



ST AUGUSTINE'S

Thorpe Bay

Sunday 26th July 7th Sunday After Trinity

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: 583, 589, 22 Psalm 75)

Worship this coming week

Wed 29th July: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Wed 29th July: 2pm Simply Sing

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

Services next Sunday 2nd August 2026: 9th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am: Holy Communion

6:30pm: Evensong at Thorpe Bay Methodist Church

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: 558 Praise to the Lord

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Gradual Hymn: 591 The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Gospel: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 [Jesus] put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Offertory Hymn: 368 All my Hope on God is Founded

Communion Hymn: 442 God is Love

Post-Communion Prayer: Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Closing Hymn: 444 God is Working His Purpose Out

Please join us for refreshments after the 10am service



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

Carol Baker, Jacky Beaumont, Julie Benton, Caroline, Terry Chittock,
Paul Davison, John Godwin, Janice Hampson, Frances Humphry,
Bethany Humphrey, Tony Owen, Jeanne Peagram, Sharon,
Peter Somerville, John Tooley, Sally Wilcox, Theresa

**Others who have asked to be remembered in our prayers in church
and at home (these names will not be read out):**

Geoff Craft, Judy Evans, Rosemary Haworth, Laura Holland,
Mark Lovett, Fran McEvoy, Joel Morrison, Trish O'Hara,
Paul Sentance, Christine Sutton, Andrea Yates
The King and Catherine, Princess of Wales

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Those who have recently died

Pauline, Joyce Herbert, John Street, Glenys Holland

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Those whose years' mind falls at this time

Valerie Woolf, David Spencer, Tony Sharpe (priest),
Allan Leslie Crees

If you wish to add a name to the year's mind list or include something in the
Newsletter please contact Barbara Black 07969099396 - barbarablack29@gmail.com

Please Note: there will be a few copies of today's Gospel, Readings and Collects should you want to read them at the back of the church. Please ask the welcomers at the door for a copy.

Bible Study: This September we're launching two opportunities to explore God's Big Picture by Vaughan Roberts, a wonderfully clear and accessible guide to understanding the Bible as one unfolding story of God's rescue plan for the world. Whether you've been reading the Bible for years or are only just beginning, this course will help you see how the books of the Bible fit together, making Scripture easier to understand, richer to read, and more exciting to explore. Details in the weekly email or speak to **Revd Dave**.

Forthcoming Event: On Friday 23rd October 2026 we are offering you the opportunity to sample Gin, Vodka and Rum, distilled by our local Pigs Bay Distillery. Tickets will £35.00 each (payable in advance) and will be on sale between 1st August and 30th September 2026. **Blanche 07713 254233.**

Annual Desert Island Discs Evening: Saturday 12th September 2026
St. Augustine's Church Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Reservations : Catrina
catrinalambert7@virginmedia.com/ 07802589390 £7 payable on the night
Bring your own drinks and nibbles, Book early to avoid disappointment
Those willing to share a favourite piece of music should send details to Catrina by
1st September please,

Summer Services starts at 6:30pm

2nd August Thorpe Bay Methodist Church
9th Friars Baptist Church
16th Shobery Ness and Thorpe Bay Baptist Church
23rd Holy Trinity Church Southchurch
30th St Augustine's Church