



St Augustine's Church

Scaynes Hill

Sunday 9th 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 weeks newsletter and hope you are all well.

We have now established our new pattern of services and the details can be found on page 7. There is no service in Church this week but we do have our pre-recorded online Communion at 10.00 am. This can be found on our new YouTube channel. To ensure you get on the correct page, it is important that you access the service via this link either by clicking on it below or by cutting and pasting it into your search engine address bar. You will know if you are in the right page as you will see pictures of the Church and this is where you will find all our latest services.

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

Lucy is leading our online Common Worship service this week and a big thank you to her. Many thanks as well to others who have helped to put this week's online service together to: Gaynor for her inspiring sermon, Robyn for reading; Lis for her lovely prayers and Mark for our music. In particular a massive thank you to Lis Gibson who has put the service together this week whilst the Martins take a break. As I am on a break, I am afraid that this newsletter doesn't contain an order of service. I am sorry but hopefully this won't affect your enjoyment of our online service.

Our next service in Church will be 9.00 am on Sunday 16th August and this will also very sadly be Lucy's last service with us. If you would like to attend this service, please contact Mark by **Friday 14th August** 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 the Church is now open for private prayer on a Tuesday and Sunday (after the service on 1st, 3rd and 5th). 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 you may have seen, we are hoping to have some drinks and a socially distanced farewell to Lucy in the Vicarage Garden after the service on Sunday - a sort of "open garden"!! Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, we cannot have more than a group of six people at any one time. Crazy as it sounds, if you could let me know if you are thinking of coming to say farewell and share a glass of wine, we can let you know a good time to pop in so that we don't exceed the regulation of six people.

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 always, Debbie would love **LOTS MORE PHOTOS** and particularly of you / your family in your face coverings! There are so many different, fun and unusual one's out there! Jean has come up with the brilliant idea of a "**Gallery of Masks**"! Or just a picture of you in an ordinary mask having fun! If you have any good photos of Lucy, during her time with us, please do send them to me so that we can give her a special send off!

With love and blessings to you all

RH17 Honey Harvest

Some exciting news from Andy Hainge who started bee keeping earlier this year. He has completed his first honey harvest this week and managed to collect 17lbs of honey and filled 20 jars! We thought you would like to see a picture below of some truly local Scaynes Hill Honey! It is absolutely delicious as Thomas can testify! Well done Andy!



Lindfield Life

For those who have not yet looked at the August magazine, do take a look as Jenny W was asked to write an article about our Church in Lockdown.

Service of Daily Prayer

A reminder that the Church of England provides services of Daily Prayer which are available in both contemporary and traditional forms and for all times of day. The link below will give you further information about these services:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

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 it is much appreciated by all of us. These are now available, free of charge. If you would like a copy please contact Jenny Walker.

LockDown Cookbook

We are very nearly there in terms of recipes for our LockDown cookbook but we would like one last push please! Is there a recipe you have forgotten about that you would like to share?

Don't be put off if you have already contributed some recipes, we are happy to have as many as people would like to contribute. We really would like at least one recipe from everyone in the congregation and also recipes from the wider community. So if you haven't contributed one, please think whether you would be happy to share one. We would also love some more recipes from the youngest members of our community. They can be emailed to me at:

sash.pariishopoffice@gmail.com

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

The LORD replied,
"My Presence
will go with you,
and I will give you

rest"

(Exodus 33:14 NIV)





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 to 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 whole Pilcher family

For Maria and the whole Sitford family

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

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 for them, please contact Debbie at sash.parishoffice@gmail.com.



Prayer for the Week Ahead

Father God

When evil darkens our world - give us light.

When despair numbs our soul - give us hope.

When we stumble and fall - lift us up.

When we are surrounded by doubt - give us faith.

When we are sure of nothing - give us trust.

When our ideas fail us - give us vision,

When we lose our way - be our guide,

May we find serenity and purpose in doing your will.

Thank you Father that you are with us - today and always.

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, 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 Jenny Cattermole:

1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 8

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away."

This is a very well-known and used passage but to me it is the heart of the Christian faith, and of my faith. Love never fails is inscribed on my grandparents grave in Rye, East Sussex. This is a beautiful setting and full of meaning for me. From my grandmother I learnt about the faith, about Christ's message to the world and the meaning of love in the human sense. I always return to these words.

Jenny Cattermole

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.
- 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)
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 |



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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:

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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

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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