



ST AUGUSTINE'S

Thorpe Bay

19th November 2023

2nd Sunday before Advent

A warm welcome to St Augustine's Church today.

All those who are baptised and accustomed to receiving communion are invited to do so here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please feel free to come to the altar rail holding a service booklet. Gluten free Communion wafers are available - please ask when you come up to the altar rail.

Worship today

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am: Remembrance Parade Service

6:30pm: Evensong (Hymns:416, 583, 424, 23 Psalm: 98)

Worship this coming week

Wed 22nd November: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Wed 22nd November: 2pm Simply Sing

Morning and Evening Prayers: Monday to Thurs at 8:30am and 5pm (BCP)

Services next Sun 26th Nov 2023: Christ The King

8am Holy: Communion (BCP),

10:00am: Eucharist

6:30pm: Evensong

Keep in touch.

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If you would like to receive an email from Rev Dave (no more than weekly) then please scan the QR code using your mobile phone camera or sign up via our website.



Opening Hymn: 474 *Immortal invisible*

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Zeph 1:7&12 to end

Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-11

Gradual Hymn: *In Christ Alone* (see separate sheet)

Gospel: Matt 25:14-30 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Offertory Hymn: 470 *I the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Communion Hymn: 97 *Lord Jesus, think on me*

Post-Communion Prayer: Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Closing Hymn: 262 *O Lord my God (How great Thou art)*

Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00 service today



Our prayers are asked for.....

Those who are unwell

**Jacky Beaumont, Terry Chittock, Bill Grey, John & Rosemary Haworth,
Frances Humphry, John Kennedy, Jeanne Peagram,
Charlotte Reid, Emily Rhodes, Peter Somerville, Bob Taylor,
Theresa**

Others who have asked to be remembered in our prayers in church and at home
(these names will not be read out):

Kevin Bickford, Marjorie Brown, Geoff Craft, Heather Davis,
Judy Evans, Glennys Holland, Laura Holland, Fran McEvoy, Joel Morrison,
Joan and Paul Sentance, Christine Sutton

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Those who have recently died

Colin Edwards

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Those whose years' mind falls at this time

Kenneth Somerville, Derek Gilkes, Jean Lawrence

you would like any names added to these lists, please contact - Barbara Black (details overleaf)

The Deanery Orchestra - Christmas Concert: wonderful seasonal and popular live orchestral music! Saturday 9th December 2023 in the church. Doors Open: 7pm Concert Starts: 7.30pm, Candlelit tables - Interval - Enjoy your own nibbles /refreshments Duration: 105 mins approx. Tickets: £7.50 (16 and under FREE) Includes a welcome mulled wine, lemonade or fresh orange juice * Ticket reservations *: Please email thedeaneryorchestra@gmail.com Alternatively, please text or call 07922 554343

Seafarers: As a result of your efforts, I have delivered to Tilbury 146 knitted items and 35 (sample size) toiletries. They are busy packing parcels and also striving to improve facilities in their "outpost" at the cruise terminal. Whereas a cargo ship has a handful of crew, cruise liners have several hundreds and the number schedule to arrive is increasing significantly. In her note of thanks, the Manager issued an invitation to any who wish to attend their carol service at the Centre on 18 December at 11a.m. I am most grateful for the way lovely knitted items magically appear in my box. Thank you all – and please keep knitting. **Mhoira Thorpe Bay and Shoebury Community:** Collecting gifts for local charities including the Salvation Army Shoebury, the Shoebury Ark, Aspirations Program & Welcome to the UK - supporting individuals & families across our city

3rd December 2023 From 12 - 2 PM – Items needed are:-

New Toys, Games, Books, Toiletries, Stationery, Gift Sets, Hats & Gloves

Festive Food - Chocolates, Mince Pies, Puddings & Cakes, Selection Boxes, Biscuits, Custard, Stuffing Mix, Cranberry Sauce Etc

Crackers, Wrapping Paper, Decorations & Cards. Gift Bags & Hampers

Preloved Christmas Clothing & Festive Book

Please bring into church or take directly to - Thorpe Bay Methodist Church The Broadway SS1 3HQ *S p r e a d i n g k i n d n e s s & j o y* Thank you **Elsbeth Spall**

Christmas Fayre 2023: Thanks to everyone who has so far put their names down for the Christmas Fayre on Sunday 3rd December from 1pm to 4pm – plenty of time to add your name. We've had some brilliant ideas for stalls so here is an (ongoing) list of things we will need -

please bring it into church in the next few weeks.

Jewellery, Candles, Ex- unused gifts, craft or homemade items, lottery and tombola prizes

AND on the day - cakes and bakes for the cake stall, plus- for the refreshment area - mince pies, sausage rolls, sweets and cake. Many thanks Barbara and Sandra (07969 099396)

Weekly Newsletter: Anything you wish to be mentioned please send to Barbara Black either by - tel, 01702 297401, Mobile 07969099396, email barbarablack29@gmail.com or drop it in at 162 Church Road. Items should be with me by 11.00am on Wednesday 22nd Nov 2023 please