

St Augustine's Church

Scaynes Hill

Sunday 13th September 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.

This Week's Services & Events

Sunday 13th September

10.00 am Online Pre-recorded Communion
Leader: Reverend Jean Sedgley
Preacher: Reverend Jean Sedgley
Please click on the link below

3.30 pm **Family Fun Church**
CANCELLED

Tuesday 15th September

10.00 am **Anchor Coffee Shop**

Sunday 20th September 2020

9.00 am **Said Communion in Church**
You will be welcomed by Mark Brunet
Leader: Reverend Sylvia McLarnon
Preacher: Reverend Sylvia McLarnon
A reminder that face coverings are mandatory

PLEASE LET MARK KNOW IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND

10.00 am **Online Common Worship Service**
Please click on the link below
Leader: Steve Argent
Preacher: Steve Argent

St Augustine's Information

Welcome to this week's newsletter and we hope you have had a good week.

As you will see, below, we have an online pre-recorded communion service this week led by Jean Sedgley who is also preaching. A big thank you to Jean for all that she is doing to help us whilst we are in this period of interregnum and pandemic. Thanks as well to Helen for her wonderful prayers and to all our musicians. As you may know the Church of England have said that small groups of musicians and singers can be allowed back into Church and, therefore, a few of the congregation recently joined Helen and Tim in Church to record some hymns which we hope you will enjoy over the next few weeks. Sadly, congregation singing is still not permitted. Our online services can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

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

Next Sunday, 20th September, there will be a 9.00 am Said Communion in Church and an All Age Online Common Worship at 10.00 am. Many thanks and a very warm welcome to Reverend Sylvia McLarnon who will be presiding and preaching. It is really lovely to see Sylvia back with us and if you would like to attend, please could you let Mark Brunet know by Friday lunchtime (18th September) on 01825 723515 or mark@brunets.co.uk.

The exciting news is the Anchor Coffee Shop (see inside) re-opened this week and it was lovely to see so many regular faces back with us. Many thanks to Jenny and to Gaynor for all their hard work in getting Coffee Shop up and running again - it is really appreciated by all of us.

In case you missed them last week, we have included again the prayers for those returning to work, schools, colleges and universities. As the infection rate rises again this week, and as our mission for this month is St Augustine's school, we thought we would refocus on these prayers.

I am afraid that we won't be having a picture display this week as I received very few photos (I will hold these over to next week). If you would like to see our photo displays continue, please do keep sending me your pictures.

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

Link to Hope

At the end of last week's online service, Gaynor explained that we would be participating in Link to Hope's Shoebox appeal again this year. This will be the focus of our 1st November All Age service. More details will follow as soon as we have further information from Link to Hope.

Message from Doris

Dear Friends,
Thank you for the beautiful rose basket and for your kind thoughts. I am making slow but steady progress at home and hope this will continue. With my very best wishes to you all. I hope I will see you soon.

Anchor Coffee Shop

The Anchor Coffee Shop opened again last Tuesday, September 8th, at our usual times of 10am and we have a really lovely morning.

We will be open again this week and please do come and join us. We will be following social distancing guidelines, and offering table service only – please don't come to the counter. You will need to use the hand sanitiser as you enter the building.

We would love to see you and will do everything we can to keep our customers safe, but please consider carefully your own level of risk in attending.

Christmas Recipes

One final call for LockDown Cookbook recipes. We have decided that we would like to have a Christmas section and would be very grateful if you could send me any Christmas recipes that you would be happy to share

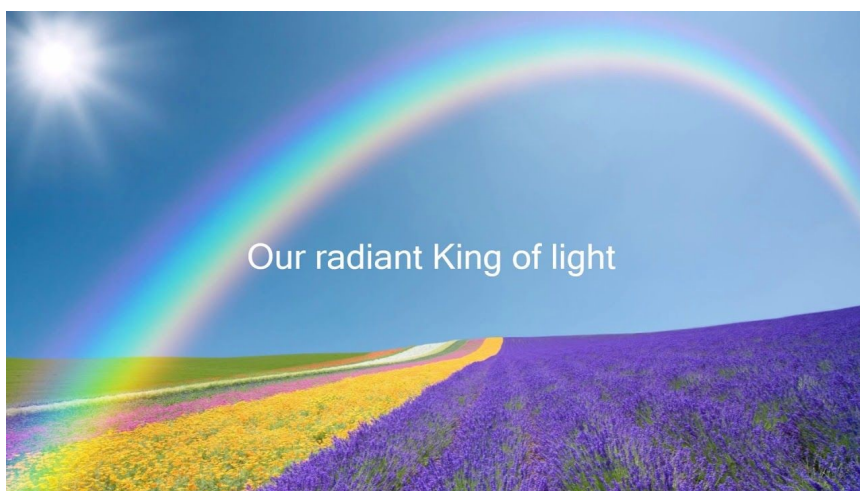
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Many thanks in advance.

Debbie

Bibles for Children

Last Sunday we launched our Bibles for Children appeal. For those of you who have not been involved before, St Augustine's has participated in this ministry for many years. We aim to purchase two bibles for every child at St Augustine's school - some of whom may never have seen a bible. They receive the "Children's Illustrated Bible" whilst they are in KS1 (aged 4-7 yrs) and the "Rainbow Good News Bible" in Key Stage 2 (age 7-11 yrs). We do this through the registered charity, Bibles for Children. We are able to purchase Bibles through them at a hugely reduced rate and would be really grateful if you would prayerfully consider donating to our fund so that we can achieve our aim of ensuring that all children leave St Augustine's with these two bibles. As you will appreciate, this is a considerable expense to our small Church but we think it is vital ministry, particularly this year, which for many children in our school has been very difficult and, for some traumatic. If you felt able to contribute, please drop a cheque (made payable to The PCC of St Augustine's Church) or cash through Jenny or Debbie's front door. Please put it in an envelope marked Bibles. Alternatively if you wish to donate via bank transfer, please contact Jenny or Debbie for details.



Readings and Hymns Sunday 15th September 2020

Genesis 50: 15-21

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35

(These readings will be taken from the NIV)

Praise to the Lord - 470

The Lord's My Shepherd - 1030

Be Still - 40

Now Thank We All Our God - 405



Our Mission in This Month is St Augustine's School, Scaynes Hill



The school re-opens for all pupils on Monday 7th September after a very long and challenging period of lockdown. However, whilst most of the children have been at home, the teaching staff have been working harder than ever. They have adapted quickly to new circumstances and have produced workbooks and devised activities to enable the children to continue their education at home. Children of key workers have attended school throughout this period and teachers have delivered quality lessons in the classroom with all of its attendant hygiene and distancing issues – and at personal risk to themselves! The school has also provided online learning and upgraded laptops for those who don't have

them at home. Teachers have stayed in contact with families, often eating into their own time quite considerably.

Please pray for the head teacher, Mrs Tilney and for everyone who works in and around the school. Many will no doubt be nervous about returning to school – teachers, parents and children included and even those who just drop off and pick up children such as grandparents, so please pray for them all.

The staff at our village school have been doing a wonderful job in difficult circumstances. There is no doubt that teachers are front line workers and as much deserving of our thanks and praise as the NHS and other key workers.

FOR PRAYERFUL CONCERN

For Eileen, Gavin, Nicola, Jess and Luke - as they mourn the loss of Gavin's Father, Brian
Margaret (John Main's mum), John and all the family - as they await further medical support for Margaret

Mabel (Pam's Main's mum), her husband, Pam and the whole family - as they support Mabel in her ill health

For Doris - who is at home recovering from broken ribs

For Sheila - as she recuperates

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

For James, Lucy and family - as James commences his ministry they start their new life in Seaford

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

As the Covid-19 infection rate increases again Lord,
keep us under the shadow of your mercy
in our time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.





Prayers for the Return to School and Work



Dear Lord, we pray for children of all ages as they return to school during this pandemic and for the anxiety and stress that this is causing children, parents and school staff. We pray for health and safety for all as they become used to classrooms, behaviour and schools that have been modified to allow for proper social distancing and hygiene. We ask for strength and wisdom for all those working hard to ensure that all the guidance and practicalities are adhered to and met.

We pray for children and young adults who are transitioning to another level of education during this difficult time. We know that this is a hard for many even during normal circumstances. We pray that they would still be able to build social skills, make new friends and maintain existing friendships. We also pray that these students would have a solid community through their church, school, family, and friends.

We pray for those children who will not be able to return to school and who will be schooled virtually from home; we ask that they have the resources they need to do their school work at home and that their families are able to balance work and home schooling and they are provided with the energy they need to do both jobs. Remind them Lord, that they can always depend on you. We ask that you equip teachers, students, and parents with the patience they need for this type of schooling that they can work together to accomplish what needs to be done.

We thank you for teachers and support staff (both inside and outside school) who choose to spend their time nurturing pupils and students as we know there are so many facets of this work that expand outside the classroom. We thank you that they can be a resource for students who may be struggling with non-academic challenges. We pray for open communication between staff, students, and parents in these troubling times.

We pray for school caretaking and administration staff who are essential employees at schools; we ask that you would keep them safe and protected from the virus. We are so thankful for their hard work and dedication and for enabling schools to open on time for start of the Autumn Term.

Please protect the families of students and staff as they return home each day; please slow the spread of the virus so that it would not infect these families.

Father God, we thank you for all those who are going in to work in whatever industry. We pray for proper hygiene and caution to be taken by customers, clients, or patients who visit places of work or business so that all are protected. And we pray generally that the spread of the virus would slow and that progress would be made toward a vaccine.

We ask that this different school year would not discourage school staff, students, or parents; please help them to look to You during certain times and uncertain times. We know this will be a challenging school year for students, teachers, and parents with many adjustments. Father God, please settle all the hearts that are worrying right now and bring peace to those that are restless or fearful about the future. Please remind them that they can depend on you for all things and in all circumstances. Help them to remember that they are not alone.

Thank You, Lord, Amen.

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 Gaynor Deal:

Romans 5: 1-5 The Message

“By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that’s not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God’s grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.

There’s more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we’re hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we’re never left feeling short-changed.

Quite the contrary—we can’t round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!”

I have always loved this passage, which reminds us of the relationship we have with God, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit – a relationship of growth, based on love, hope and grace. There's nothing wrong with the NIV translation – it's one most of us are familiar with but, a few weeks ago, on our Ladies' Quiet Day, this passage came up as one to be reflected on and, with Emily, I read a few different versions. I don't usually use The Message, but we read it, and I fell in love with the translation it gave of these verses.

In particular I responded to the vision of freedom it gives, “We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us.” That idea of throwing a door open to welcome someone, speaks of such joy that we are rushing to meet them, only to find God is ahead of us, rushing towards us to welcome us with joy.

And then we are “out in the wide open spaces of God’s grace and glory”; such a beautiful place to stand, knowing we are freed by the grace, love and mercy of our Father in heaven.

It is just such a joyous translation – it fills me with a real desire for those wide open spaces – a bit like Julie Andrews on the mountain top at the start of The Sound of Music! It really does make me want to stand tall and shout my praise to God on high.

It also speaks of developing “passionate patience”, a state of expectancy of what God can do in our lives if we are ready to submit to him and open ourselves up to all that the Spirit can work in us. How amazing that is! Passionate patience. Fill me up, Lord!

Gaynor Deal

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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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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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:

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