



# PEW NEWS

Sunday 21st December 2025

Advent 4

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*You will be welcomed this week by: Lynne & John*

## Readings

Isaiah 7: 10-16 - Page 657  
Romans 1: 1-7 - Page 1065  
Matthew 1: 18-end - Page 913

## Hymns

Immortal, Invisible - 349  
My Jesus, My Saviour - 519  
From Heaven You Came - 205  
All Hail the Power - 14  
Away in a Manger - 59

## Collect

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming  
as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or*

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Post Communion

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Advent Prayers - Week 4 LOVE

### FASTING EXPLANATION

During Advent we create space for God by preparing our hearts through prayer, scripture, and (optional) fasting.

### FASTING DAYS:

- Monday - Personal Renewal
- Wednesday - Evangelism & Mission
- Friday - Community & Families

### WEEK FOUR PRAYERS - LOVE (22–23 December)

#### 22 Dec – Isaiah 54:8

Fill us with your steadfast love. Amen.

#### 23 Dec (Final Advent Fast) – Isaiah 7:14

Prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus. Amen.



## Fire and Health & Safety Procedures

**Fire Action Notices** - there are fire action and evacuation notices on the noticeboards in the porch, church and annexe. Please make sure you read these and are aware of what you need to do in the event of a fire.

**Health & Safety Policies** - our health and safety notice and policy are also on these noticeboards. Please make sure you are aware of your rights and responsibilities.





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*We have a Sunday morning Holy Communion service at 10.00 am each week*

## This Week's Diary

### Sunday 21st December

6 pm *Carols by Candlelight*

### Tuesday 23rd December

10 am *Anchor Coffee Shop*

### Christmas Eve

4.00 pm *Crib Service*

11.15 am *Midnight Communion*

### Christmas Day

10.00 am *Family Communion*

### Sunday 28th December

10 am *Holy Communion*

## Church Contacts

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## New to St Augustine's

*All are Welcome in this Place*

Please do join us after the service for tea/coffee and biscuits.

### Viewing Online

If you are viewing online and joining us from home you are especially welcome. If there is anything at all that you need or that we can do to help, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

[https://www.youtube.com/  
@staugustineschurchscaynes2087/  
streams](https://www.youtube.com/@staugustineschurchscaynes2087/streams)

## Church News

**Cleaning Help Required** - we really need everyone's help with cleaning the church and annexe on a weekly basis. It will take one person about 2 hours but obviously less if you double-up. There is a rota in the annexe with a list of duties and we would really be grateful if you could consider signing up to do some cleaning on an occasional basis please.

**Christmas Cards** - if you would like to sign one large Christmas card to everyone in the congregation to save paper and resources there is one available in the annexe. If you would like to make a donation to "Off the Fence" please leave your contribution in the tin.

**Drop Off & Drop In** - we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

**Prayer Time** - if you would like to join us in praying for the mission and work of St Augustine's, we will be meeting on the third Sunday of the month after church in the chancel. We really hope that you are able to join us as we pray for our work going forward. Our next meeting will be Sunday 21st December.

**CHANGE OF VENUE - Ladies' Christmas Lunch** - the lunch on Saturday 10th January 2026 is not now at The Farmers but we will be going to the Bent Arms in Lindfield. We will organise some lifts so please note on the sign up sheet if you need or would like a lift.

**Village Barn Dance** - this is on Saturday 17th January at 7.30pm- 11pm. Tickets are £22 to include pizza and a live band. For tickets contact Rob Minter at [robertminter1@hotmail.com](mailto:robertminter1@hotmail.com) or phone on: 07552 596776.

**From Scorched Earth to A Rocha'** - Haywards Heath Baptist Church (Sussex Road, Haywards Heath RH16 4DZ) will be hosting this event with the Executive Director of A Rocha International - Ed Walker MBE on Tuesday 20 January 2026 at 7:30pm. Come and hear how followers of Jesus can live out the fullness of the gospel that includes love for nature and the environment. All are welcome and the event is free, with refreshments provided.

**Youth Group** - the next meeting of our Youth Group will be on Friday 9th January at 7.30 pm where there will be lots of games, tech, crafts, music, tuck, fun and pizza! If you know of anyone who would like to come along, please feel free to pass on this information to them. We would love to see as many young people as possible so please spread the word!

**Parish Magazine** - we would welcome more articles to be included in the Scaynes Hill Parish Magazine. If you have an idea for inclusion, please email the team at: [parishmag.sash@gmail.co.uk](mailto:parishmag.sash@gmail.co.uk).