

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, BROMLEY COMMON

3rd Sunday of Advent

Week commencing 16th December 2007

Welcome to St Augustine's. We hope you enjoy worshipping here this morning. Please don't be a stranger - make yourself known to the Vicar or Welcomers and join us for coffee after the service. Children and young people have their own events during the course of the Service and all are welcome to join in.

Vicar: Reverend Canon Katrina Barnes

(Day off: Saturday)

Youth Minister: vacant

Pattern of Holy Communion and Mid-Week Services

Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Evening Service

2nd and 4th Morning Service (10 a.m.)

3rd Sunday (8 a.m.) – Book of Common Prayer

Midweek Services:

9.15 a.m. Prayers (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

11.45 a.m. Holy Communion (Wednesday) (Lunch 1st in month)

TODAY'S SERVICES:

8 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)

10 a.m. SAP Nativity

6.30 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES:

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Meditation around the crib

CHILDREN Club JC – starts at 10 a.m. in the Garden Room offering an exciting and varied range of activities in which young people between the ages of 3 and 14 can become involved, so please feel free to let your children take part. On the third Sunday of each month **Club JC** meets as part of the main Sunday morning service which commences formally at 10 a.m., though there is breakfast available from 9 a.m. in the Barnard Room

MID-WEEK service of Holy Communion – Wednesday at 11.45 a.m.

LUNCH – after the service of Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of every month.

POP-IN-PARLOUR in the Garden Room every Tuesday 10 -12.am **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

PATHFINDERS – Wednesday evening between 7.15 p.m. and 8.45 p.m. and on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Contact: The Vicar

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – every Wednesday during term time between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Contact: Viv Emery on 8402 1318.

MATRIX – 14-18, after evening service on Sunday. Contact: The Vicar

PRAYERS – in the Chapel commencing at 9.15 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - first Saturday in the month in the Barnard Room between 8.30 a.m. and .30 a.m.

MOTHERS' UNION – varied programme, usually fourth Tuesday in the month. See the noticeboard in the north aisle.

GREGARIANS – second Thursday in the month at 8 p.m. in the Garden Room.

COLLECT FOR TODAY

**God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way
of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.**

READINGS FOR TODAY:

8 a.m. Is. 35. 1-10 (page 673)
Mtt. 11. 2-11 (page 10)
10 a.m. SAP Nativity TBC
6.30 p.m. Acts 13. 13-41 (page 128)
Jn. 5. 31-40 (page 93)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

(You might like to take a look during the week in readiness for next Sunday.)

8 a.m. Rom. 1. 1-7 (page 147)
Mtt. 1. 18-end (page 1)
10 a.m. Rom. 1. 1-7
6.30 p.m. TBC

Advent Candle Prayer

Lord Jesus, Light of the World

**John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.**

**As Christmas grows closer day by day
help us to be ready to welcome you now.**

Christmas Meal. Thank you to Lynn, Val and the team for a superb evening

**Nine Lessons and Carols:
Tonight at 6.30 p.m.**

CHRISTINGLE MAKING

Sunday 23rd December after the 10 a.m. service in the Barnard Room – all hands on deck!

PARISH WEEKEND

10th -12th October 2008 at PILGRIM HALL! Please put the date in your diary

SAP BREAKFAST

Thank you to all the team who prepared our breakfast this morning.

Pathfinder dates

19th December - Christmas Party – come dressed as a baby! Sunday 23rd December – Christingle making after the 10 a.m. service. Pathfinders back on Wednesday 9th January.

NEW WEB SITE FOR ST AUGUSTINE'S!

Our web site (www.st-augustines.org.uk) has been given a makeover! We plan to make it more of a resource, so if there is any additional information you'd like to see on it, either for church members or for visitors, please see David Allison or use e-mail link on the web site:- st-augustines.webmaster@ntlworld.com to give your comments. Did you know, for instance, that you can view weekly notice sheets and past editions of Roundabout on-line? There are also over 100 photos of our recent Flower Festival for you to look at. Any comments or contributions gratefully received!

Tim and Kathy Hyde's address is 2 Bower Close, Weston, Southampton, Hampshire. SO19 9PY

Francis Chappell & Sons are raising funds to buy games for the Children's Ward at the Princess Royal University Hospital, Farnborough. If you would like to make a donation, please call at your nearest office: 332 Crofton Road (Telephone 01689 853277), 89 Sevenoaks Road (Telephone 01689 875116) and 87 The Walnuts, Orpington (Telephone 823777). Closing date is 14th December. Cheques to be made payable to Francis Chappell & Sons. For more information, contact Kathy Bryant or Jim Constable at the Crofton Road address as above.

POP IN PARLOUR Tuesday 18th December will have music from Bromley High School Juniors – do come along and enjoy their singing.

BIBLE READING NOTES

Scripture Union, Bible Reading Fellowship and Every Day with Jesus notes will once again be ordered for next year during December and annual payment will be due in

January. If anyone wishes to join Christine Regas' list of readers, or change their existing notes, please let her know. New subscribers are always very welcome.

ROUNABOUT

Some months ago Peter Edgley had the most recent years of Roundabout bound. Normally kept in the office it has not been seen for a long time. Does anyone have any information?

LENT 2008

**Churches Together in Bromley Common
Ways of Praying**

1. Meditating on the Word and praying in the Ignation Tradition
2. Creativity and Prayer
3. Praying in the Celtic Tradition
4. Ideas from Taize
5. Intercessory Prayer

Some of these ways of praying will be familiar to you; others may be new. Please do come along and enjoy! Full details available at the back of the Church.

SEND A MESSAGE OF HOPE TO A PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE THIS CHRISTMAS

The Amnesty International Greetings Card Campaign tells you how to do this. By sending a card to an overseas prisoner of conscience or human rights defender under threat you reassure them they have not been forgotten and can help improve their lot. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church and if you want more information, please see or call Patrick Nield (020 8467 4169)

**Learning about Spirituality and Dementia
Wednesday 23rd January – 9.30 am to 3.30 pm.
Rowan Williams Court, CCCU, Medway Campus,
Full details from the Vicar.**

**POPPY APPEAL
£30.85 RAISED FROM THIS APPEAL.**

Revised service rota sheets available on the table at the back of the church.

PLEASE NOTE THE VICAR'S POST-CHRISTMAS BREAK IS FROM 26TH DECEMBER TO 3RD JANUARY 2008. UNFORTUNATELY THE 8AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ON 30TH DECEMBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

JUST A THOUGHT

Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy Christmas preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary and yet is wondrously present Edward Hays.