



# St Augustine's Church

## Scaynes Hill

Sunday 2nd August 2020

### Welcome

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

### St Augustine's Information

Welcome to this week's newsletter and happy holidays to all those school children who are either enjoying 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 should take you straight into our new YouTube page. You will know if you are in the right page as you will see pictures of the Church and this is where you will all our latest services. You are not on the right page if you see a picture of the cross and balloons!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYBluyAatI5kfw5dcthxF-w>

It is an exciting week this week as we recommence services in Church. Lucy is leading and preaching at both our 9.00 am Communion in Church and our online Common Worship service and a big thank to her for pulling all this together. Many thanks as well to others who have helped to put this week's online service together to: David for reading; Di for her lovely prayers and Tim for our music. In particular a massive thank you to Lis Gibson who has put the service together whilst the Martins take a break. As we are on a break for a couple of weeks this newsletter, and the one on 9th August, won't contain an order of service inside. I am sorry but hopefully this won't affect your enjoyment of our online service.

Lucy is really looking forward to welcoming back to Church those of you who wish to attend the 9.00 am Said Communion. On pages 6 and 7 you will find details and information on what to expect at these services. Lucy will be preaching and preparing the prayers and a massive thank you to her all her hard work on our behalf. Thank you as well to Mark who will be on duty as Churchwarden and sidesperson and Sheila for her lay ministry and reading. If you would like to attend this service, please contact Mark Brunet (see details on back page) by lunchtime on **Friday 31st July** so that he can ensure that we have sufficient space given the 2m social distancing and also because we are required to keep a log for three weeks of all those who attend a service.

Also a reminder that it is **vital that you use Hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the Church** buildings for services, private prayer or for any other reason. There is a dispenser next to the internal front door in the porch area and also one just inside the entry door to the annexe. There are also dispensers outside the toilets and outside the kitchen. If you are a key holder, we would ask that you do not enter the Church, other than on a Tuesday or Sunday, as we need to ensure that we adhere to the Covid hygiene and cleaning regulations.

As the Church will now be open for a service on a Sunday, the opening times for **private individual prayer** are also changing to ensure that we comply with Covid regulations. The Church will **NOT** be open on Saturday 1st August and henceforth the opening times will be as follows:-

Tuesdays: 9.00 am to 6.00 pm

Sundays: 2nd and 4th - 9.00 am to 6.00 pm

1st, 3rd and 5th - Church will be cleaned after the service and will then stay open until 6.00 pm

However, please note that there will be a Baptism in Church at 12 noon on **Sunday 9th August** and, therefore, the Church won't be open for private prayer until 2.00 pm.

As always, if you need help and / or assistance from any of us, please do not hesitate to get in contact - numbers can be found on the back page.

*With love and blessings to you all*

## 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. They say they are desperate for clothing, bric-a-brac, books, toys, games, household items and furniture.

Jean

## Thursday Morning Prayer

This Thursday, 6th August will be Lucy's last Thursday morning prayers which you can find here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeuVGMXRN-rh48hR7nLAZ7KO/videos?view=57&flow=grid>

If you would like to catch up on previous Thursdays, I have also made a playlist of these on our new YouTube channel

Debbie

## Birthdays

If you (or a member of your family) has a birthday in August, please let Debbie know. We won't be doing birthday shout outs in August as we are not having an All Age due to the Summer holidays. However, all birthdays, August and September, will get a shout out at the September All Age.

Many thanks.

  
*Birthdays  
of the  
Month*

## Photos

A reminder that as always, we would love to receive LOTS more pictures of what you have been up to just recently. Whilst I am away (I am back on 9th August) please could you send any photos to Lis Gibson at:

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

## 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.



## WSSC Summer Reading Challenge

This summer's reading challenge is centred around the "Silly Squad" and children can participate online.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Children taking part in the Silly Squad reading challenge can borrow and download ebooks and eAudiobooks from our Library. You may be able to choose something from your school library, read a book you've got at home, or reread an old favourite that you really enjoy.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/elibrary-electronic-library/borrow-ebooks/>

## WSSC Libraries

WSSC have set up a thriving online reading group on Facebook, [West Sussex Libraries Virtual Reading Group](#). This is a friendly forum for West Sussex borrowers to connect over the pleasure of reading. And can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/198930654742744/>

'Fully Booked' is our series of book recommendations from staff in the Library Service. You can the video here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLbReJgMx8qwnD93IU5VvcValncv3vO5-B&time\\_continue=65&v=mWui9AiB2MY&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLbReJgMx8qwnD93IU5VvcValncv3vO5-B&time_continue=65&v=mWui9AiB2MY&feature=emb_title)

Whilst libraries are shut and if you're isolating at home at the moment, why not make the most of the time to start to trace your family history or investigate the history of where you live? We can help you get started with exclusive temporary **free** home access to Ancestry, plus online resources including maps and photographs.

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/web/arena/currentoffer/family-and-local-history>

Not a member of the Library - you can join by clicking on this link:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/join-the-library/>

## Last Sunday's Prayers

These were prepared by Helen. "They were inspired by the verse from Proverbs 31:9 'Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.' They are used by Tearfund to headline their Reboot Campaign which calls for a recovery from the Coronavirus that is sustainable and fair. You can find out more about this campaign by following the link.

[https://www.tearfund.org/about\\_you/action/the\\_world\\_rebooted/](https://www.tearfund.org/about_you/action/the_world_rebooted/)



## Our Mission in This Month is ..... St Peter and St James' Hospice



Many of the hospice's usual activities have had to be suspended due to Covid 19 but the in-patients ward is still open although severe restrictions on visiting have had to be imposed.

Initially no visiting of patients was permitted except briefly through the glass of an outside window but now that things have improved a bit, up to two visitors per patient are allowed into the ward for a short time and only by prior booking. It is also possible for one person to stay in the hospice with their loved one and isolate themselves from the outside world. The nursing staff are doing a great job under very

difficult and risky conditions. What has had to be totally suspended are the various support groups for carers and the bereaved, many of which used to meet in the hospice itself. Some support work is being done by telephone but it is very limited. By far the biggest loss has been on the financial side since the hospice relies on donations for 80% of its income and most of the fund raising activities have had to be cancelled. Even the hospice's shops were closed for some weeks. Consequently donations are very much needed so if you feel able to help them please go to

<https://stpjhospice.org/support-us/donate/>.

### FOR PRAYERFUL CONCERN

**For all those in our congregation and village who are mourning the loss of a loved one**  
**For Sheila and the Pilcher family** - as they mourn the loss of Patrick and whilst Sheila is recuperating

**For Maria and the whole Sitford family**

**For Brenda and Steve Barnett** - as they mourn the loss of dear Les

**For Alistair and Emily and their precious baby girls**

**For all those in the congregation who are struggling to cope with ill health**

**For St Augustine's School** - for staff, governors and pupils as they enjoy a break from school

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



## Prayer for the Week Ahead

*Creator God  
who breathed this world into being,  
who is discernible within the harmony of nature,  
the perfection of a butterfly's wing,  
the grandeur of a mountain range,  
the soaring eagle and humming bird,  
thank You for this world which you have created.  
Thank You for summer sun, which reminds us  
that your creative breath is still alive and active.  
Thank you for the warmth of your love,  
sustaining this world, Your garden.  
May we walk in Your light all the days of our lives. Amen.*

## 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.

This will allow Peter to build up a directory of who is connected, so we can plan future 'virtual meetings' more effectively.

## 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 Lis Gibson:

### Psalm 121 King James Version (KJV)

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the LORD,  
which made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The LORD is thy keeper:  
the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.  
The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil:  
he shall preserve thy soul.  
The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in  
from this time forth, and even for evermore."*

My dear Nana used to read the Psalms to me often in my childhood and youth, encouraging me to memorise many passages as she had done. Among my favourite psalms is Psalm 121. In verse 6, "the sun shall not smite thee by day" reminds me that God is with us in all of our daily activities: work, family, home, food, and he cares for our needs and keeps us. It seems to be echoed when Jesus talks about not worrying about our clothes and food.

My favourite part of Psalm 121 is "nor the moon by night". The Psalms have a lot to say about human emotions. Many focus on how much God cares about our mental state as well as our physical, and the analogy of night time and darkness is often used to speak of distress, grief and depression. Even in "the long dark night of the soul", God is with us and he will not let us come to harm. He is watching, never sleeping, seeing our coming and going, not just the outward "daytime" but also the inward mental life, keeping us from evil, preserving our souls forever.

**Lis Gibson**



## 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 or calling him before midday on the Friday before the Sunday you would like to attend at [mark@brunets.co.uk](mailto:mark@brunets.co.uk) / 01825 723515.
- 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 card 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:*

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| 1st Sunday: | 9.00 am - Said Holy Communion in Church (not recorded)<br>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)<br>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)<br>10.00 am - Pre-recorded YouTube Sunday Morning Worship                      |



## Contact Information

### Ministry Team:

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### Assistant Priest

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### Authorised Lay Minister

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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:

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