



St Augustine's Church

Scaynes Hill

Sunday 23rd 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.

Weekly Update

Welcome to this week's newsletter - unbelievably we are now approaching the end of the summer and the return of children to school in September.

Our new pattern of services is now established and the details can be found on page 7. There is Said Communion in Church next **Sunday 30th August** at 9.00 am and Canon John Twisleton will be presiding. If you would like to attend this service, please could you let Mark Brunet know by Friday lunchtime (28th August) on 01825 723515 or mark@brunets.co.uk

A big thank you to Jean Sedgley who is taking our online pre-recorded Communion service this week and to John for reading, Lis for her wonderful prayers, to Mark Grainger for the lovely organ music and to all our musicians for their contributions. If you click on the following link it will take you to our YouTube page where you will find our pre-recorded service which will premiere on Sunday at 10.00 am:

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

Jenny Walker sent out a letter to all youth group parents this week with regard to arrangements for the Autumn term. If you have a young person who would be interested in attending Youth Group and would like a copy of this letter, please contact Debbie.

A reminder that it is now mandatory to wear face coverings in all Church buildings whenever you are in them and for whatever reason. The document on page 6 has been updated and you will find further information here.

We are receiving lots of positive feedback about our photos and thank you to everyone who has sent photos in over the last couple of weeks. As you will know we had a reflection of Lucy's time with us for last Sunday's photos but your pictures will appear this Sunday. Therefore, I will need **LOTS MORE PHOTOS PLEASE** for the following Sunday and particularly of you / your family in your masks! 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!

We would also love to see any photos you have of days out or holidays or anything that has just made your smile either this week or something that you have carried with you over the years.

As we slowly exit Lockdown, there maybe different things and issues you would like to see covered in this newsletter. Do let me know at::

sash.parishoffice@gmail.com

if you feel there is anything that you would like to see included or anything that you would like to contribute - all contributions are very welcome.

As always, if you need any help with anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us. All details are on the back page.

With love and blessings to you all

Message from Lucy

Thank you all so much for the lovely and generous presents that you have given me as I leave St Augustine's church. It was very lovely to see some of you in church and more of you in the vicarage garden last Sunday. You are welcome to come and say hello if you are ever in Seaford! My new address is:

The Vicarage
46 Sutton Road,
Seaford,
BN25 1HS.

My email address remains the same and we don't have a land-line number yet.

With every blessing.

Joyce O'Leary

You may remember that just before lockdown we had hoped to have a memorial service for Joyce O'Leary when her ashes were interred. As it appears that we will not be able to resume full services in Church anytime soon, Joyce's family understandably decided to have her ashes interred in a small private service on Friday 6th August. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.



THE SUSSEX CHARITY FOR CHILDREN
SINCE 1890

FSW in the News

FSW Senior Practitioner, Caroline Steer, featured in an article about the charity's work in the Mid Sussex Times last week. She works with 30 families in the Haywards Heath and Cuckfield area. For her families the effect of Covid-19 emotionally, socially and financially has been very significant indeed. Caroline had to suddenly stop group sessions, drop-in clinics and Lego therapy, all of which are greatly missed. Instead she has been supporting families through phone calls and doorstep visits. When lockdown first started certain foods were in short supply but Caroline made sure that her families had all the essentials they needed. She has also been providing children with plenty of fun activities such as puzzles, books and problem-solving activities. If you would like to help the work of FSW through making a donation you can find information on the charity's website or speak to Jenny Walker.



to

Jessica Sams

who turns 16 on Wednesday

Parish Magazine

Deliveries of the parish magazine will resume with the September issue. The Parish Magazine will no longer be available on the Parish website.



*“My soul finds rest in God alone;
my salvation comes from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.”*



Psalm 62:1-2

Readings and Hymns Sunday 23rd August

Isaiah 51: 1-6

Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20

(These readings will be taken from the NIV)

For Pre-recorded Service:

The Church's One Foundation - 525

Lead Us Heavenly Father Lead Us - 321

Faithful One - 89

Praise to the Lord - 470



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 have 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 it's 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 Sheila - as she recuperates

For Lucy, James and all the Hollingsworth - as they prepare for their move to Seaford

For all those young people who have received exam results over the last couple of weeks - and particularly for the uncertainty and stress that this has caused and also for all those who are still unclear and are waiting for news about university places

For Brenda and Steve Barnett - as they mourn dear Les

For Brian and the Sitford family - in Brian's ill health

For Alistair and Emily and their precious baby girls

For Gwyneth and Derek Paine - in their ill health

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

*Give us peace in our hearts,
our bodies, our minds, our souls,
as we wait patiently and with confidence for news,
knowing that all things work together for good
to those that love the Lord.
Let worry, fear and doubt flee
at the sound of Your great name.
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 Clive Slater:

Matthew 7:8

"For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Psalm 100

***"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.***

***It is he who made us, and we are his people,
the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the LORD is good and his love endures for ever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations."***

In the first passage, I had recently done just that, ask, seek and knock!!

To me, Psalm 100 just says it all, joy, thankfulness, praise and worship. A Creator who is goodness, has enduring love and is faithful. A really feel good psalm!

Clive Slater

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 or 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/>
- The Government have stipulated that **face coverings are mandatory** in places of worship and other church buildings. Whilst there are exemptions, including if you are travelling with or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading to communicate or if speaking with people who rely on lip reading and facial expressions, this is a legal requirement. Therefore, you will need to wear a face covering when entering either the Church or Annexe for whatever reason including attending services and for private prayer.
- 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.
- 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 the distribution of communion, only bread will be distributed. The priest will wear a mask and sanitise 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 sanitiser (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 |
| 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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Marilyn Slater (01444 482974)

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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 Jamie Bewick on:

sash.treasurer@outlook.com

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