

The Parish of Broxbourne with Wormley

Pews News Notice Sheet

2nd 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 ~ 8th December 2024

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| 8am | Holy Communion | St Augustine's |
| 9.30am | <i>Holy Communion</i> | <i>St Laurence</i> |
| 11am | Holy Communion | St Augustine's |

Readings today ~ *Philippians 1: 3-11 (p 1113) & Luke 1: 68-79 (p 970)*

Readers next week ~ *Susan Shepperd, Marion Kenny and Allison Lacey-Norris*

Collect Prayer for today

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and Saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our
Lord and our God. Amen.



Hearing loop in both churches

Prayer for the 2nd 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 do not have a home of their own because of poverty, war or disaster. 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 ~ 15th December

9.30am Holy Communion

St Laurence

11am Holy Communion

St Augustine's

PARISH NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 8TH DECEMBER 2024

Thank You to all who kindly donated to the collection for The Children's Society last week at the Christingle Service. A total of **£316.31** was raised at both churches and will be sent to the Children's Society.

Christmas Card Packs. 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!*

Limited Access to St Augustine's Church next week while Broxbourne Primary School rehearse and hold their Christmas performances.

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>

♫ Still Time to Join the Augmented Parish Choir for either or both carol services (22nd Dec at St Laurence, 24th Dec at St Augustine's.) The next choir rehearsal is **Friday 13th 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 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 25th Anniversary Quiz on the theme of Silver is now available in church, 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. The commitment is not onerous, generally three or four times a year, but can be more or less.

Are You a Budding Flower Arranger? Likewise, please tell Lynda Dray ASAP if you'd like to have an annual turn on the flower rota next year.

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/ah9GuHj> 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.

Messy Church at Wormley Primary School. Tuesday 10th December at 2.45pm-5.15pm. Please speak to Sarah Welch (07939 122750) if you can help in the kitchen or with crafts, sarahjwelch24@gmail.com for more details. Judith Hyde would welcome help on the **Prayer Corner**. All resources provided. Please email or phone to let Judith know if you can help. (465509).

Foodbank. Can you bring a tin, a jar or UHT milk for Broxbourne Foodbank? Seasonal food donations welcomed until 16th 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!

Prayers at 1:15pm on Thursday 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 any 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.

Traditional Carols by Candlelight will be on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm – please tell those who enjoy this beautiful service and remember to bring a torch for walking along Church Lane!

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.

Christmas Services in the Parish



Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

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| 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

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

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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