



ST AUGUSTINE'S

Thorpe Bay

Sunday 30th November First Sunday of 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: Holy Communion

6:30pm: Advent Carol Service

Worship this coming week

Wed 3rd December: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Wed 3rd December: 2pm Simply Sing

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

Services next Sunday 7th December: Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am: Holy Communion

6:30pm: Evensong

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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: 32 O Come, O Come, Emanuel

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Isa 2:1-5

Second Reading: Rom 13:11 to end

Gradual Hymn: 37 The Lord will come and not be slow

Gospel: Matt 24:36-44 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Offertory Hymn: 87 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Communion Hymn: 309 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Post-Communion Prayer: O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Closing Hymn: 31 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00 service



REST IN PEACE
OUR DEAR FRIEND
FRED

Our prayers are asked for.....
Those who are unwell

Jacky Beaumont, Julie Benton, Caroline, Terry Chittock,
Jo Dare (pronounced Daray), John Godwin, Janice Hampson,
John & Rosemary Haworth, Frances Humphry, Bethany Humphrey, June James,
Paul Marsh, Tony Owen, Jeanne Peagram, Peter Somerville, Sally Wilcox,
Carol Wilkinson, Theresa

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, Judy Evans,
Laura Holland, Katherine Lovett, Fran McEvoy, Joel Morrison, Trish O'Hara,
Emily Rhodes, Colin Russell, Paul Sentance, Christine Sutton, Andrea Yates
HM The King and Catherine, Princess of Wales

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Those who have recently died

Fred Watson, Ian Douce

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Those whose years' mind falls at this time

Paddy Corcoran, Bob Margerison

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

TODAY - Extraordinary Parish Meeting – after the 10am service.

Christmas Wrapping: Bring your gifts, paper and friends to the church hall on Saturday 6th December from 1pm to 4pm and let the ladies wrap your presents while you sit back and have a chat and relax while feeding, drinking and listening to some music – what's not to like!! To book a specific time ring 07950 415188. Suggested donation (which includes the refreshments) £10. **Michelle and Jennie**

Friendship Morning: Angela (our church hall manager) has also recently started a Friendship Morning on Mondays between 9:30 and 12:30. Why not pop in for refreshments, games, hobbies and friendship.

Sing Immanuel Christmas Concert: Saturday 6th December at 3.00pm
Thorpe Bay Methodist Church, The Broadway Choir Pieces and audience carols, coffee and mince pies. Members of St Augustine's Choir will be participating. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Donation Day - Sunday 7th December: For the past few years, we've been delighted to support a very local Christmas Community Donation Day. This year will actually be the sixth event (run by Elspeth Spall and a team from local churches) to collect food and gifts for local charities. They are asking for festive food items, new toys, gifts and pre-loved festive jumpers and books (see poster at the back of the church) Please bring your items to church on one of the morning services on the 7th Dec we will collect them all together and give thanks for them, before taking to Thorpe Bay Methodist Church. If you can't make it to church or would rather drop your items directly to them, they are offering refreshments to those who drop in to make donations from 11.30am & 2pm that day.

Christmas Friendship Party: Please join us at the party on Tuesday 9th December in the hall from 12 till 3pm. Where you will have Christmas refreshments music and chocolate bingo. Open to all who wish to make new friends, meet old friends and get to know your community. Phone, email or leave a message on 07969 099396 or barbarablack29@gmail.com

The Deanery Orchestra - Winter Concert: Saturday 13th December 2025 in the church. Doors Open: 6 45pm Concert Starts: 7.30pm Candlelit tables - Interval - Enjoy your own nibbles/refreshments. Tickets: £7.50 (16 and under FREE) We welcome you with mulled wine! *Ticket reservations recommended*: Please email thedeaneryorchestra@gmail.com
Alternatively, please text or call 07922 554343

Silver/brass polishing & Christmas tree decorating: Please join me on the morning of Wednesday 3rd December after Holy Communion to decorate the Christmas tree or to polish the silver and brass in preparation for Christmas. We will put the kettle on and enjoy some festive music as we work. Communion is at 10am, decorating/polishing will commence at 10:30am. **Everyone is welcome.**

Could you be our new Treasurer?: Following the resignation of our current Treasurer, Paul Dyer, we are seeking for a volunteer to take over that role as from the 1st January 2026. If anyone wishes to know more about what is involved, or volunteer, please speak to **Rev Dave**.