

The Parish of Broxbourne with Wormley
Pews News Notice Sheet
3rd Sunday of Advent



St Laurence ~ **A Fair Trade Parish** ~ St Augustine's
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**A very warm welcome to any visitors today; please
feel free to stay for refreshments afterwards.**

Parish Services Today ~ 15th December 2019

8am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Augustine's
9.30am	<i>Holy Communion with Sunday School</i>	<i>St Laurence</i>
9.30am	Morning Worship with Children's Church	St Augustine's
11am	Holy Communion with Children's Church	St Augustine's
6pm	The Evening Service	St Augustine's

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 35: 1-10 (p 682), John 1: 29-34 (p 1004)

Readers next week: *Una Davies, Geoff Lee, Charlotte Ward and
TBA for Crib Service*

Collect Prayer 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.



Hearing loop in both churches

Prayer for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

All: God our Father,

you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John.
He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,
and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.

Help us, who have been baptized into Christ, to be ready to welcome him
into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.
Amen.

Next Sunday ~ 22nd December

8am Holy Communion (CW)

St Augustine's

9.30am *Family Communion*

St Laurence

11am **Crib Service for All Ages**

St Augustine's

6.30pm **Nine Lessons and Carols**

St Laurence

PARISH NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 15TH DECEMBER 2019

Church Christmas Cards. Thank you for taking the packs of cards; please remember to deliver them this week if you haven't already done so, in order that our community knows when the Christmas services are.

Thank you!

Embrace The Middle East Alternative Christmas Card is at the back of the church. If you want to go green and use this instead of writing lots of individual cards, please sign it & make a donation to Embrace. More efficient and there won't be lots of unclaimed cards in church in the New Year! Please don't leave cards in church for people to collect. Thank you.

A Bell Peal will be rung on the evening of Tuesday 17th December in memory of Eglantine Jebb, who founded Save the Children Fund in 1919. There will be a retiring collection today for Save the Children Fund to celebrate the centenary of the charity.



Tuesday@2 Christmas Lunch is on 17th December at Bushby Hall, Wharf Rd, Wormley.

🎵 Carols at the Crown. Please come and join the augmented choir in singing some carols in the pub on Tuesday 17th December from 7.30pm onwards (usually until about 9pm). All welcome, even if you just come and listen and enjoy the atmosphere!



Residential Homes Christmas Celebration 10:30 Wormley Court, 11:15 The Hollies, 11:45 St Catharine's Home, Wed 18th Dec. All welcome!

Foodbank. Thank you to those who have brought items for Foodbank recently.

Bereavement Support Group Meets for a cuppa on Wednesday 18th December at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre; all welcome whether recently bereaved or not.

♪ **Christmas Choir Rehearsals.** The next rehearsal is at **St Laurence** this Friday, 20th December at 7.30pm. Don't worry if you have missed one, just come! *John Hyde, Parish Organist & Choir Master.*

Helpers Needed to assemble the orders of service for Broxbourne's Carols by Candlelight. Please come on Friday 20th December at 10.30am to the Parish Centre. Coffee & biscuits provided for helpful elves! *Thank you, Lynda Dray*

HABS: Helping Families in our Community. Thank you very much to those who have generously given to HABS recently. HABS is currently appealing for toys for 0-12 month olds, gift sets for age 11+ boys and girls and store vouchers, which will be used to buy Christmas presents. Please bring any vouchers to the Parish Office asap and Crystal Martin will collect. *Thank you!*

Wormley & Turnford Big Local Christmas Event. 6-9pm, Friday 20th December at the Wormley Community Centre, Fairfield Drive, EN10 6DX. There will be Santa's Grotto, food & bar, fairtrade tea & coffee, balloon modelling, live music & DJ. Bring your family & friends, entry is free, donations welcome though!

Expenses Claims. If any PCC members have outstanding expense claims please could you submit them as soon as possible, and I will endeavour to get them paid before year end. *Many thanks Liz.*

Winter Night Shelter. Volunteer drivers are needed on a Saturday morning to collect the beds from the previous venue and bring them to St Augustine's. Call Jill Nugent on 07757 811050 if you can help or if you have any questions.

The Annual Christian Aid Quiz. Have you got yours yet? Available from Geoff Green, Debbie Bartlett and Kathleen Lord. This year's theme is Garden Gadgets. Suggested donation £1. Results in the New Year.

Parish Tea-towels. A few tea-towels are still available, price £4, suitable to send as Christmas presents! Contact Una Davies (441363).

Prayer Meetings: St Augustine's Church – Monday & Friday meetings are back on this week at 9.15am. Tuesdays 9am at the Vicarage and Wednesdays 1.15pm at St Augustine's on as usual this week.

Please pray for

- Those known to us needing prayer for health issues, especially Grant Fensome, Mary Sales, John Bailey John Morton and Sylvia Hall.
- Those recently bereaved, especially the Clayton and Instone families.

St Laurence Notices

Carol Service. Please spread the word about our traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which is at 6.30pm next Sunday, 22nd December. It's always a lovely service to invite people to – don't forget to bring a torch!

New Rotas for 2020 are ready and are available in church, please make sure you get your copy from Chris or Linda. *Thanks Lynda.*

Thursday Prayer Walks. All are welcome to join the prayer walk starting at Wharf Road 9am **approx. half an hour.**

St Augustine's Notices

Traidcraft Stall Today after all the morning services at St Augustine's; please come and stock up on fairtrade items before Christmas.

Crib Service for All Ages is next Sunday at 11am. Please note there is no 9.30am service that day as all families are invited to the Crib Service.

Children's Church at 9.30am needs some more helpers; if you can help now and then, please see Naomi Fensome. Thank you!

Christmas Services 2019



Sunday 22nd December

11am	Family Crib Service	St Augustine's
6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	St Laurence

Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

2.30pm	All Age Christmas Crib Service	St Laurence
2.30pm	Carols by Candlelight (child-friendly)	St Augustine's
4pm	Carols by Candlelight (child-friendly)	St Augustine's
6.30pm	Traditional Carols by Candlelight	St Augustine's
11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas	<i>Both churches</i>

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

9.15am	Family Communion	St Laurence
10.30am	Family Communion	St Augustine's

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Broxbourne Primary School Applications.

The school's admissions criteria are clearly set out in the blue school information leaflets, available from the school and in church. **Please ensure you check these. Any enquiries should be directed to the school.** At St Augustine's the church attendance books for signing are available after the 9.30 and 11.00 services in the Parish Centre. If you're attending an 8.00 or 18.00 service, please speak to the minister afterwards.

At St Laurence it is at the back of church, on the table beside the font.