



St Augustine's Church

Scaynes Hill

Sunday 22nd 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.

Vacancy News

We start this week with some very exciting news. Jenny and Mark made the following announcement last Sunday:

"We are delighted to announce that an appointment has been made and the new vicar of Scaynes Hill is the Reverend Beverley Miles. We do not yet know when Beverley's licensing will take place.

Beverley is currently the priest in charge at All Saints Church, Findon Valley on the outskirts of Worthing where she has responsibility for two churches. She was ordained priest in 2015 so is young in ministry years but has considerable experience in the parish as she served as deacon there from 2009 until her ordination.

As a one-time Adult Education Officer for the Diocese Beverley was responsible for Reader training and co-wrote the Pastoral Care Training Course which is now the basis of the Authorised Lay Ministry course. She assists with tutoring on the new Diocesan Living Faith Course. She also leads Deanery training for Lay Ministers of Communion, Leading Intercessions and Confirmation Groups.

Beverley has also been a hospital chaplain and is currently part-time chaplain at Care for Veterans in Worthing where she supports the social, emotional and spiritual needs of the residents, their families and the staff.

Throughout her life and ministry Beverley has been actively involved with the community and, with her background in teaching and work with pre-school children with additional support needs, she is committed to developing work with children, young people and their families.

Beverley is married to Michael and they have two grown up sons. They enjoy walking in the woods with Alfie, their cockapoo.

Beverley is looking forward to the challenge of leading a new parish and we are excited at the prospect of getting to know her and working with her as St Augustine's Church enters a new phase of its life and work.

On behalf of St Augustine's Church family we would like to extend a very warm welcome to Beverley and to her husband Michael as they prepare to join us in Scaynes Hill."

Beverley visited Scaynes Hill this week and has also sent us a lovely message which you will see on Page 2. We are all very much looking forward to Beverley joining us next year.

We will continue with our online services this week and Jean is taking our online communion. Many thanks to Jean for all that she is doing for us whilst we are in interregnum - we really appreciate all that she brings to our worship and our church family. A very big thank you to Lis and John for their contributions to this week's service and for all that they do in recording Jean's services for us. 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/UCYBluyAatI5kfw5dcthxw>

Our cookbook and calendar are both ready to go to print - time frames on this are really short on these - particularly for the calendar - so please do take a look at page 3.

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

Hello from Beverley



Thank you for your lovely online welcome to the parish of Scaynes Hill!

Michael, Alfie and I are very much looking forward to joining you in the New Year/Spring. We spent some time in the week exploring the vicarage and garden with Jenny, Mark and the surveyor from the Diocese which was interesting and made it all feel quite real. Hopefully, we can visit again soon to see the church and the annexe too. Mark took a photo of us which may already be on your website.

People often refer to me as Rev Bev or 'Bev the Rev' but it will be up to each of you how you choose to name me – but Beverley is just fine with me. It may take me a while to learn all your names, but I will do my best and we will certainly enjoy finding out about each other over a cup of tea – when we can of course!

Some people have very kindly invited me to be a friend on Facebook. I do have a Facebook page but I don't use it very much at the moment as I usually post things on our parish group page. I will sort out any friends requests when I move in so pleased don't think I am deliberately ignoring you!

Christ the King Sunday from Rev Bev

Reflection on Matthew 25:31-end

This is a Gospel of reassurance for how it will be at the end time when Christ, the King of Heaven, reigns supreme. I say reassurance deliberately because the gospel passage can sound a bit grim! There is always reassurance for those who have declared their belief but it's also for those who did not have the opportunity or the understanding to believe. Jesus will 'judge the nations' as the King who knows the heart as well as the confession of our lips. The key attribute is that of compassion – loving acts of kindness towards all people regardless of fear or favour. Christ our King is looking for compassionate selfless acts of kindness not self-centred excuses, so today is a call to action and thanksgiving.

What are you grateful for today?

When did the compassion of Jesus touch your life through the kindness of others?

When did you reach out in compassion to someone else?

In the coldness of our world, teach us to care for others: Holy Spirit, warm our hearts.

For those who are hurting... For those who are crying... For those who are far from home...

For those who are in trouble... Holy Spirit, warm our hearts.

In the coldness of our world, teach us to care for others: **Holy Spirit, warm our hearts.**

For those who are hurting... For those who are crying... For those who are far from home...

For those who are in trouble... **Holy Spirit, warm our hearts. Amen.**

For the times when we are sick: **may we have healing.**

For the times when we are isolated: **may we have company.**

For the times when we are oppressed: **may we have justice.**

For the times when we are exposed: **may we have dignity.**

For the times when we are mistreated: **may we have humanity.**

For the times when we are ignored: **may we be heard.**

For the times when we ignore, or isolate, or oppress, or expose or mistreat: **may we change.**

Amen.

The Lockdown Cookbook

We are really pleased to let you know that the "The Lockdown Cookbook" is ready to go print. This is a wonderful culmination of all your hard work and efforts and is a lovely reflection of our church family and church life.

It is 152 pages in full colour and has a wide variety of delicious recipe sprinkled with graces, bible verses and prayers. At £9.95 it would make an ideal Christmas present or would be very useful to keep handy when lacking in culinary inspiration!

If you would like to place an order, please could you email me at: sash.cookbook@gmail.com.

So that we get this good price break, we need to know how many we require so please could let me know by Saturday if, and how many, you would like to order.



Once you let me know, I will confirm your order and let you have payment information and delivery details.

If you have any queries, do just let me know.

Debbie

Scaynes Hill Calendar



We have received lots of orders for our Scaynes Hill calendar and our special offer has been extended to this Sunday.

The prototype has arrived and it is really beautiful. Again, it is £9.95 and is a small selection of some of the really wonderful photos that we have received not just for the calendar but since we have been in lockdown. All were taken in Scaynes Hill or Sussex.

I am really sad that I can't show it to you in person but have taken a photograph of January so you can see – sadly I am not the best photographer and it doesn't do it justice but hope it gives you a good idea. The pictures are glossy and A4 in size. It has monthly Bible verses and all the national and church calendar dates in it. Do think about whether you would like a copy or copies.

To place your order please let me know [at scaynes-hill.calendar@gmail.com](mailto:scaynes-hill.calendar@gmail.com) by 9.00 am on Sunday 22nd November. If you have any queries, do give me a ring or email me.

Debbie

Lindfield Rural Parish Council Press Release - Office Move Completed



16 November 2020

Lindfield Rural Parish Council has now completed its office move to the Walstead Chapel (which was built in 1854) in East Mascalls Lane from its previous location in the Millenium Centre in Scaynes Hill.

The new office is now fully operational and members of the public can make contact by telephone on 01444 831499 or by email clerk@lindfieldrural-pc.org.uk. Unfortunately, the opening times for personal visits to the offices are suspended at the moment due to Covid 19 so therefore members of the public are encouraged to phone or email when initially making contact with the Council.

Trevor Webster, Chair of the Council said "The new office is a vast improvement on our previous accommodation as we now have our own meeting accommodation, where previously we had to hire rooms. There are also excellent facilities for having confidential conversations with our residents and we have much improved office accommodation for our staff.

The completion of the move now means that once the pandemic restrictions are relaxed, we can welcome visitors to the Chapel Offices, and also implement our engagement strategy which recognises the important role of the Council has in maintaining public face to face contact on a regular basis.

In future we intend to be proactive by making ourselves more accessible by attending existing events, at places where our residents already meet (such as church groups, coffee mornings, residents' groups etc).

Also, in the future, where appropriate, we will respond to queries and requests for help by making personal visits.

This move puts the Council in a much stronger position to deliver the future services to our residents and visitors"

Thank You from Maurice

Maurice has asked me to let you all know that he has so enjoyed hearing from everyone and thanks you all for your lovely cards and messages. He is in good health but has temporarily moved from the PRH to Bognor for some rehabilitation but sends everybody his very best wishes.

BlueJeans Virtual Coffee

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.)

Church Closure

Many apologies for the fact the Church was shut for private prayer on Thursday 19th November. Unfortunately, we had some last minute work that needed to be undertaken on the porch but it will be open next Thursday, 26th November.

Readings and Hymns Sunday 22nd November 2020

Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24
Ephesians 1. 15-end
Matthew 25. 31-end
(Readings from the NIV)

Praise, my soul, the King of
Heaven - 466
King of Kings, Majesty - 1404
The head that once was
crowned with thorns - 531
Crown him with many crowns -
77

Advent Reflection

Jenny Bewick has prepared a really lovely advent reflection which will be broadcast on Sunday 29th November at 6 pm on the Church's YouTube Channel.

FSW Christmas Hampers

Family Support Work will be providing Christmas hampers to families as usual and would welcome donations. Items for thirty-two hampers are required. A list of suitable foods will be in next week's newsletter and these can be left in the box at the back of church or in my porch at 36, Costells Edge. This year families will be invited to come along and pick up their hamper. A hamper makes such a difference to a struggling family and every contribution helps. Please consider whether you can help FSW to support families at this difficult time.

*Many thanks,
Jenny Walker*

Living Faith 2021

Applications need to be made by 1st December 2020 for the Diocesan Living Faith course in 2021. Living Faith is for lay Christians to find and develop their gifts and explore what discipleship and calling means for them. It is also part-one of the Authorised Lay Ministry training programme and candidates who wish to train as ALM's need first to complete Living Faith.

Because of ongoing COVID 19 restrictions the course will only be offered online in 2021 on Monday and Wednesday evenings. You can apply and find further information on the Diocesan website.

Christmas Tree Festival

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. 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.

ABRSM Exams

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

Sunday 22nd November
Tuesday 24th November

However, it will open on:

Thursday 26th November

Diocese Advent Reflections

The Diocese have plans underway to bring us a series of reflections from clergy around the parish. They have been chosen to reflect that Christmas may not be as we had hoped but that the message of the gospel remains unchanged. Watch here for further information.



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 - whilst he is in Bognor

For Lydia - Emily Ludgate's sister who is working at Bournemouth Hospital and dealing with a Covid outbreak

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 - in her ill-health

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.

Prayer for "Stir-up" Sunday

*Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, richly bearing the fruit of good works,
may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ
who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen.*

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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



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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