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**Welcome to our weekly newsletter for
Good News for Friday 24 March 2023**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
If you are planning on coming to our Sunday service of Holy Communion this week please don't forget that the clocks will go forward the night before; there is no excuse now to arrive late!  Easter is almost upon us and Lent will soon be drawing to a close. We hope that those of you who were able to be a part of the Lent sessions have found this year that you have been drawn closer to God.  That you may have discovered something new about your faith that has surprised, challenged or transformed your journey with Jesus Christ. We hope this is the case for the 250 children from four local schools, who came to our Easter Experience throughout last week with their teachers and helpers. It was a privilege to share the message of Christ's love through the cross and resurrection with our drama and story-telling. After experiencing the journey, when asked which part of the story they enjoyed the most, one child said it was when Peter had told them Jesus washed the disciples' feet. His profound observation was that Jesus "was a servant and a king" (out of the mouths of babes!); may this be our own understanding of the Son of God. Helen would like to say a massive 'Thank You' to everyone who made this year's Easter Experience possible, we definitely couldn't have done it without you!

**Prayer**Give me a servant’s heart, O Lord;
A soul that longs for you,
A spirit that daily seeks your will,
And strength to follow through.
Give me ears to listen
To the cries that go unheard,
A mouth that speaks in kindness
And proclaims your perfect word.
Give me eyes to see the things
That grieve your only Son
And hands that reach out for the lost
Until your work is done.
Give me legs that carry me
Swiftly through the race,
And when I’m  finished let me leave
Footprints marked with grace.   Amen.

by Alicia Bruxvoort

God Bless you
**Revd Steve Spencer & Revd Rachel Winn**

**This Week Services**

**Sunday 26th March ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent:**
**St Augustine's Church:** Southborough Lane, Bickley, Bromley BR2 8AT.
**Holy Communion** ~ 10.00am
If you are unable to come this service will be Live-Streamed on our YouTube channel address: [https://youtube.com/channel/UCR70BiHHimXOLZpMSXV44IQ](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fst-augustines.us20.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D484cb96eebe8913fdb971589a%26id%3D89f7fbcbe3%26e%3Dd0aedad45f&data=05%7C01%7C%7C97eb1fcb6fde46ee87da08da243cb8f8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637862140468828692%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=WFc3J1ZBBuUyhgyKSC6yV5sw%2BEFUmMUs264loY88Ml0%3D&reserved=0)

**St Luke's Church**: Bromley Common, Bromley BR2 9RN.
**Holy Communion~ 5.30pm**
This service will not be live streamed.

**Collect**

Gracious Father,
you gave your Son
out of Love for the World:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

**Scripture Readings:**
**First Bible Reading:         John 11: 1-16**
**Second Bible Reading:     John 11: 17-45**

**Next Week Services**

**Sunday 2nd April ~ Palm Sunday:**
**St Augustine's Church** Southborough Lane, Bickley, Bromley BR2 8AT.
**Café Church** ~ 10.00am

**Next St Luke’s Services**

**Sunday 16th April~ Second Sunday of Easter:**
**Holy Communion** ~ 5.30pm

**PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES**

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**Daffodils on the Green (and on Mothering Sunday)Thank you!**
A big THANK YOU to Cathy Fyfield, who organised all the beautiful daffodil posies for us to distribute last weekend. These looked amazing, were gratefully received and had the added benefit of being environmentally-friendly. Cathy and Alan went 'the extra mile' and erected a gazebo to shelter us from the awful weather on the Saturday!  Thank you for everyone who took time to put these posies together for our community. A large team did this on the Thursday: Rupert, Marvia, Caroline, Linda, Chris Regas, Chris Case, Pauline Shockley, Amy, Johanna, Anne Bond and Alan Fyfield and on Friday: Maureen, John, Val, Anne Bond and Alan Fyfield. Thank you as well to Jayne-Anne Riley who kindly helped collect the daffodils on Wednesday last week.
Members of our Flower Guild, other helpers and the Thursday CAMEO group you really helped to bless many people.

**Share the Joy of Easter**
We do have wonderful selection of covers for Easter eggs and labels at the back of the church but if you have knitted some and not added them to the collection then please do so as soon as possible. This year we are offering them to groups of children who are connected in some way with St Augustine’s with St Luke’s and some adult groups who meet on our premises.  We really would like to encourage anyone reading this to Share the Joy of Easter in this way with neighbours and those around them of any age, friends and family members. Please take as many covers as you feel able to distribute.

**Save the date - Coronation**



**Scargill Movement**
The Scargill Movement has written thanking us for our annual donation of £750.  The Scargill Movement is a Christian Retreat and conference centre that whilst having a resident Christian community offers a wide range of Christian holidays, conference center's and retreats.  If you wish to find more about the movement please click [here](https://scargillmovement.org/).

**Electoral Roll**
The Church electoral roll contains the names and addresses of everyone who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). If you are not presently on the church Electoral Roll and think you might like to be, there are forms at the back of the Church.  Alternatively please speak to the church office staff or Steve, Rachel or Hilary to obtain a form to fill in.

**Diary - April**
Why not click on the link to download this and join us where you can. Find the April Diary [here](https://mcusercontent.com/484cb96eebe8913fdb971589a/files/cdf19f6d-b86b-6963-7810-41a47c74b965/April_2023.pdf).

**What is on this Week**
**Youth Connect - Easter Extravaganza.**
**Saturday 25th March from 7pm**
From Year 7 onward.  Come and join us for an Easter Treasure Hunt and lots of fun activities.

**The ARK Toddler Group**
**We resume on Wednesday 29 March -**10.00 ~ 11.30am
The Ark runs every Wednesday (term time only) at St Augustine's Church 10.00 - 11.30am. Please use the link below for Eventbrite each week, one ticket per child, tickets on a first come first served basis. If anyone is available to help us set up for our ARK session on Tuesday afternoons at 5pm, please let Helen know.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-augustines-with-st-lukes-church-35212875693>

 **WARM WELCOME SPACE and CAMEO**

**Thursday 23rd March ~ from 10.30am until 4.00pm**
Our Warm Welcome Space is for anyone who needs to keep warm during the energy crisis. Why not come along and meet new friends, work in a quiet space or just sit and read the newspaper!

**Lent Course ~ 'Holy Habits; following Jesus'**
We are enjoying our 6-week Lent Course and each session will be run 3 times a week, so as to offer people the chance to meet online, in person, on a week day or a weekend. The days and times are as follows:
**Thursdays 10.00am - 11.00am** ~ in person, St Augustine's chapel ~ led by Rev'd Steve or Rev'd Rachel
**Saturdays 10.00am ~ 11.00am** on Zoom ~ led by Verity Mitchell
**Tuesdays 7.30pm ~ 8.30pm** on Zoom ~ hosted by Nigel and Ann Pope (various leaders)
If you wish to join either of the Zoom meeting please click [here](https://zoom.us/j/8160181393#success) to access them.

**Dates For Your Diary**

**Midweek Holy Communion**
**Wednesday 12th April at 12 Noon**
Midweek Holy Communion in St Augustine's Church, will take place every second and fourth Wednesday of the month. This is held in the Chapel, and all are welcome.

**Forget me not Café**
**Tuesday 18th April at 1.30pm**
This a memory café for anyone with dementia, their families, carers and friends, run by members of the Bromley Common group of churches. For anyone who is needing support because of personal experience or concern about friends or family with dementia and especially for those suffering from dementia and their carers. You are welcome to come along for tea, coffee and cakes available plus a time to relax with a sing-song too.
We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 1.30 pm in the Garden Room.

**Charity and Community Updates**

# ****BROMLEY FOOD BANK ~ don't forget us!****



**The Food Bank has plenty of pasta, cereal, biscuits, Jaffa Cakes and tea.**

PLEASE DON'T SEND US FROZEN OR CHILLED ITEMS AS WE DON'T HAVE THE CORRECT STORAGE FOR IT AND IT SPOILS BEFORE WE CAN DISTRIBUTE IT

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL FOOD IS IN DATE BEFORE YOU DONATE IT.

**Keep in touch**

Though we are not all able to meet in person, we certainly don’t want anyone to feel isolated or alone. If you know anyone who might appreciate a call, do let us know by contacting the Vicar or emailing the Office.

We also have a prayer team and you can send in [prayer requests](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fst-augustines.us20.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D484cb96eebe8913fdb971589a%26id%3Da7a27560e6%26e%3Dd0aedad45f&data=05%7C01%7C%7C97eb1fcb6fde46ee87da08da243cb8f8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637862140468828692%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dk3frYmnaOC%2FQKRAbu3vyn4K4IA42ib5uXJA8Dd%2Bd80%3D&reserved=0) for yourself or others.

Lastly, if you know of someone who would like to receive our weekly newsletter, then forward this email to them and ask them to sign up [here](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fst-augustines.us20.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D484cb96eebe8913fdb971589a%26id%3Db1887815f4%26e%3Dd0aedad45f&data=05%7C01%7C%7C97eb1fcb6fde46ee87da08da243cb8f8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637862140468828692%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gG5WWbCBDvWNrYRaC0Rawyg7g6IResEQbu9ZpKRTDRk%3D&reserved=0)[.](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fst-augustines.us20.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3D484cb96eebe8913fdb971589a%26id%3Dcfbaa5abee%26e%3Dd0aedad45f&data=05%7C01%7C%7C97eb1fcb6fde46ee87da08da243cb8f8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637862140468828692%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2DXSNCK4Z0Ssuz4C3tOhJsqPc4l%2FIFFL3osakDAyG%2BI%3D&reserved=0)

**Love, prayers and the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you always.**

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You can donate online to **our bank details are 20-14-33  20772100.
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**Alternatively you can give via credit or debit card on our** [**Online Web Page**](https://st-augustines.us20.list-manage.com/track/click?u=484cb96eebe8913fdb971589a&id=0f84d70e28&e=ef9505b541)

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