

# ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, BROMLEY COMMON

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Pattern of Holy Communion and Mid-Week Services

Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Evening Service  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Morning Service (10 a.m.)  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> in month)

**TODAY'S SERVICES:**

8 a.m. Holy Communion  
10 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Meditation around crib

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES:**

8 a.m. Cancelled  
10 a.m. Morning Prayer  
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

**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**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**READINGS FOR TODAY:**

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

**Advent Candle Prayer**

Lord Jesus, Light of the World,  
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children who long for your coming.

**Advent Candle Prayer for Christmas Day**

Lord Jesus, Light of Light,  
you have come among us. Help us  
who live by your light to shine as lights  
in your world. Glory to God in the highest.

**Please note there will be no mid-week Holy Communion service on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day).**

## Services over Christmas

### **24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

4 p.m. Christingle Service  
Readings TBC  
11.30 p.m. Midnight Holy Communion  
Readings Mic. 5.2-5 (page 880)  
Lk. 2.1-20 (page 55)

### **COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation.

### **25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
Readings Heb. 1.1-4 (page 215)  
10 a.m. Christmas Praise

### **First Sunday of Christmas 30<sup>th</sup> December**

8. a.m. Service cancelled  
10 a.m. Morning Prayer  
Readings Heb. 2. 10-end (page 216)  
Mtt. 2. 13-end (page 2)  
6.30 p.m. Evening prayer  
Readings Is. 49. 7-13 (page 689)  
Lk. 2. 41-52 (page 57)

#### **CHRISTINGLE MAKING**

Today after the 10 a.m. service in the Barnard Room – all hands on deck please!

**Our collections over Christmas will be donated to the Bishop of Rochester's Christmas appeal in support of the Music Therapy project at the SOS village in Bethlehem. Full details on page 3 of December/January edition of the Rochester LINK newspaper.**

A Christmas Card and letter has been received from Tim and Kathy Hyde thanking everyone who contributed to their leaving gift. The card and letter are on the noticeboard for those of you who would like to see them.

#### **Pathfinder dates**

Pathfinders back on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Pizza and DVD at the vicarage.

#### **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**

It was the week before Christmas. Parking spaces were hard come by. There were long queues, crowded shops and rude people. In one queue at a checkout one man was heard to say, "They should kill the guy who started Christmas". One wise woman in the queue said, "They did – they hung him on a Cross". Therein lies the REAL Christmas story.