

# ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, BROMLEY COMMON

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> January 2008

**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: 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 p.m. CTBC United Service at Holy Trinity

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES:**

8 a.m. Holy Communion  
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**

**God of heaven,  
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth  
and your messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us  
by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### **READINGS FOR TODAY:**

8 a.m. 1 Cor. 1.10-18 (page 162)  
Mtt. 4. 12-23 (page 3)  
10 a.m. 1 Cor. 1. 10-18 (page 162)  
Mtt. 4. 12-23 (page 3)  
6 p.m. CTBC United Service at Holy Trinity

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

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

8 a.m. Heb. 2. 14-18 (page 216)  
Lk. 2. 22-40 (page 56)  
10 a.m. Heb. 2. 14-18 (page 216)  
Lk. 2. 22-40 (page 56)  
6.30 p.m. Hag. 2. 1-9 (page 893)  
Jn. 2. 18-22 (page 90)

Please remember that tonight's service will be held at Holy Trinity at 6 p.m.

#### RENE THURGOOD

Rene died peacefully last Sunday evening. The funeral service will be at Lewisham Crematorium on 7<sup>th</sup> February at 12.15 followed by a memorial service in church at a later date.

#### LENT 2008

Churches Together in Bromley Common  
Ways of Praying

There is still time to sign up for one of the groups. Leaflets are available at the back of the church.

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.

#### PARISH WEEKEND

10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Pilgrim Hall! Please put the date in your diary.

#### BOOKS FOR LENT

Traditionally the season of Lent has been an opportunity for Christians to make time for reading; often something that focuses on the death and resurrection of Christ in preparation for our Easter Celebrations. Do pop into Rainbow in Petts Wood to browse through their excellent selection for Lent 2008. The staff are always very willing to offer help and advice

#### CLEANER ON LEAVE IN FEBRUARY

Rajae, our rooms cleaner, is taking a week's leave from 15<sup>th</sup> February. Any volunteers(s) to cover this period, will be greatly appreciated. Please see Paul Morton or phone 8467 3887.

#### YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORKER

This week we began advertising in the Christian press for a Youth and Children's Worker – please pray that the right person is found and for work that is continuing among Matrix and Pathfinders while we are understaffed.

#### INDIAN THEMED MEAL

23<sup>rd</sup> February 6.30 p.m. for 7.p.m. Tickets £10 (Children £2.50) See Paul or Lynn Morton or phone 0208 467 3387.

#### FROM OUR DIOCESAN LINK DIOCESE OF MPWAPWA:

The rains have sadly died – not a drop in the last three weeks, though there are some rumbling sounds in the distance at present – the crops are about 9" tall and could really do with watering or they will simply wither away as they have done in so many years past. Do pray for the folks here – sure you will do anyway!

#### NEWS FROM VPM KENYA

Kenneth has received a four page Newline from Franklyn about the situation. In Korogocho slum 18 people died in the violence, the Mission was attacked and the new classroom destroyed. The situation is still tense and we are asked to pray for personal safety for individuals and for resolution of the political situation. The Newline is available from Kenneth.

#### OPENING DOORS OPENING HEARTS

This is the slogan for this year's Poverty and Homelessness Action Week (27<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February) organized by Church Action on Poverty focusing on adult and child deprivation here in the UK. We are asked to pray about, find out about and take action on poverty and homelessness. We are asked to use the following prayer during the week.

**Lord your door is always open to us.**

**Your heart is always open, overflowing with love.**

**Help us, your church, to keep our doors open to all who struggle with poverty or homelessness.**

**Give us open hearts, to recognise our sister, our brother, in need.**

**And fill us with the will to work in our community and our country towards ending the pain and waste that poverty and homelessness create.**

**In the name of the one who emptied himself of all but love, our Saviour Jesus.**

**Amen.**

One fact – '3.8 million UK children (30%) live in poverty'. For more information, see church website news page or Patrick Nield.

#### VACANCY FOR CHURCH WARDEN

Liz Carter will be ending her term as church warden this April. If you know of anyone who would be interested in taking up this important role in the church, or if you want to know what duties are involved, please contact Liz, Nigel or Katrina.

#### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Will holders of the Society's collection boxes kindly return them by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Joan Kemp or Tom and Erica Manthorpe. The boxes can be left with the Church Office when someone is in attendance. We have been asked to confirm those people who wish to 'Gift Aid' their donations. Would you please mention, when returning your box, if you have, or would like to, make a Gift Aid declaration.

#### WHAT DO YOU HOPE FOR IN 2008?

Come and explore with us at our Evening Praise Service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 p.m.

SAP Breakfasts – Forms are on the table at the back of the church. If you would like to sign up, please do so.

**JUST A THOUGHT** - I've felt incredible loneliness in my life. I've known great despair. And what is the point of having a great job or something spectacular happening if you have no one to share it with? Unless you have someone, it's vapour. Julia Roberts.