

The Parish of Broxbourne with Wormley

Pews News Notice Sheet

4th Sunday of Advent



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

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**A very warm welcome to everyone today,
We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas.**

Parish Services Today ~ 22nd December 2024

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Augustine's
9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	St Laurence
11am	Christmas Crib Service for all ages	St Augustine's
6.30pm	<i>Nine Lessons with Carols</i>	St Laurence

Readings today ~ Hebrews 10: 5-10 (p 1142) & Luke 1: 39-55 (p 969)

No readers next week ~ no parish service on 29th.

Readers on 5th Jan ~ John Shepperd and Judith Hyde

Collect Prayer 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.



Hearing loop in both churches

Prayer for the 4th 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 feel unloved, rejected or worthless, Lord of all light,

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



Christmas Services in the Parish

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	St Augustine's

Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

9am	Holy Communion	St Laurence
10.30am	Family Communion	St Augustine's

Next Sunday ~ 29th December

NO services in this parish on this day, however there is a joint New River Group Service at St Cuthbert's, Rye Park at 10am.

Sunday 5th January 2025

9.30am	Family Communion	St Laurence
11am	Family Service	St Augustine's

PARISH NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 22ND DECEMBER 2024

Christmas Cards. Thank you very much to those who delivered cards.

Please Note – there will be NO services in this parish on Sunday 29th December; this is an amendment from what is in Roundabout magazine. Instead, there is a joint New River Group service at St Cuthbert's, Rye Park at 10am and all are welcome to attend.

Please Note the Parish Office will be closed from tomorrow for Christmas and New Year and will open again on Friday 3rd January.

Publicity. Our churches are on Facebook and Instagram. Please have a look out for details of Christmas services, like and share!

No Thursday Prayer Meeting on 26th December or 2nd January. It will re-start on 9th January at 1.15pm at St Augustine's.

The Christian Aid 25th Anniversary Quiz. If you have not yet purchased a copy (just £1) please contact Kathleen directly on: 01992 464000 or by email: kathleentlord@aol.com To be in with the chance of a prize, don't forget to return your completed entries by Monday 6th January 2025. *Thank you!*



Are You a Budding Flower Arranger? Please tell Lynda Dray ASAP if you'd like to have an annual turn on the flower rota next year. You don't have to be an expert!

New Rotas for Next Year. The new rotas will be out imminently, so keep a lookout!

HABS Christmas Appeal. Thank you to all who have supported the HABS Appeal this year.

🎵 Carol Service for Epiphany. Saturday 4th January at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Ware, featuring Cambridge Fundraising Choir. Tickets available on the door (pay as you feel), fundraising in aid of Cancer Research UK's Brain Tumour Research. So far, the choir made up of professional and amateur singers has raised over £15,000 for this cause.

Wednesday Afternoon Group. 2pm in the Parish Centre: all are invited to January 8th New Year's Party (please bring a contribution of food and a wrapped gift, no more than £5 in value).

Parish Lunch on 19th January 2025: As is traditional, January's parish lunch will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Please bring desserts to share as usual. Book in with Kathleen Lord by Thursday 16th January, please. Hope to see you there! Kathleen 01992 464000.

Churches Together Service of Prayer and Unity. 7pm 26th January at St Augustine's Church. We are hosting this service. Please come and be part of a warm welcome to our fellow Christians. We shall unite in hearing God's word, reflecting on it, singing God's praises and praying for each church's needs and hopes. In Christ. If you would like a lift: please contact Judith Hyde on 01992 465509 / hydehaven@ntlworld.com

Foodbank. Can you bring a tin, a jar or UHT milk for Broxbourne Foodbank? Sincere thanks to all who have donated food over this past year.

Roundabout Magazine. 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!

Please pray for

- Those who find this time of year difficult or sad.
- Those known to us needing prayer for health issues, especially Sue Stapley and Hilary Slade.
- Those recently bereaved, especially the family of the late Sue Ambridge.

St Laurence Notices

Traditional Carols by Candlelight TONIGHT at 6.30pm – please tell those who enjoy this beautiful service of nine lessons and carols with the choir and remember to bring a torch for walking along Church Lane!

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 3rd Sunday. 1st 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!

Flourish! Our new Children's Group Flourish will be on **each 2nd and 3rd Sunday** of the month. Our Family Services will continue to be on 1st 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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