

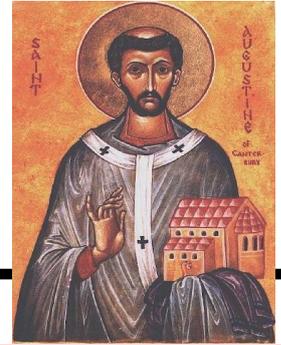


Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU

PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11am Sung Mass

Holy Days: As Announced



Please read our Covid-19 worship notice

**A Very Warm
WELCOME**

Today is

**Holy Name
of Jesus**

**Comm: Christmas II and
Octave of St John**

3rd January 2020

The Propers are on
Page D1 of the red
Anglican Missal

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
Christmas Nativity.

**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 practise safe
distancing and use hand sanitiser.



**Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

Thank you

Dear Friends,

What did you get for Christmas? I was a very lucky boy and Santa was very good to me. I am grateful for all my gifts, although I am one of those people who it is difficult to buy for. Books, one would think, are a sure bet, but my house already has the appearance of a Library. Aside from theological and 'serious' tomes I do very much enjoy a good biography or autobiography. I am not sure what it is about biographies autobiographies, memoirs and anecdotal reminiscences that I enjoy. I have quite a large collection that spans an array of people as diverse as Thomas Cranmer to Margaret Rutherford, from Winston Churchill to the diaries of a Victorian Country Parson. It is in the nature of these things that most of the subjects are 'famous' people. I know I tend to bore people senseless if given the opportunity by recounting some of these stories.

Of course, sometimes the stories of peoples lives are incomplete or even contain fabricated facts. Inconvenient revelations may be ignored, old scores settled or dates, names and places changed.

In addition to books I often receive for Christmas additions to my DVD collection of films and TV series. In contemplating my theme today I am reminded of a box set of John Wayne Films - One of my favourites amongst them is called "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance." It is a wonderful John Ford western from the early 1960s, starring James Stewart and John Wayne. It is in large part a meditation on how legends develop and then come to overshadow factual truth. In one late scene when he is confronted with his own exaggeration of what really happened, the town newspaper editor says, "When fact becomes legend, print the legend."



One might expect the relaxation of the moral expectations of the behaviour of celebrities, the focus on freedom, even to the point of positive discrimination, and the mass of legislation allowing people to become whatever they want to become and live however they wish — with few limitations. that we would be living in a world where truth and reality become far more important to people. But, instead, we seem to be in a period of history when fake news is so common place that truth is rejected - even when it is clearly the truth.

We are still in Christmastide and as Christians we believe that Christianity is the full and final revelation of God. Personally, I do not believe that God has confined revelation of Himself, or glimpses of His will, solely to Jews or Christians. If other religions tell stories which teach virtues and values we have in common, we should rejoice -- not run away in shame or denial. All that shows is that God has chosen to reveal to other religions a shadow or an inkling of the truth - which reaches its final completion in Jesus.

Even the Old Testament says that

January

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Sunday 3rd

*The Holy Name of Jesus
(Comm Christmas II)*

11am Sung Mass*

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Sunday 10th

*Epiphany I
(Comm Octave)*

11am Sung Mass*

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Sunday 17th

*Epiphany II
(Comm St Anthony)*

11am Sung Mass*

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Sunday 24th

*Epiphany III
(Comm St Timothy)*

11am Sung Mass*

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Sunday 31st

*Septuagesima
(Comm St John Bosco)*

11am Sung Mass*

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*** No congregational singing
of hymns.**

the Gentiles, that is the non-Jews, were looking for Jesus too - he is the "Desire of Nations," and the "Light to Lighten the Gentiles," after all.

The message of the Incarnation of Jesus is that legend HAS actually become fact, the prophecies fulfilled, and so we print, and believe, and rejoice in the Truth. The fact happened not "Once upon a time in a galaxy far, far away," but here in our world, in our history, when "There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed" -- "when Cyrenius was governor of Syria" -- "when Herod was dead" -- "when Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod" -- "under Pontius Pilate."

The legend has become fact ... but the story continues. Only with the Second Coming of Christ will all things find their completion.

Until then our lives, our following of Christ, provides us with opportunities

to help us to collect anecdotes, stories and experiences, rich treasures to fill the pages of our lives. We are each provided with material to write our own autobiographies.

Of course the full story of our lives is only known to God - and much of what we have experienced will remain silent and unknown to those around us.

However good we are at remembering every story in our lives, the good and the bad, of recalling facts and are honest enough to admit that we have allowed fiction to take over from time to time. It is only God, who has been at our side throughout, who knows and understands everything about us and our stories.

Those mentioned in books may be able to hide things from the editors of their stories — but we can't hide anything from God, the editor of our lives.



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, Margaret Bendelow, Dorothy Hipkiss, Fr Miles Maylor, Liz Bell, Vickie Wall, Pat Johnson, Liz Bakker, William and Nancy Spencer, Deb Stuck, and all those effected by or suffering from the Coronavirus 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 New Granada, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev German Orrego Hurtado;
- Lay Readers, deaconesses and other lay Ministries in the Church of God.
- All altar servers and acolytes.
- The Uniformed Services, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Paramedics, Coast Guards and Lifeboat Crews.
- The Bishop's Council of Advice and the Officers of the Diocese, especially Dr Roy Fidge (Secretary), Mr Roy Hipkiss (Treasurer), Dr Frank Wiswall (Chancellor).

And we remember the recently departed: specially, Florence Charlesworth, Roger Frederick Bell, Priest, AND those whose anniversaries falls at this time

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

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