

# St Augustine's Church

## Scaynes Hill

Sunday 27th 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 27th September

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

2.30 pm **Art Exhibition - Church Annexe**

#### Tuesday 22nd September

10.00 am **Anchor Coffee Shop**

#### Sunday 4th October

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

**PLEASE LET MARK KNOW IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND**

10.00 am **All Age Harvest Celebration**

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. This week Jean will be leading us in our Online Communion Service and we are so grateful to her for all that she does to enable us to worship online. Many thanks as well to Lis and John who film Jean taking our service. Many thanks as well to Bobby who is reading, to Tim and Helen for our music, and to Maggie for her lovely prayers. Our online services can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

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

Next week, Sunday 4th October, we have a 9.00 am Said Communion in Church and it will be led by Canon John Twistleton. We thank him for coming to take our service and offer him a very warm welcome. If you would like to attend, please could you let Mark Brunet know by Friday lunchtime (2nd October) on 01825 723515 or [mark@brunets.co.uk](mailto:mark@brunets.co.uk).

Thank you for all your pictures this week but I am very short this week and would really appreciate any you can send in before the end of the day.

We are still running our "**Bibles for Children**" appeal and we still have a very long way to go before we can cover the cost of Bibles for the school this year. It is so important, particularly at the moment, that the Church reaches out to the children in school and we would be very very grateful for your help. There are further details in last week's newsletter or you can contact Jenny or Debbie.

On Page 2 there are details about our **St Augustine's and Scaynes Hill Village Calendar 2021**. We would love as many people from the village and congregation to enter photos as possible - take a look and see what you can come up with!

On Page 4 you will find lots of details about this year's **Harvest Festival** and appeals. Do take a look and a massive thank you to Jenny Walker for all her hard work in co-ordinating this year's celebrations.

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held on Monday 12th October at 8 pm and everyone is welcome to attend. Please see further information, inside.

We hope you have a good week and 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.

## St Augustine's Church & Scaynes Hill Village Calendar

We have received so many beautiful photos over the last 6 months that we thought it would be a great idea to see if we can put together a calendar for 2021 of photos and pictures that have been created by the village and congregation.

At the end of a year which has been really hard for so many of us, when we haven't been able to meet in the same way, we thought it would be a wonderful and positive exercise to come together and produce something that we can take into the next year with us. We are hoping that the calendar will be something lovely to hang in our homes to remind us of our fellowship but also that they might make a great Christmas gifts as well.

You can enter as many or as few photos as you like. They can be photos you have sent in before or they can be new ones.

If you are interested in taking part, please could you:

- send in as many photos as you like to:  
[sash.parishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sash.parishoffice@gmail.com)
- mark each photo with the appropriate month.
- Photos should be the highest resolution possible.
- send it to us by:  
**Friday 11th October**

Once we have all the entries, our judges will put together our draft calendar and we will show you one at an online service with details of cost and how you can order a copy.

Please get snapping and trawling through your albums - we would love to include as many of your pictures as possible.

## APCM

Our "socially distanced" Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Monday 12th October at 8 pm in the Church. Everyone is very welcome to attend. If you are planning to come, we would be very grateful if you could let Mark Brunet know on 01825 723515 or:

[mark@brunets.co.uk](mailto:mark@brunets.co.uk)

so that we know how many people to expect.

If you would like a copy of the paperwork, do let me know and I will email you a copy.

*Many thanks  
Debbie*

## PCC and Deanery Synod Members Wanted!

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is the body which, with the incumbent (when we have one) is responsible for the parish - financially and spiritually. A couple of places are currently vacant and it would be great to fill these; PCC meets six times a year (currently Monday evenings) so this is not a huge time commitment, but it is really helpful to have a wide variety of parishioners expressing their views. We usually meet in the annexe but currently we meet virtually. The next layer of church government is the Deanery synod. Reorganisation of parishes means that we are now entitled to four representatives from this parish rather than the three that we used to have. Deanery Synod meets about four times a year; there is usually a "deanery day" as well. If you are interested in becoming involved in this way please do talk to a Churchwarden or to the PCC Secretary and they will point you to a form to fill in (not difficult). Terms of office are three years for both.

*Many thanks  
Mark Brunet*

## Art Exhibition

Two artistic members of the Mid Sussex Parkinson's Group, Martin King and Jeff Essen will be exhibiting their artwork at an Art Exhibition in the Annexe on Sunday 27th September at 2.30 pm and the event will be opened by the Rural Dean, Michael Maine.

Martin is organising the event and Sue Blunden from the Parkinson's Mid Sussex event said "they hope the event will show that the condition has not stopped them from being creative and enjoying life."

Another talented local artist, Lorna Llewellyn, will also be exhibiting her work.

Please come along and support this very worthwhile event.

## ABRSM Exams and Church Openings Coffee Shop

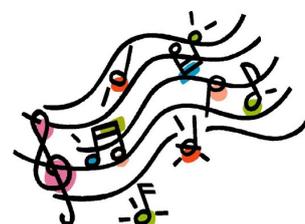
Advance notice to let you know that the Church is once again being used for the ABRSM exams in November. The Church will be closed for private prayer, therefore on the following dates:

**Sunday 15th November**  
**Tuesday 17th November**  
**Sunday 22nd November**  
**Tuesday 24th November**

However, the Church will be open for private prayer on the:

**Thursday 19th November**  
**Thursday 26th November**

and the Coffee Shop will also be held as a one-off on those two Thursdays at its normal time of 10.00 am to 12 noon.





## 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 Brian and the Sitford family** - in Brian's ill health

**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 Eileen, Gavin, Nicola, Jess and Luke** - as they mourn the loss of Gavin's Father, Brian

**For Doris** - who is at home recovering from broken ribs

**For Sheila** - as she recuperates

**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](mailto:sash.parishoffice@gmail.com).**



### Prayer for the Week

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.  
In this time of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake.  
Amen.*



## Harvest at St Augustine's Church



Harvest Festival is a time when normally the congregation gathers to celebrate and thank God for all He provides and to share some of the gifts He has given us with other people in need. In recent years we have started our service at Oakgates Fruit Farm and processed to the church which is always beautifully decorated with an abundance of fruits and vegetables. The Harvest Supper is an important event in the church calendar when the church family meets together sharing food and fellowship.

Our Harvest Celebrations will be very different this year with the current coronavirus restrictions. We hope, however that as many people as possible will participate whether in person or remotely in our Harvest Celebrations. Here are some ways that you can join in our time of celebration and thanksgiving.

- **Share in Worship** - our Harvest Festival celebration services will take place on:

### Sunday 4th October:

- \* **9 am - Church - Said Service of Holy Communion**  
This service will be taken by Revd John Twisleton.
- \* **10 am - Online Worship - All Age Harvest Service**  
Led by Steve Argent.



### Sunday 11th October

- \* **3.30 pm - Church - Harvest Family Fun Session**
- \* **Share in our Harvest Display** - this year our Harvest display needs to be online as well as at church and we would love as many people as possible to contribute to it. We know that many of you have been able to spend more time gardening and would like to see photos of your plants and produce which we can share. We have some all age suggestions of ways to participate in our harvest display which we will send out to families and it would be great to see drawings, collages and paintings. Don't hesitate to suggest any other ideas you might have.
- **Share Gifts of Money** - this year our chosen charity in the wider world is Link to Hope which has introduced an option for people to donate money to the Shoebox Appeal. The situation in Eastern Europe currently is worse than ours as they are without the health care and support that we are fortunate to have. Link to Hope would really appreciate extra support this year. Details of how to make a donation will be in the church newsletter.
- **Share Gifts of Items** - Link to Hope want to send as many shoeboxes out to Eastern Europe as possible. We will be organising a shoebox appeal as usual during October so you can still donate your own shoebox or donate items towards a shoebox. Gaynor will provide the special information for this year's Family and Elderly Shoebox Appeal.
- **Share Gifts of Food** - The local charities we support at Harvest are Family Support Work and Haywards Heath Foodbank. Canned and packaged food can be donated to these organisations. You can leave your Harvest gifts in the box in church on any Tuesday or Sunday.

We do hope that you can join in our Harvest Celebrations and please ask if you have any questions.

*Many thanks  
Jenny*

## 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. The reflection this week comes from Rosemary Bignall:

### Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 8

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:*

*a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace."*

I remember this as a folk song in the 1960s, Turn! Turn! Turn!' written by Pete Seeger and performed by The Byrds, reaching number 1. It was also covered by other artists.

Also, I chose to read this at my mum's funeral in 2007. She had a strong faith and I wanted a Bible reading to honour her and which was fitting.

It seemed to me to sum up the cycle of life and death and everything in between.

**Rosemary Bignell**

# 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) 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)<br>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)<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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### 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.

### NOTES

### 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](mailto:sash.treasurer@outlook.com)

### Readings and Hymns Sunday 27th September 2020

Psalm 25:1-8

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

(These readings will be taken from the NIV)

### For Online Service:

At the name of Jesus - 32

Praise to the Lord - 470

Majesty - 379

Thou Whose Almighty Word - 557