciliation**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake.  
Forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you,  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen**

## Sing: Celebrating God's forgiveness

To God be the Glory  
All glory in the highest:  
And peace to his people who dwell here below.  
Our heavenly Father  
Our Lord and our Sovereign  
To you the Almighty our praises bestow.

We worship and adore you,  
We bow here before you,  
With grateful thanksgiving,  
Our song let us raise.  
All glory and honour and glad adoration,  
To God in the highest  
Hosanna and praise.

For Jesus the only begotten of the Father,  
We praise and we bless you,  
The Son and the Lamb.  
The sin of the world you have taken upon you,  
Have mercy upon us,  
The great I am.

For lowly you meet us,  
Yet lowly you greet us  
The Lord in the highest  
The holy One  
All glory to the Father, the Son and the Spirit  
For ages everlasting the Three in one.



## Collect Prayer

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and  
the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## **Hearing God's word:**

(Today's New International Version)

### **Psalm 105: 1-11 and 45b**

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.  
Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Look to the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always.  
Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,  
you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,  
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.  
He is the Lord our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.  
He remembers his covenant for ever,  
the promise he made, for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac.  
He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant:  
'To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as the portion you will inherit.'  
Praise the Lord

### **Romans 8:26-39**

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.  
And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God fore-knew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that



he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

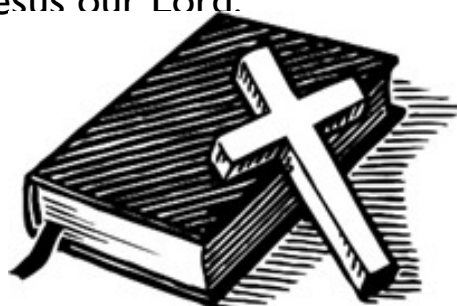
What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

‘For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**



### **Hymn 1: There is a Redeemer - 544**

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Thank you, oh my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit -  
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Oh, for sinners slain.



*Thank you, oh my Father ...*  
When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King for ever  
In that holy place.

*Thank you, oh my Father ....*

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## **Gospel Reading**

### **Matthew 13: 31-33 and 44-52**

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'

He told them still another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.'

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

'Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all these things?' Jesus asked.

'Yes,' they replied.

He said to them, 'Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.'

' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

**Steve Argent**

## **Affirming our Faith**

*Let us say together:*

**All: We believe in one God, the Father,  
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from  
heaven, was incarnate from the  
Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*Finishing with:*

Merciful Father

**All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Hymn 3 (Offertory Hymn) - Beauty for Brokenness - 664**

Beauty for brokenness,  
Hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suffering world  
This is our prayer:  
Bread for the children,  
Justice, joy, peace;  
Sunrise to sunset,  
Your kingdom increase!

*God of the poor,  
Friend of the weak,  
Give us compassion we pray:  
Melt our cold hearts,  
Let tears fall like rain;  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame.*



Refuge from cruel wars,  
Havens from fear,  
Cities for sanctuary,  
Freedoms to share;  
Peace to the killing-fields,  
Scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
His cross for the pain.

*God of the poor,  
Friend of the weak,  
Give us compassion we pray:  
Melt our cold hearts,  
Let tears fall like rain;  
Come, change our love  
From a spark to a flame.*

Rest for the ravaged earth,  
Oceans and streams  
Plundered and poisoned -  
Our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,  
Carelessness, greed;  
Make us content with  
The things that we need.

*God of the poor ....*

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## **The Eucharistic Prayer (A)**

The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you send upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and make us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

*Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often  
as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember now his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and as we look for the coming of his kingdom, we make with this bread and this cup the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Holy Spirit and nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, that we may grow into his likeness and become a living temple to your glory.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All: Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Lord Jesus Christ, since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we pray that you will come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves to you. Let nothing ever separate us from you. May we live in your love always.

**All Amen**

## Prayers after Communion

*The Priest prays a post Communion prayer.*

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

**All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## Hymn I: Come Down O Love Divine - 1201

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.



O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace, till they become the place  
where-in the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

*Bianco de Sienna (1367-1434)*  
*Richard F Littledale (1833-90)*

## **Notices**

### **Blessing and sending out**

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself.  
The power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service.  
The joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts.  
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.

**All: Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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## Time to Connect

In these unusual times we need to find new and innovative ways of staying in touch with each other and deepening the level of fellowship we enjoy. To achieve this, it would be good if every household, with internet access, in the church fellowship was able to join into events via BlueJeans – the audio and video conferencing app.

The White Cottage Home Group are successfully meeting in this way and, on Sundays, a good number of people join in with the (slightly chaotic) 'after church virtual coffee' session.

There are three ways of setting yourself up for the church BlueJeans meetings:

On your laptop or desktop, follow the link: <https://bluejeans.com/8976356204> and download the BlueJeans app to your computer.

On your smart phone, download the BlueJeans app and install it on your phone.

Then, to access a meeting enter the ID code 8976356204.

On your landline (audio only), to join a meeting dial 0203 6950613 and when requested enter the meeting ID of 8976356204 followed by the # key – calls will cost you the normal rate for your phone.

You will notice that in all cases the meeting ID remains the same 8976356204.

If you have already successfully connected to one of these, please email Peter Mansell, [peter.mansell@gmail.com](mailto:peter.mansell@gmail.com), to let him know.

If you have not so far connected or are having problems connecting please phone Peter on 01444 459990 so he can ensure you are set up correctly and ready to 'connect' with the church fellowship.



16 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the school summer holidays fast approaching, we would like to work with you to make sure that your children or young people continue to stay safe during this time.

Below are some helpful resources to help you and your children keep safe.

Yourpolice.uk is an [Instagram page](#) where young people can ask questions to police about a variety of topics including crime and how to keep themselves safe.

Make Good Trouble provides radio shows, videos, and support and advice for parents and carers on [website here](#). The site also links to their Facebook group [Raising Teens in Lockdown](#) where you can find advice and also share your tips with other parents and carers.

GEOP - Children and young people are spending more time online, and while it is a great way to keep in touch with friends, it can also bring risks.

It's Important to talk to your child about staying safe online and what sites they're using. . Find advice or report any concerns [here](#).

GOV.uk - Lockdown restrictions are continuing to ease as places such as shopping centres, restaurants and gyms begin to open.

Make sure you keep up to date with the Government advice on Coronavirus. Talk to your child or young person about keeping safe as restrictions ease. Find up-to-date information on Coronavirus [here](#).

Sussex Police - Find crime prevention and safety advice on the Sussex Police website [here](#).

Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will be visibly patrolling our communities over the coming months and continuing to work with partner agencies, to keep people safe. If you or your child sees us out on patrol, come and say hello, ask us questions or stop for a chat.

Yours sincerely,  
Jo Grantham D0814  
T/ Chief Inspector

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## Our Favourite Bible Passages

As part of the Diocese of Chichester's Year of the Bible back in 2017, St Augustine's Church responded by putting together a booklet of our favourite bible passages, together with a brief explanation of why they were important to us and how they had inspired and led us. Some are short reflections, some are longer, some are memories from childhood and others are ones that have always been a favourite. The reflections come from every part of our church family including some of our youngest worshippers.

We thought that whilst we are still socially distant from each other, it would be lovely to share one of these reflections each week. If you feel you would like to contribute an additional reflection, please do email it to me. Unless specified all the bible passages have been taken from the NIV. This week's reflection comes from Mike Harding:

### **John 14: 1 - 6, 25 - 27**

***“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.***

***“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”***

This chapter contains helpful teaching on the trinity; it explains the importance of us knowing and trusting God at all times; it gives so much helpful advice and guidance on life itself with Jesus explaining we must bring all our worries to the Father and he will answer us and so much more as he will also give us his peace.

The promise for believers of both the Holy Spirit in our lives today and eternal life ahead is the icing on the cake.

**Mike Harding**

*Mr White's Oak Class at St Augustine's School, and in particular Year 5 (aged 9 and 10 years), have been writing lockdown poetry and they would like to share some of their work with you. This is the last of the three poems that they wished to share.*

*All these poems are both powerful and moving and give a real insight into the terrible impact that this virus has had on many children.*

*We are very grateful to them for sharing these with us and we send them our prayers and very best wishes as the school prepares for the return of all pupils in the Autumn term.*



## Struggles Over Lockdown

I'm stuck at home  
I'm not alone.  
Fun face times with my friends,  
Hoping the chat will never end.

I always like to play outside,  
Made me wish that I could fly.  
I do try to eat healthy,  
But that's the part I don't like.

I go for long long walks,  
Then me and mum have emotional talks.

Making my bed EVERY day,  
Doing it my own special way.

Sometimes I feel isolated,  
And my sisters drive me mad.  
I always get so lazy,  
Which makes my mum crazy.

I feel so sad and alone,  
And it feels like I don't know home.  
I feel like a good cry,  
Like rain falling from the sky.

*But what happens next?*

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## Attending Worship at St Augustine's Scaynes Hill During COVID19 – What To Expect!

We are looking forward to welcoming you back into church for services. It will however be a bit different to how it was before the lockdown to help keep us all safe. Before you come into church please read this note and if you have any questions let us know.

*Every blessing  
Mark and Jenny (churchwardens)*

### *Before you arrive:*

- We can only accommodate 25 people at a service, so we will ask you to book ahead to avoid disappointment. Please let Mark Brunet know if you would like to come to a service by emailing him before midday on the Friday before the Sunday you would like to attend at [mark@brunets.co.uk](mailto:mark@brunets.co.uk).
- When you book, we will take some contact details. These will be kept for 3 weeks after the service and given to NHS Track and Trace if someone from the service later tests positive for coronavirus. They won't be used for any other reason and if they are not needed for this purpose, they will be securely disposed of after 3 weeks.
- We ask you to consider your own risk of attending an indoor gathering. While we will be taking a number of steps to keep you safe, we cannot make this risk-free. You might want to look at the NHS guidance on whether you are at higher risk of coronavirus and be guided by their advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/whos-at-higher-risk-from-coronavirus/>
- We ask you NOT to attend the service if you have:
  - \* A new cough
  - \* A temperature
  - \* Lost your sense of smell or taste
- You may want to bring your own hand sanitiser, although some will be available.
- We would like you to wear a mask/face covering in church, we will be. Please remember that face coverings protect others from your germs – they are not very good at protecting you from other people's germs. They are not a replacement for good social distancing, hand hygiene, and self-isolating if you have symptoms.
- Children are welcome but we ask that you keep them with you at all times. At the moment we are not able to offer children's groups or shared toys. Our All Age services will continue online in Sept.

### *When you arrive:*

- The doors will open 15 minutes before the service. Before that you will need to wait outside.
- The sidesperson will let people into the building in households/bubbles. You will be asked to sanitise your hands on arrival, then go immediately to a seat in church. The next household/bubble can then be let in.
- The seating in church will be arranged at 2m intervals from each other. We ask you to go straight to your seat and remain there for the duration of the service.



- The doors will remain open during the service to allow some ventilation so you may notice it is a little cooler than you expect.

*During the Service:*

- The words you need for the service will be on a paper order of service on your seat. This will then be your personal copy. Please take it home with you after the service and bring it back next time.
- Due to risk of aerosol spread, there will be no singing during the service.
- We ask that when you are saying the responses that you speak quietly and prayerfully – again to reduce risk of droplet spread.
- If it is a communion service, during distribution of communion, only bread will be distributed. The priest will wear a mask and sanitize their hands before distribution. The bread will be distributed from the chancel step, please remain standing to receive. Please form an appropriately distanced queue and return to your seat avoiding others. You might want to use your hand sanitizer (if you have brought some) before receiving communion.
- If you do not want to receive communion for any reason, that is absolutely fine – just hold your order of service in front of you and the priest will quietly pray a blessing instead or remain in your seat.
- A collection will not be taken during the service but there will a collection plate at the back of the Church and the contactless machine will also be available.

*At the end of the service:*

- The sidesperson will ask people to leave a row at a time.
- Please take any orders of service home with you.
- Please do not stop to chat while leaving the building. Please do not block other people's exit from the building. Please remember to stay 2m apart from people from other households.
- If you test positive for coronavirus up to three weeks after the service, please let us know.

*The pattern of monthly services is as follows:*

- 1st Sunday: 9.00 am - Said Holy Communion in Church (not recorded)  
10.00 am - Pre-recorded YouTube All Age Service (no All Age in August)
- 2nd Sunday: 10.00 am - Pre-recorded YouTube Holy Communion Service
- 3rd Sunday: 9.00 am - Said Holy Communion in Church (not recorded)  
10.00 am - YouTube Pre-recorded Sunday Morning Worship
- 4th Sunday 10.00 am - YouTube Pre-corded Holy Communion Service
- 5th Sunday 9.00 am - Said Communion in Church (not recorded)  
10.00 am - Pre-recorded YouTube Sunday Morning Worship



## Contact Information

### Ministry Team:

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### Parish Help

If you, or someone else you know, needs some assistance with shopping or anything else please feel free to call anyone of the following:

**Jenny Walker, (01444 831696)**  
**Gaynor Deal (01444 831698)**  
**Maria Brett (01825 723500)**  
**Debbie Martin (01444 831893)**  
**Marilyn Slater ( 01444 482974)**  
**Nic Calvey (01444 487734)**  
**Pam Main (01444 831189)**

If you have an urgent request please call Jenny Walker. We are all here to help so please don't hesitate to ring anytime.

### Church Giving

If you normally donate to the Church on a weekly basis during the service and would like to continue whilst we are unable to meet together, please contact Mike Harding on 01825 724188 or

[mikeanddih@gmail.com](mailto:mikeanddih@gmail.com)

### Virtual Coffee

If you would like to join us after Church on Sunday at 11.00 am for a virtual chat over coffee, Peter Mansell is hosting the get together on bluejeans. On your laptop or desktop, follow the link:

<https://bluejeans.com/8976356204>

and download the Bluejeans app to your computer. On your smart phone, download the Bluejeans app and install it on your phone. Then, to access a meeting enter the ID code: [8976356204](https://bluejeans.com/8976356204)

On your landline (audio only), to join a meeting dial 0203 6950613 and when requested enter the meeting ID of 8976356204 followed by the # key – calls will cost you the normal rate for your phone.

You will notice that in all cases the meeting ID remains the same [8976356204](https://bluejeans.com/8976356204).

If you have not so far connected or are having problems connecting please phone Peter on 01444 459990 so he can ensure you are set up correctly and ready to 'connect' with the church fellowship