



ST AUGUSTINE'S
Thorpe Bay

Sunday 4th January 2026 2nd of Christmas Epiphany

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: 83, 87, 91 Psalm 135)

Worship this coming week

Wed 7th January: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Wed 7th January: 2pm Simply Sing

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

Services next Sunday 11th January 2026: Baptism of Christ

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: 83 As with gladness men of old

Collect: O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Wisd 10:15 to end

Second Reading: Eph 1:3-14

Gradual Hymn: 89 O Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Gospel: John 1:[1-9]10 18 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.] He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Offertory Hymn: 84 Brightest and best

Communion Hymn: 55 In the bleak mid-winter

Post-Communion Prayer: Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn: 91 We three kings

Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00 service



Epiphany

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A silhouette illustration of three figures, the Three Magi, riding camels. They are shown from the side, moving from left to right. The background is a warm, orange and yellow sunset or sunrise, with the horizon line visible at the bottom. The figures are wearing traditional robes and headgear.

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,
Tony Owen, Jeanne Peagram, Peter Somerville, Paddy White, 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

Those who have recently died

Gloria Burwell, Brian Schofield, Sheila Carroll, Olive Willis,
Fred Watson, Ian Douce

Those whose years' mind falls at this time

Barbara Barradell, Geoffrey Ames, Gladys Sneary,
Audrey Green, Richard Webb

**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 7th January. All Welcome

Collecting Stuff: the fete team think it is a good idea to start collecting things we all can use when organising an event of any description for the church's benefit. We have started a small list such as: small tablecloths (to fit the small tables in the hall), sets of china cups, saucers and plates (for a posh Afternoon Tea event in Spring) and small flower vases. If you can think of any other things we/you might need please let us know and we can add it to the list. This will save buying / borrowing things each time. The shed is not massive but if stored correctly in plastic boxes it should work out fine. We are **not** collecting raffle prizes or anything like that at the moment
Thank you, **The Fete Team**

100 Club: Wendy Hooper (175) is our December winner. If you wish to join the 100Club please speak to **Barry WS** who will gladly explain how it works and how you can pay in to it!

Sick List: Please could you check the two sick lists on page 3 – is there anyone on there who is now well enough to come off please? Many Thanks Barbara (contact details below)

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 Shoeburyness