

## **ADVENT CANDLES**

### **Advent Hymn:**

Christmas is coming,  
the Church is glad to sing,  
and let the Advent Candles  
brightly burn in a ring.

The third is for the Baptist,  
who cried "prepare the way,  
be ready for Jesus,  
both this and every day"

Christmas is coming .....

### **Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare  
for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day  
Help us to be ready to welcome you now

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### **GROUPS**

Group 2 is on duty next Sunday  
Group 3 on 28<sup>th</sup> December  
Group 1 on 4<sup>th</sup> January

### **NEXT SUNDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> December, Advent 4**

9.15 a.m.

Sidespersons: G & R Cavanagh  
Parish Breakfast: G Pestell, J Enticknap  
Servers: Team 1  
Prayers: Kevin Devey  
Readings: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16  
Advent 4 Year B Romans 16: 25-27  
Page 403 Luke 1: 26-38

11 o'clock service

Sidespersons: P & G Mole  
Sunday School "Splash" (3-8s)

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## **T H E**

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The weekly news sheet of the Parish of  
St Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury.

### **14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2008 ADVENT 3**

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### **WELCOME!**

#### **TODAY'S SERVICES**

#### **9.15 a.m. PARISH EUCHARIST**

Children's service takes place in the Church Hall.  
The Choir Vestry is available throughout the service  
for small children (plus parent) if needed. Baby  
changing facilities are available in the disabled  
toilet.

Refreshments are served in the hall after the  
service. Everyone is very welcome.

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Notices and first hymn

Service begins: ..... p.167  
Collect: ..... p.377  
Readings: ..... see separate sheet  
..... or p.399 in lectionary  
After the Sermon, the Creed ..... p.173  
Intercessions and Peace ..... p.174/175  
Eucharistic Prayer ..... p.176/177  
(Text p.188 'B')  
Lord's Prayer ..... p.178  
After Communion ..... p.182

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#### **11.00 a.m. 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE**

The order of service is on the service sheet. The  
service is for all ages. There is no Sunday School or  
crèche, but the choir vestry is available for small  
children (plus parent) if needed.  
Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall after  
the Service.

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#### **2.30 p.m. SCOUTS DISTRICT CAROL SERVICE**

#### **4.00 p.m. - FAITH & LIGHT 6.00 p.m.**

#### **7.30 p.m. CONCERT BY "CANTATA"**

Would all worshippers please make sure that they  
are familiar with the evacuation plan displayed in  
Church, and note that there are no fire exits at the  
altar end of the Church

## DIARY

### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – ADVENT 3

- 9.15 a.m. PARISH FAMILY EUCHARIST  
Children's Service in Hall  
11.00 a.m. 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE  
2.30 p.m. SCOUTS DISTRICT CAROL  
SERVICE  
4.00 p.m. FAITH & LIGHT  
-6.00 p.m.  
7.30 p.m. CONCERT BY "CANTATA"

### MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

- 8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9.00 a.m. Meads School Christmas Service

### TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

- 9.30 a.m. Eucharist

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

- 12.30 p.m. Faith & Light Carol Service  
7.30 p.m. Eucharist

### THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

- 7.30 p.m. Luton Choral Society Carol Concert  
8.00 p.m. Prayer Group (House Communion)

### FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

- 7.30 p.m. Games & Hobbies

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER – ADVENT 4

- 9.15 a.m. PARISH FAMILY EUCHARIST  
"Splash" (3-8s) in Church Hall  
11.00 a.m. CHRISTINGLE SERVICE  
6.30 p.m. CAROL SERVICE  
Followed by Coffee & Mince Pies

## PRAYER GROUPS

Meeting dates: 18<sup>th</sup> December, 8.00 p.m. at 25 Brompton Close (House Communion), 5<sup>th</sup> January 2.00 p.m. at 40 Bramingham Road, 6<sup>th</sup> January 8.00 p.m. at Barton Rectory, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 8.00 p.m. at 42 Swasedale Road.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

There will be a number of concerts in Church over the next few weeks leading up to Christmas, as follows:

- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December Cantata (Pay at Door)  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December Luton Choral Society

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (afternoon) - "Faith & Light" Carol Service  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 6.30 p.m. Carol Service  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec., 4.30 p.m. Crib Service  
11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec., 10.00 a.m. Christmas Morning Communion

## CAROL SERVICE

Our much loved annual Carol Service will be taking place next Sunday at 6.30 p.m. We hope that you will come, and invite your friends and neighbours to this service to which many people in our local community enjoy coming, and sharing with us in coffee and mince pies afterwards. Donations of mince pies would be very welcome.

## FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you for all the generous donations given during the past year for flowers in Church. As we begin Advent, we hope your support will continue for Christmas Flowers. Your donations will be much appreciated, and may be given to anyone on the flower rota.  
*Chris Eyles*

## TO OUR SERVERS

We would like to have a meeting of the servers, today, after the 9.15 a.m. service, to look at the robes.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE

Nothing special to do? On your own? Why not join Rod & Sandra in the Church Hall for an evening of refreshment, and entertainment. Tickets £6.00 adults, £3.00 children, proceeds to Church Funds/Kitchen Repair Fund. Please sign up on the list on the notice board outside the hall door, so we can see if there are enough people interested to make it viable.

## JUMBLE SALE

We will be holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

## FAITH & LIGHT CAROL SERVICE

Our annual carol service for people of all abilities is on this coming Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at 12.30 p.m. This is a very special day for our friends with learning disabilities, so please do come along and join in. All are welcome. We also need some more helpers for the activities.

## THANK YOU

Bessie, Jenny and Peter Papworth would like to thank everyone for their prayer support and kind thoughts during Bessie's recent stay in hospital and convalescence.

## CHURCHWARDEN

Members of St Augustine's will be sad to learn that David Read has resigned as our Churchwarden. On behalf of St Augustine's, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for his services to our Church.  
*Geoffrey Calvert*