



ST AUGUSTINE'S

Thorpe Bay

Sunday 11th January 2026

Baptism of Christ

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: 10, 411, 435 Psalm 46,47)

Worship this coming week

Wed 14th January: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Wed 14th January: 2pm Simply Sing

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

Services next Sunday 18th January 2026: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am: Holy Communion

6:30pm: Evensong

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: 386 Be Thou my vision

Collect: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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: Isa 42:1-9

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gradual Hymn: 383 Be still

Gospel: Matt 3:13 to end Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

Offertory Hymn: 516 Love Divine

Communion Hymn: 174 Breathe on my breath of God

Post-Communion Prayer: Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn: 470 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

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,
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, Paul Sentance, Christine Sutton, Andrea Yates
HM The King and Catherine, Princess of Wales

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Those who have recently died

Gloria Burwell, Brian Schofield, Olive Willis

Those whose years' mind falls at this time

Betty Smith, Dr Bruce Coull, Gerry Brown, Norman Olley,
Denis Crooks, David Lewis, David Skinner

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

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**

RNLI Dip: Thank you to everyone who donated to Southend Lifeboat Station as sponsorship for my my taking part in the New Year's Day Dip. After the event was cancelled last year, I was really pleased to actually do it this year - not least because you had all been so generous! The sea was a balmy 3.2 Celsius and the air temperature a little lower. Getting in just seemed to happen and my 4 minutes in up to my neck passed in a flash. I can't tell you how cold I was getting out though! Thanks to your generosity, I have raised about £1060 this year to add to last year's £450. **Revd. Dave**

Bible Study Group: The first meeting of the 2026 Bible Study Group will be held on Thursday January 15th. Everyone is welcome to come along to share interpretations of chapters of St.Luke's Gospel. This is an opportunity to find answers to your questions and to have a fuller understanding of our faith. We are following the Tom Wright's guide: Luke for Everyone. On January 15th we will be looking at Luke Ch 13 ; Wright's Guide Ch 15. We meet for discussion (often lighthearted) in the vestry. All are invited to come along at 1.45. We will enjoy your company. For further information please contact either me or Catrina (on 07802 589390)

Celebrate Chinese New Year one week early!: Enjoy a traditional two course Chinese meal at Mr Ping's, 468, Southchurch Road, SS1 2QA. On Tuesday February 10th At 7pm for 7.30pm plus Raffle! Janice and Catrina might share memories and souvenirs from their visits to China. Book your place either on the list at the back of the church or by emailing Catrina on catrinalambert7@virginmedia.com Tickets cost £25 (payable on the night) Free cancellation until Sunday February 8th.

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