



**ST AUGUSTINE'S**

Thorpe Bay

# Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 Candlemas

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: Holy Communion

6:30pm: Evensong (Hymns: 18, 2, 474 Psalms: 122)

## Worship this coming week

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

2pm: Simply Sing

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

## Services next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

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## 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.



## Information for the 8am Service only

**Collect:** Almighty and ever living God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 22-40 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00 service**



Our prayers are asked for.....

Those who are unwell

Jacky Beaumont, Terry Chittock, Gemma Flindle, Janice Hampson, Maureen Hancock, John & Rosemary Haworth, Frances Humphry, Jeanne Peagram, Peter Somerville, Bob Taylor, Sally Wilcox, Wendy Yates, Theresa and Bob

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

Steve Adsett, Kevin Bickford, Geoff Craft, Heather Davis, Judy Evans, Lorraine Everett, Laura Holland, Katherine Lovett, Fran McEvoy, Joel Morrison, Trish O’Hara, Emily Rhodes, Paul Sentance, Christine Sutton  
HM The King and Catherine, Princess of Wales

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Those who have recently died

Ingrid Skinner, Desmond Jewell

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Those whose years’ mind falls at this time

Geoffrey Ames, Gladys Sneary, Audrey Green, Richard Webb, Betty Smith, Dr Bruce Coull

If you wish to add a name to the year’s mind contact Barbara Black (details overleaf)

**Sweepstake!** For 50p a go you can guess the weight of Adam. Please see the signup sheet at the back of the church and put your name, telephone number and the weight you think their baby will be when born. Please check that your weight has not already been chosen (first come - first served). A small gift, supplied by Frank will be the prize.

**Marmalade Update:** so far the sale of marmalade has raised £170 but it is expected to be over £200 plus gift aid. Thank you to all who contributed and to our beekeeper Thorpe Bay Estuary Honey. **Sarah Devereux**

**Roundabout:** The magazine for February and March is now available. Please take your copy, (and extras for friends and relatives) If it is your custom to make a yearly donation and you are a tax payer, please place it in one of the pink envelopes - mark 'Magazine'. Thank you. **Geoff Mann**

**Winter Sing:** Simply Sing are holding a Winter Sing here in church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm. Come and join in the singing with Karen, Lisa and Rev Dave for the first ever Simply Sing Winter Sing. Everyone welcome to this free event with refreshments served afterwards. Give your vocal chords a good work out singing Disney, Swing, Disco and Country songs that the Simply Sing group have been singing over the last 6 months - and they would love for you to come and enjoy singing with them. They were a very big hit at the Christmas Friendship Party held just before Christmas so come and see them again and join in the action!

**Winter Curry Night:** on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February there is a winter curry night. A sign up list is at the back of the church. Thanks **Frank**

**Suggestion Box:** So (being very brave) I have decided to ask for your suggestions. They can be about any element of our services, and all that I ask is that your comments are constructive and kind. To make a comment, please click the button which appears on Dave's Weekly Email where you will find a fuller explanation and a virtual suggestion box. You'll be asked for your name and contact details so that I can contact you if I need more explanation or clarification about your comment or so that we can talk about it further. I always think that the best kind of suggestions are the ones that end with the words, '**...and I'd be willing to do it**'! If you don't receive Dave's emails, then please let him know your email address.

A little further ahead... Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May - St Augustine's 90th Anniversary Service and lunch with Bishop Adam

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fete

Weekly Newsletter: Anything you wish to be mentioned please send to Barbara Black either by - tel, 01702 297401, Mobile 07969099396, email barabarablack29@gmail.com or drop it in at 162 Church Road. Items should be with me by 11.00am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 please