



# St Augustine's Church

## Scaynes Hill

Sunday 15th November 2020

### Welcome

Whilst we are very sadly in a period of time when, once again, we are unable to meet we hope that this newsletter helps you feel encouraged and supported by our Church.

### St Augustine's Information

Hope this finds you all well and that you have had a good week.

We continue with our online services this week and Gaynor will be taking our worship. Many thanks to Gaynor for all your hard work and to David for reading and to Maggie for her beautiful prayers. We do hope that you can join us and if you click on the link below, it will take you straight through to our YouTube channel:

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

A reminder that our BlueJeans after church virtual coffee is back up and running on a Sunday morning after the online service. This is such a great way of staying in touch with our Church family. If you have not joined in before, do come and join us - it is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with others. If you would like to take part, please contact Debbie, Gaynor or Jenny for the login details (all numbers and email addresses are on the back page.)

In addition, the cookbook is in its final stage of proof reading and I will send a separate email about how to order this early next week.

We are still looking for some more empty shoeboxes - if you have any you could spare do let me know or leave them at the back of church - we would be very grateful.

In addition, are starting to think about the delivery of our **Christmas cards and leaflets**. Thank you to all those who have already offered to do certain roads but I am afraid that we do need a lot more help. It is a massive job getting them around the whole village and we still have lots of roads that still require volunteers. We would be grateful if could you look at the list on page 4 and let Jenny Walker know, as soon as possible, if you are able to cover any of them:

[jennypwalker@gmail.com](mailto:jennypwalker@gmail.com)

This is a particularly vital job this year and so please think about whether you are able to help with any of the roads that still need covering - it would be very much appreciated.

The **ABRSM exams** are starting on Monday for a fortnight which will mean some different church opening days. Please take a look at the notice on page 2 to see which days the Church will be open.

We have been trying to think of ways in which we can all join together with each other this Christmas and have come up with the idea of a **Christmas Tree Festival**. This will be a virtual event but one way in which we can all share in each other's Christmas celebrations in our own homes. We would like this to be inclusive for the whole parish and, therefore, if you were able to pass this information to others, it would be very much appreciated. I will send more details nearer the time but the idea is that we each take a picture of our Christmas tree - landscape I am afraid. Sorry I know that isn't ideal for a picture of a tree! They should be sent to me at [sash.christmastree@gmail.com](mailto:sash.christmastree@gmail.com). I will confirm the cut-off date for the photographs and the time and date of when the Festival will be premiered on YouTube in due course.

In the meantime, we are here to help - if you need anything at all, please do give us one of us a call (numbers on back page.)

*Sending you all, love and blessings*

## FSW

### Share the Warmth

Almost 50,000 households across Sussex live in fuel poverty having to choose between "heating or eating". Family Support Work helps hundreds of families in need throughout Sussex many of whom cannot afford to keep warm through the winter months. Would you consider donating part, or all, of your Winter Fuel Allowance to FSW so that FSW can help those who need it most? You can donate online by visiting:

[www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org)

or if you prefer to send a cheque make it payable to "Family Support Work" and send it to Nikki Kerr at Family Support Work, Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton BN1 6 AA with "Winter Fuel" written on the back of the cheque.

*Thank you*

### Praying Together

**Friday 13th November**

The Evangelical Alliance has called a UK day of prayer on 13th November. We are working with networks, denominations and churches to bring people together to pray. As communities across the UK face further restrictions and lockdowns, as many churches are forced to stop their in-person gatherings, as suffering and loss affect so many families, we hear the call again to unite and seek God together in this time of trouble.

We pray for all in leadership at this time, making decisions about the containment of the virus, for those working in health and social care, those working on a vaccine, those most at risk, and those suffering hardship and distress. You can find the schedule on this link:

<https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/prayer-centre/uk-day-of-prayer-november-13th-2020/suggested-schedule-for-the-uk-day-of-prayer>

Please do join us

*Marilyn*

## Thank You

After watching the Remembrance Day service I regret not making a point of thanking the many people who played a part – not quite a cast of thousands, but almost! At the time of filming it seemed right to focus on those we were remembering. Involved were: planners, administrators, readers, musicians, singers, photographers, camera crews, Cuckfield Museum who loaned artefacts, flower arrangers, directors, wreath layers, those who shared their memories and those who made sure the right people were in the right place at the right time. Most of all those who put the patchwork of films together ready for us all to watch. If you played any part at all then this thanks is for YOU.

*Jean*

## Pastoral Care

What a year this has been! Difficult and scary, not knowing what will happen and trying to adapt to the new normal and also the new way of church. With these changes comes a change in the pastoral care team. We give grateful thanks to Jenny Cattermole, Lynne Watkins and Annie Hance for all their care and hard work over the past few years. We now have Maria and Maggie join Clive and Marilyn to form a new group in these challenging times. We are here for you with a listening ear, visits where and when appropriate within the current Covid guidelines, but also to keep you and your families in our prayers especially in these difficult times. We can offer bereavement support (for animal or human - they are all family) or just to be there if you feel alone or isolated, just let us know and we will be there for you. We also have our Covid support group to help with shopping, picking up prescriptions etc, all the details can be found in the back page. Stay safe everyone.

*Maria*

## Mid-Sussex Applauds

Congratulations to Thomas Martin who has been awarded Young Volunteer of the Year by the Mid-Sussex Applauds competition.

The Awards look to recognise volunteers in various sectors, and Thomas's name was submitted by St Augustine's Church for all of the work he has done, and continues to do, helping to put our church services together. It's so well-deserved, and we are delighted for him. We're not entirely sure how the award will be given, but we'll keep you posted. In the meantime, do congratulate Thomas if you see him!

We are very blessed by all of our young people and their willingness to show their faith through their actions. The Bewick girls have worked so hard to bring us some lovely hymns and Emily and Jess have baked and sold for Children in Need each year, and Emily kept the tradition going by delivering her delicious goodies this year, while Jess has been helping and baking at Coffee Shop!

*Gaynor and Jenny*



## ABRSM Exams

The ABRSM exams are taking place next week, therefore, please do note that on the dates below the Church will be closed:

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

However, it will open on:

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



## Our Mission for this Month is ..... Link to Hope



If you've not already taken the opportunity of looking at Link's work on the very moving YouTube clips they put out, here is a bit more information about them. Link to Hope is a Worthing based Christian charity that seeks to combat poverty amongst the poorest and most marginalised people in Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova and Ukraine. In these areas housing conditions are often well below the level that would be allowed in this country with a lack of even the most basic facilities such as proper sanitation, water and electricity.

With the onset of winter such living conditions become even worse. Link to Hope seeks not just to meet their immediate needs but also to change their

circumstances by building projects such as shower and laundry blocks to improve cleanliness and combat disease and schools to provide the future generation with a way out of poverty.

The shoeboxes of gifts we are helping them provide may seem a small gesture to us but in a community where even a tube of toothpaste is considered a luxury they give the recipients the joy of receiving a gift sent with love and the knowledge that somebody, somewhere cares for them - which brings hope.

Please send off your shoebox/donation with a prayer for it's safe arrival, for it's recipient and for the work of Link to Hope.

### FOR PRAYERFUL CONCERN

**For Maurice** - who is unwell and in hospital

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

**For John, Pam and all the family** - as they mourn the loss of Margaret

**Mabel (Pam's Mum'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 Gwyneth and Derek Paine** - in their ill health

**For those who are struggling in this time of pandemic**

**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, as we tentatively approach a new season  
we thank you for your faithfulness.*

*We thank you for your Spirit,  
helping us to share your love in countless words  
of grace and acts of kindness.*

*As we move forward grant us wisdom, grace, mercy and love.  
Strengthen and renew your church and heal our land.  
In Jesus' name Amen.*

# Christmas Card Deliveries

## ROADS IN SCAYNES HILL

Awbrook Close  
Butterbox Lane  
Ham Lane  
Hillcrest Close  
Hillcrest Lane  
Lewes Road  
Clearwater Lane  
Bedales  
Oldfields (new houses)  
Orchard Close  
Sunnycroft Lane

## Cuckfield Deanery Synod County Lines

Due to the ongoing covid virus situation, the next meeting of the Cuckfield Deanery Synod will be via Zoom (invitation below) on Tuesday 17 November 2020 at 8pm.

The subject of the meeting is “**County Lines**”, in response to requests by several members for further information on the criminal exploitation of children being forced to carry and sell drugs far away from their homes.

Our presenters will be Brett Wood, County Lines Co-ordination Manager, Specialist Crime Command, Surrey and Sussex Police and Davina Irwin-Clark, High Sheriff of West Sussex 2019-20. As always, Synod meetings are open to all.

Christopher Powell is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting?

Topic: Cuckfield Deanery

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85499986219?pwd=MExFOXExS0JoaUhpdTBPV2VPZnZndz09>

Meeting ID: 854 9998 6219  
Passcode: 046065

### Readings and Hymns Sunday 15th November 2020

Psalm 90. 1-12  
1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11  
Matthew 25. 14-30  
*(Readings from the NIV)*

#### For Online Service:

All people that on earth do dwell - 13  
Spirit of the Living God - 510  
How deep the Father's love - 780  
Shine, Jesus, shine - 362

### Happy Birthday

to

*Helen Hicks*

who celebrates  
a special birthday  
on

Thursday 19th November



# Churches to Hold a Month of Prayer as Second lockdown Begins

## Calm, Courage and Compassion needed in face of new lockdown

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have invited the nation to join them in prayer, in a message encouraging 'calm, courageous and compassionate' responses to the difficulties of the second national lockdown in England.



In an open letter, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby and the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, assure the nation of their prayers. They highlight the love of God for us all in the midst of 'deeply challenging and difficult' times facing the country.

"We are writing to share our belief that whoever you are, and whatever you happen to believe, you are loved by God. Beyond measure. We also want you to know that we are praying for you, particularly asking that Christ's love will comfort us, calm our fears, and lead our nation and our world through this terrible pandemic," they say.

"So many of us are holding so much pain - our own and the pain of those we love. We will need to be gentle, kind and patient with each other," they write.

"In the first wave, we showed we are a nation of compassion and kindness. Let's dig deep and keep that love for our neighbours strong in this second time of struggle.

Anyone who wishes to do so is invited by the Archbishops to join them in daily prayer at 6pm during lockdown using resources that has been published on the Church of England's website and social media channels.

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### 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)**

**Maggie Sawney (01444 831207)**

**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

**Don't be afraid;  
just believe.**

MARK 5:36

### 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)

### NOTES