

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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We extend a warm welcome to everyone today, especially to any visitors. Please feel free to stay for refreshments.

Parish Services Today ~ 18th December 2016

8am	Holy Communion (CW)	St Augustine's
9.30am	Holy Communion with Sunday School	St Laurence
11am	All Age Crib Service	St Augustine's
6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight	St Laurence

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 35: 1-10 (p 682), Matthew 11: 2-11 (p 923)

*Readers next week: Neville Townsend, Judith Hyde, Liz Clayton,
Thomas Wheelhouse and Jennifer Quarshie*

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

**All: God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother
of your Son. Though Mary was afraid, she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you, to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.
Amen.**

Next Sunday ~ Christmas Day

9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP Said)	St Laurence
10.30am	Christmas Family Communion	St Augustine's

PARISH NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 18TH DECEMBER 2016

Please Check at the back of church or vestibule; there may be some Christmas cards for YOU!

♫ Christmas Choir. The final choir rehearsal will be today at 4pm at St Laurence (before the carol service itself).

The Parish Choir are carol-singing at The Crown from 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th December. Members of the congregation are very welcome to come along and join in some of the carols.



Can You Help to assemble orders of service for Broxbourne's Carols by Candlelight? Please come Wednesday 21st December at 10.30am to the Parish Centre. Coffee & biscuits provided for helpful elves!

Alternative Christmas Card is at the back of both churches for you to sign and send greetings to all the church congregation in one go. Please then put your donation into the box for the charity Embrace.

Collection Boxes. To support the charity Embrace in another way, please take a box from church and return it in the New Year. We're hoping the box will be a magnet for loose change over the next couple of weeks!

Financial Help Needed: We are looking for some help with our parish finances. Are you a chartered accountant, or do you know of one in our congregation? If so, please could you let Charles know.

KEEPABEAT Give a Gift Campaign. Please look at keepabeat.com Give a Gift Campaign. You can find out about the donation, collection and distribution of new toys to children in local hospitals. There are various 'drop-off' points. Apologies for the short notice but donations need to be received by 19th December. Thank you, Liz Chapman.

Bereavement Support Group. A reminder that the group meets on every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre and all are welcome whether bereaved recently or longer ago. Come for a cup of tea and a chat. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 21st December.**

Residential Homes Christmas Services. Wed 21st December, 2pm at St Catherine's Home, 2.30pm at The Hollies and 3pm at Wormley Court, where we will be joined by Wormley Free Church. Please join us; if you'd like transport please call Judith (465509).

Christian Aid Christmas Quiz. If you haven't yet got your copy, you can still buy one from Kathleen Lord. £1 donation per copy, all proceeds to Christian Aid and don't forget to hand in your quiz to be in the running for a prize!

Fancy Learning to Crochet? Then come to the Parish Centre on Thursday Jan 5th at 2:30pm. There'll also be Scrabble, other games and of course a cuppa and chat! For transport ring Judith 01992 465509.

Panto Trip: to see Dick Whittington @ the Spotlight on Saturday 14th Jan @ 6.30pm. Tickets are £13.50 each for seats in the stalls. Terrace seats can be ordered for £14.50 but you will not be sitting with the main group. Please email sarahjwelch24@gmail.com or phone 07939 122750 if you would like to come.

Handbell Ringers Quiz Evening. Sat 28th January, 7.30pm sharp in the Parish Centre. Tickets £8 incl. ploughman's supper from Brenda Wilson (463623). Proceeds to ongoing refurbishment of handbells. You'll be able to hear the handbells on Fri 16th Dec at Broxbourne Station around 3pm.

Parish Centre Quiz Evening. Easier than this year's, on Saturday Feb 11th. Tables of 8 available from Judith (465509).

Broxbourne Foodbank. Sincere thanks to all who are donating food. If you'd like to bring something to the Foodbank box in church, items such as tinned fruit & vegetables, UHT milk and teabags would be very welcome.

Accommodation Sought. January-July by former All Nations student and friend of Ara, now teaching in a primary school in Hertford. If you think you could help please contact the Parish Office (or Ara) for details.

Please pray for

- Those who find this time of year difficult for whatever reason.
- Those needing prayer for health issues especially Chris, Joan & Peter Sees, Jo Oyeleke, Carole Selby, David Cockerton and Sue Brown.

St Laurence Notices

Carols by Candlelight is this evening at 6.30pm; all welcome at this traditional service. Bring your friends (and a torch for walking up the lane!) Please ring Judith (465509) if you'd like a lift to church.

Crib Service – Christmas Eve at 2.30pm and all are welcome at this family-friendly fun service. Bring friends!

St Augustine's Notices

Please Make Sure you know when the various Christmas services are, there's something for everyone – see below for details! Bring any visiting friends & relatives!

NO Traidcraft Stall today (18th December).

Christmas Services

Sunday 18th December

11am	All Age Christmas Crib Service	St Augustine's
6.30pm	<i>Carols by Candlelight</i>	<i>St Laurence</i>

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve

2.30pm	<i>All Age Christmas Crib Service</i>	<i>St Laurence</i>
2.30pm	Carols by Candlelight (child-friendly)	St Augustine's
4pm	Carols by Candlelight (child-friendly)	St Augustine's
6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Augustine's
11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas	<i>Both churches</i>

Sunday 25th December – Christmas Day

9.30am	<i>Said Holy Communion (BCP)</i>	<i>St Laurence</i>
10.30am	Christmas Family Communion	St Augustine's

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