

# ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, BROMLEY COMMON

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## 4th Sunday of Advent

Week commencing 20 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: 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)



#### **TODAY'S SERVICES:**

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

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

8.00 a.m. No Service  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion + Baptism  
6.30 p.m. No Service

**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**

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.  
Amen

#### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

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	

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

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

8 a.m.	No Service	
10 a.m.	Exodus 33.7-11a	(OT p82)
	John 21.19b-end	(NT p113)
6.30 p.m.	No service	

#### **Lighting the Advent Candle**

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.  
Amen

**TONIGHT AT 6.30 PM**  
**Service of Nine Lessons & Carols**

20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30p.m. followed by mince pies  
and mulled wine.

**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.



**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 20<sup>th</sup>** 6.30pm *Nine Lessons & Carols*

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** 4pm *Christingle*  
**(Christmas Eve)** 11.30pm *Midnight Communion*

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

*The offertory collections received at the Midnight  
Communion and Christmas Day services will be  
donated to 'The Music Therapy Project'  
Based at the SOS Village in Bethlehem.*

**Christingle Preparation**

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



**Collect for Christmas Night**

Eternal God,  
in the stillness of this night  
you sent your almighty Word  
to pierce the world's darkness with the  
light of salvation:  
give to the earth the peace that we long  
for  
and fill our hearts with the joy of  
heaven  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Collect for Christmas Day**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven  
touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.

**C.M.S. Mission Partners**

A new letter from Eric and Rhena Clouston is on  
the Overseas Board in church. (See also the  
December Roundabout, page 2).



**St Augustine's wishes everyone  
a very Merry Christmas and a  
Peaceful New Year.**

**JUST A THOUGHT**



...and they shall name him 'Emmanuel'  
which means, 'God is with us'.

*Matthew 1.23*