



# St Augustine's Church

## Scaynes Hill



Sunday 13th December 2020

### Welcome

Whilst we are still in a period when most 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 December

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

#### Tuesday 15th December

**COFFEE SHOP CLOSED**

#### Sunday 20th December

9.00 am **Said Communion in Church**  
*You will be welcomed by Mark Brunet*  
Leader: Reverend Sylvia McLarnon  
*A reminder that face coverings are mandatory*  
**PLEASE LET MARK KNOW IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND**

6.00 pm Online **Christmas Carol Service**  
*Please click on the link below*  
Leader: Gaynor Deal

### Weekly Update

Well, we have already reached the third Sunday in Advent and only 12 days to go until Christmas!

This week we have a 10.00 am online communion and look forward to you joining us at this service. Jean will be leading and preaching and many many thanks to her for all her hard work on our behalf. Many thanks as well to Phil for our readings and to Maria for our beautiful prayers, Mark Grainger for putting together a couple of new hymns for us and to Emily and Jess for lighting and praying over our Advent candles. The link below will take you into the service:

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

The following Sunday, 20th December, we have a slightly different pattern of services. There will be a 9.00am Said Communion in Church. Please do email or telephone Mark Brunet (details on the back page) by Friday 18th December if you would like to attend this service. Our online service on the 20th will not be at 10.00 am. As our carol service cannot be in Church this year, for obvious reasons, it will instead premiere on YouTube at 6 pm on the evening of Sunday 20th December. We are sorry that we can't have it in Church and realise it won't be the same, nevertheless, we hope that you join us and find it an uplifting and enjoyable service.

In addition, and very sadly, we are also unable to hold our usual children's service on Christmas Eve. However, we have put something together for both younger and older children to enjoy and this will premiere at 5 pm on Christmas Eve.

Also on Christmas Eve at 10.00 am we have our Christmas Tree Festival. I am have had very few photos so far. It could well be that most people have not put up their tree yet but if you do have a photo of your tree or, if you don't have a tree, any other special decoration/s you might have in your home, please could you send it to me. It would be lovely if you felt that you could submit one so that we can all join together virtually to enjoy each others trees!

On Christmas morning, Reverend Hugh Bourne from All Saints, Lindfield is coming to lead us in a Book of Common Prayer Communion at 9.00 am. We will also be having an online All Age Communion which will premiere at 10.00 am. We very much hope that you feel you can join us in some or all of these services and they can all be accessed on the link above.

In the meantime, and as always, please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us (details on the back page) if there is anything at all you need or if you would like our help in anyway.

*Sending you all, love and blessings*

## Advent Online

Advent Online is an incredible library of resources for churches and individual Christians, reaching out right across the world. Over 3,000 global Christians, involved in leading worship, have gathered together online over the last eight weeks to share their resources, gifts, skills and ideas to plan services and outreach during the Advent and Christmas season. Advent Online has emerged from this well-spring of collegiality, fraternity, and generosity. You can find more information here:

<https://adventonline.faith/>

## Chichester Diocese Advent and Christmas

The Diocese also has many events and resources planned and available. You can find out more information here:

<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/worship/live-streamed-services>



## Readings and Hymns Sunday 13th December 2020

Isaiah 61: 1-4,8-end  
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24  
John 1: 6-8,19-28  
*(Readings from the NIV)*

For All the Saints  
Hark the Glad Sound  
Lead us Heavenly Father  
All People that on Earth do  
Dwell

## FSW Christmas Hampers Thank You

A huge thank you everyone who contributed so generously to our appeal for goods for FSW hampers. We have had such an amazing response and are so grateful to you all for your generosity. We had committed to providing 3 or 4 hampers but we will be able to donating 6 or 7 hampers. A fantastic achievement!

*Thank you so much  
Jenny*

## National Christingle Service

The Children's Society and the Church of England have sent the following invitation to a special national Christingle service - "Shining the Light Together":

"We know Christingle won't look or feel the same this year, but there's no reason why it can't be bigger and brighter than ever. Join us on Sunday 13th December at 9.00 am for an online family Christingle service. This will be a joyful celebration that brings people together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. The service will include a few words from HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, The Archbishop of Canterbury, as well as our Vice-Chair of Trustees the Bishop of Derby Libby Lane, the Bishop of Dover and young people lighting the Christingles. It is set to be a special service. This service will be hosted on The Church of England's Facebook and YouTube channels."

As yet I don't have the link, downloadable Order of Service and details of how you can participate in the Christingle but I will forward them as soon as they are available.

Debbie

## Christmas Tree Festival

We have been trying to think of ways in which we can join together with each other this Christmas and have come up with a Christmas Tree Festival. This will be a virtual event but one way in which we can all share in each other's celebrations. 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). The festival will be broadcast on Christmas Eve at 10 am on our YouTube channel.

## Daily Hope

Introduced by Archbishop Justin Welby - the line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 - it has been set up for those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions. Options available include Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.





## Our Mission for this Month is ..... Crisis



For most of us the biggest worry we are likely to face this Christmas is knowing whether we are definitely going to be able to get together with our families and, if so, how much food to get in? For the homeless it's going to be a lot more serious; a long, lonely weekend on the cold, deserted streets with almost all sources of food closed for the holiday. And then there is Covid-19 to contend with! But **Crisis** (formerly known as *Crisis at Christmas*) is getting ready to help these people again but social distancing means they will have to do things differently. They will still be offering a place to stay –

but not in communal sleeping venues but in hotels and vacant student accommodation where guests can keep safe, warm and self-isolate. Food and festive treats will be provided as well as advice on health, housing, employment and benefits. There will also be friendship and support from volunteer befrienders. The cost of giving one homeless person shelter this Christmas is £28.22 and whilst St Augustine's makes them an annual donation why not consider making an individual gift yourself. To see how to do it and to discover more about their wider work do go to

<https://www.crisis.org.uk/get-involved/donate-to-crisis-this-christmas/>

### FOR PRAYERFUL CONCERN

**For Jackie and the Kennet Family** - as they mourn the loss of Martin

**For Jackie** - as she mourns the loss of Hazel

**For Maurice** - in his care home in Arundel

**For Rowan** - Kerry and Mark's young grandson - as he spends the next 8 weeks recovering from an operation on his jaw

**For Beverley and Michael** - as they prepare to leave All Saints and start their move to Scaynes Hill.

**For the Parish of All Saints** - as they prepare to go into interregnum

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

**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

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

## Prayer for 3rd Week of Advent

*Lord, help us see the wonder in your creation,  
to find the joy amidst the trials.*

*For in you we can rejoice and be glad.*

*Help us to celebrate with joy and gladness this Christmas,  
for in you all things are made new.*

*You are working to restore and remake  
all the broken pieces of this world.*

*In you we will rejoice forever, delighting in you with joy.*

*All this we pray through Jesus Christ, Your only son,  
Your greatest gift to this world. Amen.*

## 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:

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

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