

The Parish of Broxbourne with Wormley

# Pews News Notice Sheet

## 2<sup>nd</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 ~ 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

9.30am *Holy Communion*

*St Laurence*

11am *Holy Communion*

*St Augustine's*

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**Readings today** ~ *Philippians 4: 4-7 (p 1115) & Luke 3: 7-18 (p 972)*

**Readers next week** ~ *Una Davies, Geoff Lee, Maryanne Tully,  
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

**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 are hungry because of famine or the greed of others, 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.**

### Next Sunday ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> December

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

## PARISH NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

**Please Help!** Please pick up a pack of Christmas cards 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. Thank you to those who have already delivered cards.

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

♪ **The Next Choir Rehearsal** is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at **St Laurence Church** (NOT at 18 Roslyn Close). [hydehaven@ntlworld.com](mailto:hydehaven@ntlworld.com) or at the organ console at either church.

**Please Note** – there will be NO services in this parish on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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>

**The Christian Aid 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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!

**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.

**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 all 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 19<sup>th</sup> December. Do join us as a listener or participant. We finish no later than 2pm. No prayer meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> December or 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**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 or ask Judith if you can't see the box. *Thank you.*

**Please pray for**

- Ocean & Angel Rowlingson being baptized today and for their parents and godparents.
- Those who find this time of year difficult or sad.
- Those known to us needing prayer for health issues.
- Those 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 next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 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!

**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!

**Don't Forget** - next Sunday at 11am is the Christmas Crib Service, suitable for all ages. Feel free to come dressed as a shepherd, angel or king, or just wear some tinsel. Come and sing some carols!

**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.



#### **Christmas Services in the Parish**

##### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

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.**

#### **Contacts**

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