



ST AUGUSTINE'S

Thorpe Bay

Sunday 1st February 2026

Candlemas

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: 383, 494, 395 Psalm 122, 132)

Worship this coming week

Wed 4th February: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Wed 4th February: 2pm Simply Sing

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

Services next Sunday 8th February 2026: 2nd Sunday before Lent

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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.



8am Service Information and Gospel – please see separate service sheet today

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00 service



Sweat Shirts
Tee Shirts
Water Bottles
Drinking mugs
Cups and bags
and more at the
back of church

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, John Tooley, 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

Cynthia Boyle, Tony Read

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Those whose years' mind falls at this time

Barbara Flowers, Phil Harrison, James Warren,

Colin Butler, Brian Savery

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

St Augustine's Merchandise: there is a picture on page 3 of the newsletter showing the merchandise that maybe up for sale depending on your opinion to promote St Augustine's. You can see the articles at the back of the church – please take a look. **Lesley**

Marmalade: the sale of Sarah's marmalade raised £200 for the fabric fund. Many thanks to all who purchased – enjoy! **Sarah D,**

Canterbury Coach Trip: There is a coach trip being organised for Tuesday 19th May to Canterbury. Please put your name down on the list at the back of the church if you are wanting to go. Thanks

Roundabout Magazine: is now available at the back of the church we inviting you to take a magazine and one for a friend or neighbour. If you are in the habit of making a yearly cash donation to fund the publishing of the bi-monthly magazine, will you please place it in and envelope marked 'Magazine'. Please use a blue church envelope if you are a taxpayer, and place it one the collection plate. Thank you **Geoff**

World Day of Prayer: this year will be held at St Gregory's Thorpe Bay on Friday 6th

MARCH at 2pm. The service was arranged by Christian Women of Nigeria and called 'I will give you rest, come'. **Marian Folkard**

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 10th February 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 cattinalambert7@virginmedia.com

Tickets cost £25 (payable on the night) Free cancellation until Sunday February 8th.

Table Top Sale: Saturday 21st Feb in the church hall. If you have anything of reasonable quality, that you no longer love but think someone else will, or handcrafted items, then please think about reserving a table for £10, to sell it on. Set up from 1pm and doors open from 2 to 4pm. Complimentary tea/coffee and cake for all table holders. Please contact Sue on 07914 265074 to secure your table.

Confirmation opportunity: If anyone is keen to get Confirmed, please speak to me soon as there is a service taking place at St Mary's Prittlewell on Sunday the 22nd March at 3pm - for which we already have one candidate. If you are a regular attendee and are not yet Confirmed, please have a think about whether this might be the right time for you. Please do have a word with Fr Frank or me if you have any questions. **Revd Dave**

Needed Please: for events in the church hall (to store in the Fete Shed) – small tablecloths and china tea services (for our posh afternoon tea in April/May). Many thanks Fete Team

100 Club: the winner of the January draw is Mhoira Brewer (615) If you wish to know more about the 100 Club please speak to **Barry WS**