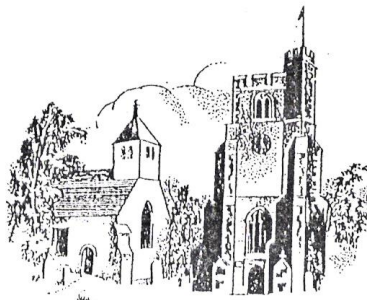


The Parish of Broxbourne with Wormley  
**Pews News Notice Sheet**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**



St Laurence ~ **A Fair Trade Parish** ~ St Augustine's  
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**A very warm welcome to everyone,  
both visitors and regulars.**

**Parish Services Today ~ 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

9.30am Holy Communion

St Laurence

11am Holy Communion

St Augustine's

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**Readings today** ~ Psalm 25: 1-9 (p 534) & Mark 1: 9-15 (p 947)

**Readers next week** ~ Kay Braithwaite, Sue Stapley, Angus Bunyan,  
Irene Fleetwood and Mandy Wheelhouse

**Collect Prayer for today**

Heavenly Father,

your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:

help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may  
witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Hearing loop in both churches

## **Next Sunday ~ 25<sup>th</sup> February**

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Augustine's
9.30am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>St Laurence</i>
11am	Holy Communion	St Augustine's

## **PARISH NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**Parish Lunch** is today at 12.45pm in the Parish Centre.

**PCC Meeting** – is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre.

**Bereavement Support Group Meets** on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2.30-4pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to drop in to this friendly group for a cuppa and chat, no matter how long ago the bereavement. The group meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Please take a flyer from church if you'd like one as a reminder.

**Lent Course Starts 26<sup>th</sup> February.** Local churches are working together to do the Christian Aid Lent Course called Action on Poverty. People from any church will be welcome. It will be held in the Ark Room, (upstairs in the Hunt Room, the Hall opposite St Catherine and St Pauls Church, Hoddesdon). Coffee at 7.15pm, finishing promptly at 9pm. See posters in church for details and please tell Jackie Gifford if you'd like to go (01992 462127) to give them an idea of numbers.

**Watch & Pray Lent Reflections.** If you'd like a daily Lent reflection, you can sign up to receive them by either getting the Watch and Pray app, asking your smart speaker for the Church of England's daily Lent reflection, or you can go on the Church of England's website and sign up to receive them by email.

**World Day of Prayer.** The services will be held on **Friday 1st March**, in the morning at 11am St Cuthbert's Church, followed by lunch, and in the evening **7.30pm at St Laurence**. We shall hear what it is like to live in Palestine and share their hopes for the future. This service is powerful and gives us an opportunity for us to join with Christians worldwide, who will be using exactly the same service. Let's fill our cars and come together to put peace into eachothers' hands. If you'd like a lift, please contact Judith 465509 / [hydehaven@ntlworld.com](mailto:hydehaven@ntlworld.com)

**Mothers' Union Lent Lunch.** There will be a lunch at midday on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Barclay Hall by Hoddesdon Parish Church.

**♪ Hymn Requests.** Do you have a favourite hymn you'd like the choir to sing during communion? Please tell John or a member of the choir and they'll try to oblige!

**Hoedown for YoungLife!** Hoddesdon Baptist Church, EN11 8HX are hosting a charity hoedown for YoungLife International on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 6-9pm. *Tickets in advance only* £12 adults, £9 under 18s, £35 family ticket, includes food, drink and snacks. Scan the QR code on the poster or email [vcramphorn@ylinternational.org](mailto:vcramphorn@ylinternational.org)

**Bishop Alan's Open Garden.** The Bishop of St Albans will be opening his garden on four Sundays in February and March for people to come and look at the display of snowdrops. The two acres of garden is an oasis in central St Albans and only open to the public on selected Sundays in the spring and the summer. Spring opening days are 18<sup>th</sup> February, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> March. Entrance is £5 per person (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome. Footwear suitable for the time of year is advised. All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.

Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HS.

**Would You Like a Real Easter Egg?** Judith has 18 to sell at £4.50 each. The Meaningful Chocolate Company was founded when David Marshall was unable to find an Easter egg which mentioned the Christian story of Easter. The Real Easter Egg has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made from Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable causes. Interested? Please contact Judith to buy one (465509).

**Ash's Licensing Service** will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at St Augustine's Church.

**Girlguiding.** Herts County Girlguiding needs new adult helpers. Were you once a guide? Do you want to put something back? To find out more, please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)  
Or email [volunteer@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk)

**Would You Like to Help at Church?** There are many ways you can volunteer, please let Ash, a churchwarden or Lynda know if you'd like to find out more about helping occasionally and they can point you in the right direction. For example, you could be a welcomer, help make the post-service coffees, sweep out the pews, sing in the choir, help with occasional maintenance jobs like weeding, join a nursing home service monthly, or help at Children's Church. All the activities we put on rely on a few willing people and we couldn't do these things without them, so we'd love to hear from you!

**Parish Magazine.** Don't forget you can pick up a copy of 'Roundabout' from the back of church for just 50p. Full of local information, plus other articles, including the interesting 'God in the Sciences' series.

**Broxbourne Foodbank.** Please bring a tin or jar for the Foodbank if you can. There is a box at the back of each church for donated items, which is emptied regularly.

**Saving Stamps?** Jan Taylor collects used stamps and sends them off to Great Ormond Street Hospital, where they are much appreciated. There is a drawer inside the entrance to the Parish Centre where you can drop off your stamps.

**Please pray for**

- Those known to us needing prayer for health issues.
- Those recently bereaved, especially the families of the late Joy Hayden (Spriggs), Shirley Lamb, Ron Osborne and Brian Hurry.

**St Augustine's Notices**

**Please Note** there is NO 6pm service next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**Children's Church** is on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Children come to the Parish Centre during the first hymn and return before the end of the service. New children are very welcome to come and try it. Next one next Sunday!

**St Laurence Notices**

**Sunday School** is on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, new children are very welcome.

**The Next Family Communion Service** on 3<sup>rd</sup> March will be a joint service when Wormley Free Church come to worship with us at 9.30am.

**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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