



ST AUGUSTINE'S

Thorpe Bay

Sunday 27th September 17th 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: 18, 538, 455 Psalms 124)

Worship this coming week

Wed 30th September: 10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Wed 30th September: 2pm Simply Sing

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

Services next Sunday 4th October 2026: Harvest Festival

8.00am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am: Harvest family and parade service

6:30pm: Harvest Evensong

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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: 609 To God be the glory

Collect: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Individual Retribution

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13 Imitating Christ's Humility and Shining as Lights in the World

Gradual Hymn: 505 Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32 The Authority of Jesus Questioned and The Parable of the Two Sons

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Offertory Hymn: 380 At the name of Jesus

Communion Hymn: 97 Lord Jesus, think on me

Post-Communion Prayer: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn: 398 Christ Triumphant

Please join us for refreshments after the 10am service

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

Jacky Beaumont, Julie Benton, Caroline, Terry Chittock,
Paul Davison, John Godwin, Janice Hampson, Frances Humphry,
Bethany Humphrey, Tony Owen, Jeanne Peagram, Donald Rule,
Sharon, Rebecca Skinner, Peter Somerville, Sheila Stokes,
John Tooley, Sally Wilcox, Janet Wilsmer, 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

Carol Barker, Reginald Bunney, Reg Bickford,
Ricky MacGregor

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

Peter Lowe, Patrick Watson OBE, Victor Knill

HARP Harvest Festival Appeal: please see the flyer at the back of the church for items that are urgently needed and needed. Please bring them to harvest festival next Sunday – money always acceptable and appreciated too.

Seafarers: For items to be available for Christmas parcels, I need to get them to Tilbury before the end of October. Therefore, if you have anything for me, can you bring it in soon, please. Monetary donations so that they can bulk-buy chocolate, cards and wrapping paper would be particularly welcome now. **Mhoira**

October / November magazine: is available. To Anyone wishing to make a donation to the cost of production there is a s; lot in the wall behind the tea makers, or in the special pot for donations. **Geoffrey**

100 Club – final months: the winner of the September draw is P. Muzalewski 384. **Barry WS**

HARVEST SUPPER: Volunteers are needed to set out the tables and chairs, lay the tables, prepare food, wash up, clear up and put the tables and chairs away at the end of the evening. If you can help please speak to **Wendy Hooper** or email me on hooper.wen@gmail.com.

The Harvest Supper & Quiz: will be taking place on Saturday 3rd October. The evening is open to all, but please sign up to let us know that you are coming for catering purposes. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Each table will be a quiz team, so there is no need to worry about organizing teams beforehand. Donations will be gratefully received with all profits going to support HARP.

Our Harvest Festival Service will be an all-age service at 10am on Sunday the 4th October. You are invited to bring donations of packet / tinned food or cash donations for HARP.

The Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir: are performing their Autumn Concert at St Augustine's on the afternoon of Sunday 4th October. Doors Open at 2pm for a 2.30pm start. They will be singing a wide range of music. Some old favourites and some new pieces you might not have heard before. And there will be the infamous Leigh Orpheus Raffle – so many prizes to be won! Tickets are available online now... <https://tinyurl.com/LOMVConcert> Adult £10; Under 18: £5

Guest Service: - Our annual Guest Service is an opportunity to invite friends, neighbours, colleagues or anyone else to come to church with you to a service with a commentary. This year's guest service will be on Sunday 18th October.

Southend Harmony Singers: will be offering a concert at St Augustine's at 3pm on the afternoon of Sunday 18th October. This concert isn't ticketed, but there will be a retiring collection.

Curry Night: Sign up sheet at the back of the church. Our next CURRY NIGHT is on Monday 9th November.. I look forward to seeing you all there. **Frank**

Gin etc Taster Session:: 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) until 30th September 2026. **Blanche 07713 254233**

Christmas Bazaar: in the church on the 21st November. Items to buy, games, and refreshments will hopefully make this an enjoyable afternoon that will bring people into the church and raise some funds! you can offer your help, so please do have and look and get involved if you are able to.

Thank you Fete Team

