

## Services for September

### Sundays at 8am

4<sup>th</sup> Sept - Communion by Extension with John

11<sup>th</sup> Sept - no service

18<sup>th</sup> Sept - Communion by Extension with Keith

25<sup>th</sup> Sept - no service

### Sundays at 10.30 am

4<sup>th</sup> Sept - All Age Morning Worship with John

11<sup>th</sup> Sept - Holy Communion with Paul Tudge

18<sup>th</sup> Sept - All Age Holy Communion with Revd.

Kathryn Elliott

25<sup>th</sup> Sept - Morning Worship with Sarah Meredith

### Wednesdays at 10.30 am

7<sup>th</sup> Sept - Holy Communion with Revd Diane Flynn

14<sup>th</sup> Sept - Morning Worship with Carole and Leslye

21<sup>st</sup> Sept - Communion by Extension with John

28<sup>th</sup> Sept - Morning Worship with Leslye and



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

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Morning Worship with  
Sarah Meredith

Readings

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16 and Luke 14.1, 7-14

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen



## Monica and Augustine - Mother and Son

On consecutive days this month (27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) the Christian Church celebrates, a mother and her son. The mother is Monica, and her son is Augustine. The story of their relationship and how, after a long process, they both came to share the same Christian faith is a moving one, and perhaps has a message for anxious parents today.

Augustine was born in 354 and grew up in north Africa in the area we now call Algeria. His mother, Monica, was a deeply committed Christian. His father was not. In those circumstances she was deeply (one might say desperately) concerned that her clever young son should also believe and be baptised. But, in the way of wilful offspring, he steadfastly refused. Eventually Monica's patience ran out. She stood outside the priest's house and noisily asked why a mother's anxious prayers had not been answered. He appeared at a window and rebuked her. 'It is not possible', he said, 'that God has not heard your prayers and will answer them in his own way'.

He was right, but it took a long while. By now Augustine had a mistress and a young son, and had moved to Milan in Italy, where he became Public Orator. However, it eventually happened – a moment of conversion in a garden, instruction and then baptism by the great Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Monica's prayers were answered. Her gifted son was ordained and shortly became a bishop in Hippo, north Africa, and one of the greatest theologians and teachers of the Christian Church. Monica died the year before that happened, but I think we may assume that she died content. Her priest many years earlier had been right!

## FOOD BANK

Thanks for all the donations to the food bank.  
Please keep putting your contribution in the box at the end of Carole's drive. 34 Main Street.

## BANNS



Banns will be read today for the second time for Gemma Coombes and Daniel Passey. Please pray for this couple as they prepare for their wedding in October.



## BAPTISMS



Charley and Russell will be bringing their two daughters for their baptisms. Please pray for this family as Lorelai and Alyssia take the next step on their journey of faith.



## GRAVEYARD and GARDEN FUND

We have a collection box in church to boost funds to support the work of the Garden Gang. Your donation will help to keep the lawns mown and new bedding plants and shrubs bought and planted.  
Thank you

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