



ST AUGUSTINE'S

Thorpe Bay

Sunday 23rd August 12th 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: Evening Service this week is at Holy Trinity Church Southchurch

Worship this coming week

Wed 26th August: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

No Simply Sing this week

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

Services next Sunday 30th August 2026: 13th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am: Holy Communion

6:00pm: Evening Service at St Augustine's Church - Hymns & Pimm's

Arrive at 6pm for Pimms or non- Alcohol drink followed

by evening service at around 6:45pm

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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: 585 – The Churches one foundation

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: Isaiah 51:1-6 - Blessings in Store for God's People

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8 - The New Life in Christ

Gradual Hymn: 2 Christ, whose glory fills the sky

Gospel:.. Matthew 16:13-20 - Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Offertory Hymn: 311 Lord enthroned

Communion Hymn: 308 Just as I am

Post-Communion Prayer: God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn: 376 And can it be

Please join us for refreshments after the 10am service



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

Carol Barker, Jacky Beaumont, Julie Benton, Caroline, Terry Chittock,
Paul Davison, John Godwin, Janice Hampson, Frances Humphry,
Bethany Humphrey, Tony Owen, Jeanne Peagram, Sharon,
Rebecca Skinner, Peter Somerville, Sheila Stokes, 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

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Those who have recently died

Roy Johnson, Sam Sargeant, Joyce Herbert, John Street

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

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Those whose years' mind falls at this time

Geoffrey Fox, Ben McGinn, Anthony Horden, Ada Hardley

Roundabout: *there are still some magazines available at the back of the church please take them for your friends and family.* **Geoff**

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. Thursday afternoon group will begin at 2pm on the 3rd September in the church. Tuesday evening group will begin at 7:30pm on the 8th September. Both will be fortnightly. Information also in the weekly email or speak to **Revd Dave**.*

Date for your diary! *Our next CURRY NIGHT is on Monday 9th November. More details and sign up sheet will be coming nearer the time. I look forward to seeing you all there.* **Frank**

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 now on sale - £35.00 each (payable in advance) on sale until 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 Sept*

Shared Summer Services starts at 6:30pm

*TODAY - 23rd August - Holy Trinity Church Southchurch
30th August - St Augustine's Church - Hymns & Pimm's*

I have long thought it was a shame that St Augustine's is locked most of the time. When I am in the church and the door is open its very usual for passers-by to pop in, often telling me that they've never been in before because the church is usually closed. They are universally surprised by just how lovely and how special our church is inside. If anyone was willing to help man the church so that it could be open more often that I would love to hear from them. That message stands. Even if we could just do one afternoon a week that would be an opportunity for those wishing to find quiet and pray to do so.

So far, I have had one offer relating to Saturday early afternoons. This seems to me to be a good time, so it any others would like to help 'steward' on a rota, that would be great. It would always be with someone else. If you'd like to offer your help in this way, please let me know. **Revd Dave**