

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, BROMLEY COMMON

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3rd Sunday of Advent

Week commencing 13 December 2009

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: Rev'd Canon Katrina Barnes
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Curate: Rev'd Kevin Cable
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Youth Worker: Jonny Price
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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)

TODAY'S SERVICES:

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.00 a.m. Family Service + Nativity
 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES:

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 6.30 p.m. Nine Lessons & 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 at 10 a.m.

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

POP-IN-PARLOUR in the Garden Room every Tuesday 10am -12 noon Delicious home-made cakes to enjoy. EVERYONE WELCOME!

GENESIS – (15 yrs+) Sunday evenings
 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.
 Contact – Jonny Price 020 8467 0338

PATHFINDERS – (11 yrs -14 yrs) *Wednesday evenings*
 7.15 pm - 8.30 pm. and on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Contact: Jonny Price 020 8467 0338

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – every Wednesday during term time between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Contact: Viv Emery on 01689 861929.

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

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - first Saturday in the month in the Barnard Room between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 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.

FRIDAY FAITH FELLOWSHIP – alternate Fridays during term-time 10 am- 11.30 am in the Garden Room. Contact Sally Morris 020 8466 6005.

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.
 Amen

READINGS FOR TODAY

8 a.m.	Zeph 3.14-end	(OT p891)
	Luke 3.7-18	(NT p57)
10 a.m.	Luke 2 1-7	(NT p55)
6.30 p.m.	Ps 50.1-6	
	Isaiah Chapter 35	(OT p673)
	Luke 1.57-66	(NT p55)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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

8 a.m.	Micah 5.2-5a	(OT p880)
	Luke 1.39-45	(NT p54)
10 a.m.	Micah 5.2-5a	(OT p880)
	Luke 1.39-45	(NT p54)
6.30 p.m.	Nine Lessons & Carols	

Lighting the Advent Candle

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.
 Amen

LIKE A CANDLE FLAME



Like a candle flame
flickering small in our darkness
Uncreated light
shines through infant eyes.

God is with us, alleluia (*Men*)
God is with us, alleluia (*Women*)
Come to save us, alleluia (*Men*)
Come to save us (*Women*)
Alleluia! (*All*)

Stars and angels sing
yet the earth sleeps in shadows
Can this tiny spark
set a world on fire?

Yet his light shall shine
from our lives, Spirit blazing
as we touch the flame
of his holy fire



Thank you to everyone who helped with handing out
chocolates and Christmas leaflets at the
Fairway shops yesterday. We shall be doing
the same thing this **Saturday 19th December**
from 9am-3pm. If you are able to help for a 30
minute slot (or 2!) please see or ring Jen Allison on 020
8462 6611.



A **BIG** thankyou to Lynn, Val and the social
committee for an excellent Christmas meal
last night. The evening was a great
success!!

POP-IN-PARLOUR-TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER.

The Junior School choir of
Bromley High School.
(7 year olds) are coming
to sing between
10.45am – 11.15am on
All welcome!



Please will all leaders of social events ensure that
future dates are entered into the 2010 Social Diary
at the back of the church.



Christingle Preparation

Wednesday 23rd December at 7pm in
the Barnard Room. Please do come
and help!

Help for persecuted Christians. The Barnabas
Fund is collecting signatures calling on our
government to support all efforts by Muslims to
have the apostasy law abolished, so that Muslims
who choose to leave their faith are no longer liable
to any penalty. If you would like to add your
signature, please see the petition at the back of
the church. Many thanks. Chris. Regas

SCOUTS & GUIDES CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Friday 18th December at 7.00 p.m.

Wine and festive refreshments
available after service.

Everyone is welcome!



Monday 14th December 7pm – 7.30pm
Choir practice for Nine Lessons & Carols

If you are interested in subscribing to a series of
Bible Reading Notes please see Chris Regas.

Thank you to everyone who helped delivered the
Christmas flyers.

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
20th December at 6.30p.m. followed by mince pies
and mulled wine.

Christmas Holiday Club

On 19th December we will be holding our holiday
club for 5-11 yr olds. If you have volunteered or
are interested in helping please come to the church
lounge after this mornings service to see Jonny
Price.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – If you are sending
Christmas cards to a member of the
church please use the shelves at the back
of the church (alphabetically by surname).



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 20th 6.30pm *Nine Lessons & Carols*

December 24th 4pm *Christingle*
(*Christmas Eve*) 11.30pm *Midnight Communion*

December 25th 8.30am *Holy Communion*
(*Christmas Day*) 10.30am *Christmas Praise Family*
Service

JUST A THOUGHT



When you change the way you look at things,
the things you look at change.