

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, BROMLEY COMMON

2nd Sunday of Advent

Week commencing 9th 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. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Praise

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES:

8 a.m. Holy Communion

10 a.m. Service for all People

6.30 p.m. Nine Lessons and Carols

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 15. 4-13 (page 159)
Mtt. 3. 1-12 (page 2)
10 a.m. Romans 15. 4-13 (page 159)
Mtt. 3. 1-12 (page2)
6.30 p.m. TBC

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

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

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

Advent Candle Prayer

**Lord Jesus, Light of the World
the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.
Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide
and show all the world God's love.**

Tonight - Evening Praise 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. The last rehearsal will be on 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.

Pathfinder dates

Weds. 12th December and Weds. 19th Dec. Christmas Party – come dressed as a baby! Sun. 16th Dec 10 a.m. SAP Nativity, Sun. 23rd Dec. Christingle making after the 10 a.m. service. Pathfinders back on Weds. 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!

Christmas Carol Service – 23rd Bromley Scout Group plus our Brownies and Guides. This will be held on Friday 14th December at 7.p.m. Wine and festive refreshments will be served in the Garden Room.

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



Advent meditation on Tuesday 11th December at 1.45 p.m. in the Lady Chapel led by Rev. George Collett. All welcome.

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.

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! 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).

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.

POPPY APPEAL

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