



ST AUGUSTINE'S

Thorpe Bay

Sunday 14th December Third 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

4:00pm: Christingle beginning in the hall before
enjoying a short service in church

6:30pm: Evensong (Hymns: 32, 27, 31 Psalm: 12 [14])

Worship this coming week

Wed 17th December: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Wed 17th December: 2pm Simply Sing

Fri 19th December: 7pm Community Carols (outside if dry – inside if wet)

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

Services next Sunday 21st December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am: Holy Communion

6:30: Christmas Carol Service: Traditional 9 lessons and carols.

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: 34 On Jordan's bank

Collect: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Isa 35:1-10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gradual Hymn: 26 Hark a thrilling voice

Gospel: Matt 11:2 – 11 Matthew 11.2-11 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Offertory Hymn: 38 The people that sat in darkness

Communion Hymn: 309 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Post-Communion Prayer: We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

Closing Hymn: 534 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00 service



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 Sentence, 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

John Pickering, Jean Crees, Robert Gornall,
Nicholas Priestley, Constance Ansell, Ronald Dennison,
Merle Mitcham, Brian Clayton

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

TODAY Christingle: - at 4pm: Starting in the hall for the children to take their Christingles and then to the church for a short service.

Christmas Donation Day: We were blessed with hundreds of fabulous donations from local churches, our amazing community and Hunt Roche Shoburyness today! Your kindness and generosity allowed us to deliver a car filled with festive food to The Shobury Ark. The Salvation Army Shoburyness received cash donations, bags and bags of new toys and beautiful hampers for the families that they support. We also provided toys, festive food and gifts to Welcome to the UK, Aspirations Program & Charlie Boys Angels. Local schools received lots of preloved toys and games for their children to enjoy. Thank you for making a difference and for helping to spread joy and happiness at Christmas. **Elsbeth**

Funeral of Fred Watson: Fred's funeral will be on Thursday 8th January at 11am here in church. Everyone welcome to join Fred's family to give thanks for his life.

Twelfth Night Supper: An evening of fun and celebration awaits you at the Twelfth Night Supper awaits you in the Church Hall on Saturday 3rd January between 4pm and 8pm. The last chance to sign up to attend will be this Sunday on the sheet at the back of church - or you can email Wendy Hooper me at hooper.wen@gmail.com or text or call on 07802830256 until Wednesday 17th December.

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed please for the 12th night party on the 3rd January which starts at 4pm and finishes at 8pm. Any time you could give on that day would be appreciated. The sign up sheet is at the back of the church. If you'd like to book a place for the meal you can contact me Wendy 07802830256 or email hooper.wen@gmail.com

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

100 Club: The winner of the November 100 Club is Diane Middlemiss (246).

Roundabout Magazine: Is now available at the back of church Geoff

Christmas Services

Community Carols - Friday 19th Dec at 7pm: Bring a torch and your best singing voice for carols and mulled wine outside the church – or inside if wet!

Christmas Carol Service - Sunday 21st Dec at 6:30pm: Traditional 9 lessons and carols.

Christmas Eve Crib Services at 3pm and 5pm: Festival family fun for all ages

Midnight Mass Christmas Eve: at 11:30pm

Christmas Day Services: at 8am (traditional service) and 10am (family friendly Eucharist)

Weekly Newsletter: Anything you wish to be mentioned on the newsletter please send to Barbara Black either by - tel, 01702 297401, Mobile 07969099396, email barbarablack29@gmail.com or drop it in at 162 Church Road Shoburyness