



**ST AUGUSTINE'S**

Thorpe Bay

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December Fourth 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

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

### **Worship this coming week**

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve - 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

3pm Crib Service

5pm Crib Service

No Evensong tonight

11:30pm Midnight Mass

### **Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day)**

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Family Communion

No Evensong

### **Services next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December: Holy Innocents**

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am: Holy Communion

No Evensong

No Morning or Evening Services this week – resumes 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### **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:** 24 Come thou long expected Jesus

**Collect:** God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**First Reading:** Isa 7:10-16

**Second Reading:** Rome 1:1-7

**Gradual Hymn:** 242 The angel Gabriel

**Gospel:** Matt 1:18 end Matthew 1.18-end Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Offertory Hymn:** 505 Lord Jesus Christ

**Communion Hymn:** 64 Of the Father's love

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Closing Hymn:** 362 Tell out my soul

**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**

Dorothy Carter, Alfred Seigel, Jim Campfield,  
Frederick Goodwin, Celia Tucker, Marie Tucker, Bernard Tucker  
Mavis Poulton, Celia Pruden, Patricia Turner, Reginald Main,  
Betty Moulson, Ian Woolner

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

**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.

**Funeral of Ian Douce:** Ian's funeral will be held at the Methodist Church in Thorpe Bay Broadway at 12 O Clock on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. All Welcome

**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](mailto: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](mailto:hooper.wen@gmail.com)

### **Christmas Services**

**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](mailto:barbarablack29@gmail.com) or drop it in at 162 Church Road Shoburyness