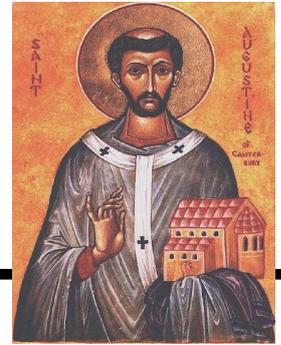




Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU



PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11am Sung Mass

Holy Days: As Announced

**A Very Warm
WELCOME**

Today is

Advent I

**29th November
2020**

The Propers are on
Page 319 of the red
Book of Common Prayer

Today there will be no

Hymns

At the end of the service we
conclude with the
Angelus (in the back of the
white **Mass Booklets**)
Turning to face the Statue of
Our Lady.

**Government Covid-19
Guidelines and Rules**

In accordance with Government
guidelines we ask those using the
Church to wear facemasks in
Church (clergy in the Sanctuary are
permitted to remove theirs in the
sanctuary) to practice safe
distancing and use hand sanitiser.



**Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

Thank you

Dear Friends,

We now begin in earnest to prepare for the coming of the Lord. The attention we give to an appropriate preparation for celebrating Christmas is directly related to preparing ourselves for the Second coming of Christ.

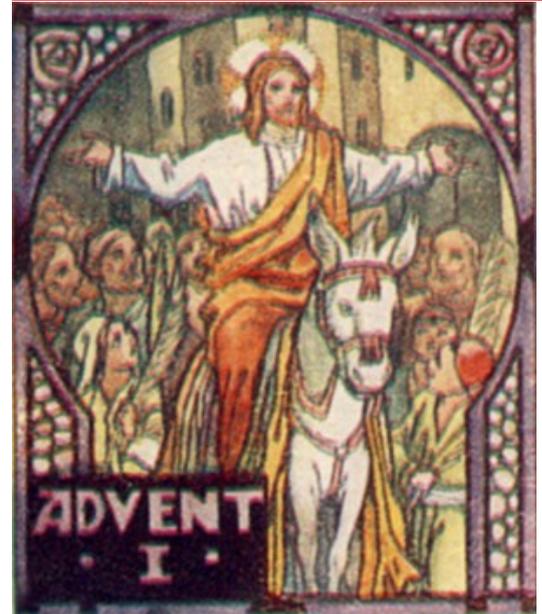
God came to us because we could not come to Him. God came before we knew Him. God came before we were even willing to receive Him.

Why did God come to earth as a little child born in a stable 2000 years ago. Why did God choose to become incarnate, to take upon himself our frail human nature? It was, very simply, so that we might learn to know Him and in knowing him we might learn to receive Him.

At the end of most Masses throughout the year in our Missal tradition, we have what is referred to as *The Last Gospel*, the opening verses of the Gospel of St John. In this we hear "To as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God". Sadly, there are far too few, who truly receive Him. But those who do, when they had received Him, were given power to become the "Sons of God". There is a pattern here: First the coming, then the receiving, then the power. Here, in three words, is the history of every conversion to the Christian faith.

Conversions are delayed because, underneath everything else, we humans are too proud. The cleverness and intelligence that we often mistake for wisdom, can prevent the modern mind

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making an *inn* within itself for *Him whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain*.

Pride fools mankind into thinking that the modern world and modern man is somehow superior to the 'primitive' world and 'primitive' man of the Scriptures. Yet, we human beings are the same as our forefathers. We have the same measure of goodness and the same collection of sins.

This is all very modern AND it is all very old. It is all very futile. And it explains why, when the first Advent happened, there was no room in the inn. The story we have to tell once more, as we prepare for Christmas, is not the story of man's approach to God, but the story of God's approach to man. It is not a complacent narrative of a man who dared to be God. It is the awe-inspiring history of God who dared to become man. God's advent is the astounding, shattering, blinding, reassuring, rebuilding,

November

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Following the Prime Minister's conformation that the 2nd National Lockdown will be lifted on 2nd December, we rejoice that we will be able to once again worship together from next Sunday,

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Next Public Service
Sunday 6th December

Advent II

(Comm St Nicholas)

11am Low Mass

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Sunday 6th December

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11am Low Mass

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Sunday 13th December

Advent III

(Comm St Lucy & Octave of the Conception of the BVM)

11am Low Mass

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illuminating coming of Christ.

Thank you!

On Friday 6th November I laid to rest one of the most faithful members of our congregation, Toby my 12 year old dog. He has a lot of friends in the ACC and beyond and I have been very moved by their very many messages, condolences and prayers. Toby was much loved and will be missed.



When my two puppies, Minnie and Daisy, are a little bit older and properly trained, I hope they too may join us from time to time on Sundays.

+ Damien

Requests for names to be added to our weekly prayer lists may be made by writing the prayer intention (names and reason) in clear printed writing on paper and given to the clergy. If you wish the intention to remain private—note that and the details will not be published on this weekly sheet

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Fr Don & Di Walker, Chris Bosworth, Margaret and Laurence Mead, Paul Fletcher, Barbara Henderson, Todd, David and Sheila, Margaret Miles, Danny and Colin Rumens, Frederick Chadwick, Ann Chapman, Diane Young, Pauline Allison, Harrison and Edward Eckert, Ina Bond, Margaret and Peter Martin, Dulcie Fidge, Margaret Bendelow, Dorothy Hipkiss, Fr Miles Maylor, Fr Roger Bell, Vickie Wall, Pat Johnson, Edward Wilkinson, Liz Bakker, William and Nancy Spencer, Stacy Sawyer, Kody Sawyers, and James Burkhart mourning the death of his wife Rose, all those effected by or suffering from the Corona-virus and other infectious diseases.

For those who read these Parish Notes on the Notice Board outside and all who receive email or paper copies.

- For our neighbours and the people of **Painters Forstal** and **Ospringe** and the surrounding countryside, the **growth** of our **Church Family**.
- For **persecuted Christians** especially in Africa, Pakistan, the Middle East and China.

For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- Diocese of Canada, Fr Robert Mansfield, Vicar General
- Patrimony of the Metropolitan, Fr Anthony Chadwick (France) Fr Gregory Wassen (Netherlands)
- The retired clergy of the Anglican Catholic Church, especially in this Diocese;
- For the beauty of the earth, for a fairer distribution of the world's resources and for the animal kingdom and natural world. .

And we remember the recently departed: Maddie, Caroline Stephen, Rose Burkhart, Daniel Stanton specially, AND those whose anniversary falls at this time

P: ✘ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord **R:** And let light perpetual shine upon them



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