

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, BROMLEY COMMON

Advent Sunday

Week commencing 2nd 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
 10 a.m. Morning Prayer
4 p.m. Advent Service – Churches together on Bromley Common.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES:

8 a.m. Holy Communion
 10 a.m. Holy Communion
 6.30 p.m. Evening Praise

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

Almighty God,
 as your kingdom dawns,
 turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
 that we may be ready to meet you
 in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

READINGS FOR TODAY:

8 a.m.	Romans 13. 11-end	(page 158)
	Mtt. 24. 36-44	(page 26)
10 a.m.	Romans 13. 11-end	(page 158)
	Mtt. 24. 36-44	(page 26)
4 p.m.	CTonBC Advent Service @ St A's.	

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

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

8 a.m.	Romans 15. 4-13	(page 159)
	Mtt. 3. 1-12	(page 2)
10 a.m.	Romans 15. 4-13	(page 159)
6.30	TBC	

**Lord Jesus, Light of the World,
 born in David's city of Bethlehem,
 born like him to be a king:
 Be born in our hearts this Christmastide,
 be king of our lives today.**

Ministry Group

3rd December at 2 p.m. in the Chapel.

Matrix Bible Study

Tuesday 4th December 7.30-9 p.m.

Evening Praise

9th December at 6.30 p.m.

There will be a Prayer walk around the church – praying together for the various areas of outreach and ministry.

11th December at 8-8.30 p.m.
Prayer Evening in The Chapel.

Nine Lessons and Carols:

16th December at 6.30 p.m.

If you would like to be in the singing group for this event, please let Mary Plummer know. Rehearsals are: Monday, 3rd December at 7 p.m. and Monday, 10th December at 7 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

We still need volunteers for the December SAP Breakfast. Please let Katrina know if you are able to help.

CHRISTINGLE ORANGES

Is there anyone who would be able to collect 150 oranges from Bromley Market on Thursday 20th December? Please let Katrina know as soon as possible.

Pathfinder dates

Wednesday 5th December, Wednesday 12th December and Wednesday 19th December. Sunday 16th December 10 a.m. SAP Nativity, 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!

Wednesday 5th December at 8 p.m. at Christ Church, Fairfield Road, Beckenham – An Evening with Chris Eaton. 'Breath of Heaven', Chris Eaton's most covered song, is one of his many award-winning compositions which he will be singing along with other songs and some Christmas standards. Spend an evening with this highly-acclaimed singer-songwriter and enjoy a 'Breath of Heaven' – with mulled wine and seasonal snacks!.

CURTAINS REQUIRED

Has anyone got some spare curtains for the front windows of Rolleston Avenue?

COMMUNION LUNCHESES

In recent months, there has been a disappointingly low attendance – dropping to as few as four to six people – at the first Wednesday communion lunches. Christine Regas wonders whether people can be encouraged to attend as to make the lunches worthwhile there needs to be an average of eight to ten people. It would be such a shame if these lunches no longer continued. Please come and support them.

A Big Thank you to all those people who supported Viviane and Peter Edgley's sale in aid of kidney patients. A total of £627 was raised.

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.

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!

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)

JUST A THOUGHT

Christianity should be characterised by the open hand, the open heart & the open door

William Barclay