

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, BROMLEY COMMON

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4th Sunday of Easter

Week commencing 3rd May 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
(Day Off Saturday)

Curate: Rev'd Kevin Cable
(Day Off Friday)

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. Morning Prayer + Baptism
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES:

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

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.

LUNCH – after the service of Holy Communion on the first Wednesday of every month.

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

PATHFINDERS – *Wednesday evenings*
7.15 pm - 8.30 pm. and on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Contact: Rev Kevin Cable.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP – every Wednesday during term time between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Contact: Viv Emery on 8402 1318.

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.

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY

8 a.m. Acts 4.5-12 (NT p 117)
John 10.11-18 (NT p100)
10 a.m. Acts 4.5-12 (NT p117)
John 10.11-18 (NT p100)
6.30 p.m. Exodus 16.4-15 (OT p64)
John 6.30-40 (NT p94)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

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

8 a.m. Acts 8.26-end (NT p123)
John 15.1-8 (NT p106)
10 a.m. Acts 8.26-end (NT p123)
John 15.1-8 (NT p106)
6.30 p.m. Psalm 96
Isaiah 60.1-14 (OT p700)
Rev 3.1-13 (NT p244)

Please pray for **Anna** and **Nicholas Prophet** and their children **Luka** and **Ella** as they prepare to leave for Australia. We pray that God will bless and be with them as they settle into their new life.

The Annual Parochial Church meeting was attended by nearly 50 people on 26 April and a list of the new PCC is on the board at the back. If you were not able to be there, there is also a folder on the table which contains the Churchwardens' Report and the Vicar's Report to the Parish. To attend an APCM you must be on the Electoral Roll - see Kathy if you need a form.

These are the questions from our **APCM** that we face as a church in the next 12 months:

1. **WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO OFFER HELP AND TRAINING FOR THE GIFTS THAT WILL GROW AND FEED OUR CHURCH?**
2. **IN WHAT AREA OF CHURCH LIFE DO WE MOST NEED HELP TODAY AND WHERE CAN WE GET IT FROM?**
3. **WHAT DO YOU THINK THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO OUR CHURCH ABOUT OUR FUTURE DIRECTION AND GROWTH?**
4. **WHERE DO WE SEE GOD'S HAND AT WORK IN OUR CHURCH – WHAT MAKES US OPTIMISTIC AND EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE?**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th – 16th May



Does the thought of doing a house-to-house collection make you feel nervous? Me too! However the money is

much needed in many parts of the world, so please give it a try. **Volunteers are also needed for the High Street collection on Saturday 16th May.** Contact Rob Hutchings 020 8467 8726.

Job Security in a Global Economy – thinking about your future.

Speaker – Paul Valler

Saturday 16th May at St. Stephen's Church, Tonbridge

9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

See poster on notice board at back of church.

The Gregarian Society

Thursday 14th May at 8.00 p.m. in the Garden Room.

'Food from Shakespeare's Time'
(with tasters!)

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has very generously donated gifts to *Bromley Welcare*. We have now fulfilled our commitment for this year. A newsletter is available on the notice board at back of church.

Claire & Helen continue to make progress but there have been hiccups. Guy's have it all under control!

POP-IN PARLOUR every Tuesday in the Garden



Room 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon. Delicious home-made cakes to enjoy. Everyone welcome.

MEET A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND, MAKE A FRIEND!

'Belief in Dementia'

Friday 15th May

10.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

at Canterbury Cathedral, Chapter House.

Please see notice on board at back of church.



CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION – let the light shine

Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th May 2009

Experience the best ideas for *being, a doing* and changing church. Please see notice board for more information.

Halstead & District Horticultural Society

invites you to a *HALSTEAD VILLAGE GARDEN SAFARI* to raise funds for St. Margaret's Church, Halstead and West Kent & Bromley Alzheimers Society on Sunday 31st May 2009 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Please see poster at back of church.



Newsletter from the Kenward Trust is on the notice board at back of church.

Please remember to pick up your Rochester Link from the back of the church.

For those who attended the MU meeting last Tuesday, the following website link will be of interest. It is an article about the village of Jish in Northern Israel where they are trying keep the Aramaic language alive.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/faitharticle/6074571.ece>.

ROCHESTER THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Saturday 23rd May from 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at Diocesan Office, St. Nicholas Church Rochester. Please see notice board for the Programme.

JUST A THOUGHT

When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.