



**ST AUGUSTINE'S**

Thorpe Bay

# Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

## First of Lent

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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: 379, 594, 386 Psalm 50:1-15)

### Worship this coming week

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> February: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> February: 2pm Simply Sing

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

### Services next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026: 2nd of Lent

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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:** 368 All my hope on God is founded

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

**First Reading:** Gen 2:15-17 & 3:1-7

**Second Reading:** Rom 5:12-19

**Gradual Hymn:** 95 Forty days and forty nights

**Gospel:** Matt 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**Offertory Hymn:** 538 O Jesus, I have promised

**Communion Hymn:** 97 Lord Jesus, think on me

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Closing Hymn:** 444 God is working his purpose out

**Please join us for refreshments after the 10.00 service**



**Our prayers are asked for..... Those who are unwell**

Alison, Jacky Beaumont, Julie Benton, Caroline, Terry Chittock,  
Jo Dare (pronounced Daray), John Godwin, Janice Hampson,  
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,  
Paul Sentance, Kieran Sunshine, Christine Sutton, Andrea Yates  
The King and Catherine, Princess of Wales

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**Those who have recently died**

John Haworth

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**Those whose years’ mind falls at this time**

Ian Rule, Paul Davis, John Ruskin, Arthur Dean

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

**St Augustine's Merchandise:** You can see the items and order forms at the back of the church – please take a look. **Lesley**

**Fish or Chicken and Chip Supper:** We are holding a Fish or Chicken and Chip Supper on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 4-8pm. There is a form at the back of the church if you're interested. Please be aware that this will be a prepay event to cover the cost of the food. Medium Cod and Chips is £12.50. Half Chicken and Chips £10.50. Please contact me if you have any queries. [hooper.wen@gmail.com](mailto:hooper.wen@gmail.com) or 07802830256.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**World Day of Prayer:** this year will be held at St Gregory's Thorpe Bay on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. The service was arranged by Christian Women of Nigeria and called 'I will give you rest, come'. **Marian Folkard**

### **Diary Dates**

**Vintage Afternoon Tea Dance:** (Dancing optional) in the hall on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 1:30pm to 4pm. Any questions to the **Fete Team** please

**St Augustine's Summer Fete:** is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please start saving your Tombola prizes. **Fete Team**

**Desert Island Discs:** September 12th! Save The Date, more details nearer the date. **Catrina**

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