

21st April 2024 4th Sunday of Easter

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.

<u>Worship today</u>

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00am: Holy Communion

Followed by The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in church

6:30pm: Evensong (Hymns:10, 435, 455 Psalm: 81:8-16)

Worship this coming week

Wed 24th April: 10am Holy Communion (BCP), Morning and Evening Prayers - Monday to Thurs at 8:30am & 5pm (BCP)

Services next Sunday 28th April - 5th Sunday of Easter

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP) 10:00am: Eucharist 6:30pm: Evensong

<u>Keep in touch.</u>

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Opening Hymn: 555 Praise my soul

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12 Second Reading: 1 John 3:16 to end Gradual Hymn: 395 Christ is our corner-stone

Gospel: John 10:11-18 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Offertory Hymn: Psalm 23 (Townend) **See separate sheet Communion Hymn:** 589 The King of Love my Shepherd is

Post-Communion Prayer: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Closing Hymn: 453 Great is Thy faithfulness

Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00 service today

Our prayers are asked for.....

Those who are unwell

Steve Adsett, Jacky Beaumont, Roger Burrell, Terry Chittock, John & Rosemary Haworth, Frances Humphry, John Kennedy, Jeanne Peagram, Charlotte Reid, Emily Rhodes, Peter Somerville, Bob Taylor, Robert Walliker and Theresa HM The King and Catherine, Princess of Wales

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

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

Bill Grey, Chris Richards

Winifred Blackmore, Audrey Mew, Clive Collins, Joan Matthews. Irene Jerrom, Henry Tucker

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

TODAY - The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM): The Annual

Parochial Church meeting(APCM) will take place after the 10 am service on today. Our Parochial Church Council (PCC) is elected each year at the APCM and election is open to all members of St Augustine's Church who are on the Church roll. New members are always welcome on the PCC, and if you would like to have a greater involvement in the life of our church, and would like more information as to what would be involved, please do not hesitate to speak to Dave, one of our churchwardens or a current member of the PCC. Nomination forms are in a green folder at the back of the church, which once completed, please replace there or give to **Margaret** this morning sharp !

<u>Church Treasurer</u>: with Colin wishing to retire from this position, we are now looking to appoint a new treasurer. It could well be that various aspects of the role could be shared between two or more people. If you would be interested in taking on this important role or part of it, please talk to Colin or Dave as to what would be involved. **Margaret**

<u>Christian Aid Week 12th to 18th May</u>: Parishioners who wish to contribute to this most worthy cause can find the appropriate envelopes at the West End. Completed envelopes can either be placed on the offertory plate or handed to me. **Fred Watson Tel 588879.**

The Alpha Course: I am delighted that we will be running Alpha on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm at St Augustine's beginning on Thursday 9th May. The course will last for between 8 and 10 weeks. Alpha is for everyone - regardless of your background or beliefs. You don't ever have to have set foot in a church before. Whether you are just curious, or you've been coming to church but you've got questions, Alpha is for you. The course will give you an opportunity to explore the faith, and look at questions like Who is Jesus? Why and how do I pray? How can I have faith? What about the Church? If you'd like to see more about Alpha, or If you are interested in attending, have someone you'd like to invite, or you'd like to help, then please speak to me. **Revd Dave**

Dates for your Diaries Patronal Festival: On Sunday the 26th May we will be celebrating our Patronal Festival (the feast of St Augustine of Canterbury) with lunch after our morning service.

Summer Fete 2024: We have set Saturday the 29th June as the date for St Augustine's Summer

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 24th April 2024 please