

The Parish of Broxbourne with Wormley

# Pews News Notice Sheet

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



St Laurence ~ **A Fair Trade Parish** ~ St Augustine's

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Registered Charity No. 1130305

**A very warm welcome to everyone today,  
both visitors and regulars.**

### **Parish Services Today ~ 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

9.30am *Christingle Family Service*

*St Laurence*

11am *Christingle Family Service*

*St Augustine's*

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***Reading today*** ~ *John 1: 1-5 (p 1004)*

***Readers next week*** ~ *Geoff Lee, Neville Townsend, Linda Hood,  
Lynda Dray and Pat Morton*

### **Collect Prayer for today**

Almighty God,

as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Hearing loop in both churches

## Prayer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Minister:** Lord God, you sent Jesus to bring light into the world. We pray for those whose world is dark. Lord of all light,

**All:** **Bring your light into their darkness.**

**Minister:** For those who have never heard of your Son Jesus, and for those who refuse to listen to the good news of his birth. Lord of all light,

**All:** **Bring your light into their darkness. Lord, make us shine as lights for you, bringing our love and care for those whose world is dark. For the sake of Jesus, the Light of the World. Amen.**

## Next Sunday ~ 8<sup>th</sup> December

8am Holy Communion

St Augustine's

9.30am *Holy Communion*

St Laurence

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## PARISH NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024

**Thank You** to all who kindly donated oranges & sweets for today's Christingles and to those who prepared them.

**Christmas Card Distribution.** Please pick up a pack of cards (or two!) from the back of church and deliver them to your street, or one nearby, to inform our local community about our Christmas services. You can also drop in to St Augustine's during the week if you are passing one morning and collect packs from there. Packs organized by street. *Please help!*

**Advent Reflections** are available to read and listen to from the Everyday Faith app, see the Church of England website. There is also an online Advent calendar to click on as part of the Follow the Star theme, see <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/advent-calendar>

**Families this Advent** are invited to join the Cheeky Pandas, and 'paws' quietly together and pray. <https://cheekypandas.com/christmas>

**Tuesday@2** meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Bushby Hall, Wharf Rd, Wormley. All are welcome to come for various activities, games, refreshments and companionship. It's FREE!

**PCC Meeting** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre.

**Wednesday Afternoon Group Meets** on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the Parish Centre for a talk by Dorothy Blatcher. All welcome.

**♪ Hoddesdon's Big Carol Sing ♪**. There will be another opportunity to sing carols at the Clock Tower, Hoddesdon on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. All welcome to join in!

🎵 **Join the Augmented Parish Choir** for either or both carol services (22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at St Laurence, 24<sup>th</sup> Dec at St Augustine's.) The next choir rehearsal is **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at 18 Roslyn Close, Broxbourne**. Children & adults are all welcome. If you would like to join the fun, please contact **John Hyde**, parish organist & choirmaster, on (01992) 465509, [hydehaven@ntlworld.com](mailto:hydehaven@ntlworld.com) or at the organ console at either church.

**Did You Know?** Our churches are on Facebook and Instagram. Please have a look out for details of Christmas services, like and share!

**The Christian Aid 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quiz** on the theme of Silver is now available in church from today, so please buy your copy from Kathleen Lord, Geoff Green or Iris Banerjee. Regular quizzers will notice we have a change of style this year! £1 to Christian Aid per quiz, donations very welcome too.



**Rotas for Next Year.** If you'd like to join the reading rota for any of our morning services (8am, 11am at St Augustine's or 9.30am at St Laurence), please contact Lynda Dray in the Parish Office as soon as possible, as it will soon be time to draw up the new rotas for next year. The commitment is not onerous, generally three or four times a year, but can be more or less.

**HABS Christmas Appeal.** Once again, we'd like to support HABS, who are based at Wormley Primary School, with their appeal to help local families who struggle at this time of year. If you'd like to purchase an item from their Amazon wishlist, the link is here: <https://amzn.eu/ah9GuHi>

Items can be delivered straight to HABS at Wormley school, EN10 6QA.

They also have a GoFundMe page for donations for Christmas meals:

<https://gofund.me/86485e51>

See posters on noticeboards for details. Each parcel they send includes a list of the organisations that have supported the appeal.

**Helpers for Messy Church** - The next Messy Church at Wormley School is on Tuesday 10th December at 3pm-5.15pm. If anyone can come along and help out that would be great please, either in the kitchen or on some of the crafts. Please speak to Sarah Welch 07939 122750 or [sarahjwelch24@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjwelch24@gmail.com) for more details.

🎵 **Christmas Around the World.** Enjoy a festive international musical tour with the Broxbourne Community Choir & the Children's Choir of St Augustine's Hoddesdon. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm at Christ Church, Ware, SG12 7BS. Tickets are £10 for Adults with children under 16 FREE. Raffle with proceeds going to Mudlarks, a local charity supporting adults with learning disabilities and mental health concerns.

**Foodbank.** Can you bring a tin, a jar or UHT milk for Broxbourne Foodbank? Seasonal food donations welcomed until 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you to those who bring items for Foodbank.

**Roundabout Magazine.** December issue out now. Don't forget you can pick up a copy of the parish magazine in church as you enter/leave, it's full of local information and is a bargain at just 50p!

**Limited Access** to St Augustine's Church in the next two weeks while Broxbourne Primary rehearse and hold their Christmas performances.

**Prayers at 1:15pm** on Thursday 5th and 12th will still take place. Do join us as a listener or participant. We finish no later than 2pm.

**Asylum Seekers Need** warm coats, umbrellas, baby clothes, toys, colouring books. Please place donations in the dedicated box under the Children's Church activities board in church. *Thank you.*

**Please pray for**

- Those known to us needing prayer for health issues.
- Those families recently bereaved.

**St Laurence Notices**

**Refreshments** will be served after today's service and you are very welcome to stay for a cuppa and a chat.

**Sunday School** is on a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays are Family Communion services; of course, families are welcome any week though!

**St Augustine's Notices**

**Refreshments Today** after the service, please come to the Parish Centre for a cuppa!

**Lost Property?** Have you lost a ladies' black velour jacket/cardigan? It was found outside the Vicarage and is in the Parish Centre waiting for its owner.

**Flourish!** Our new Children's Group Flourish will be on **each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of the month. Our Family Services will continue to be on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays. Families welcome any week obviously!

**Children Church Helpers.** If you'd like to take a turn occasionally helping in the children's groups, especially as we are trying to increase our provision for children's activities, please let Judith, Sam or Lynda know. Children's Church helpers are DBS checked.

**Broxbourne Primary School Applications.**

Please check information about the school's admissions criteria on the school's website. Any enquiries should be directed to the school. **Please make sure you sign in on the sheets with your full name and phone number, every time you come in to either St Augustine's or St Laurence.**

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