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 III

Commemorate: Conception of the BVM

13th December 2020

The Propers are on Page 323 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

Sometimes we

are apt to invest in our scientific and technological

breakthroughs and discoveries, the trappings of infallibility. Together with all the awe and wonder that accompanies claims of infallibility. Reason and Fact reign supreme and Faith and Belief play second fiddle. A scientist (who was an avowed atheist also), so famous I forget his name, once said he would "rather live in an age of reason nurtured by science than the age of myth and mysteries nurtured by superstition and religion".

Was he right in adopting a dismissive tone and bundling up superstition and religion into the same thing?

What does this word mysteries mean? For a Christian it means "that which is known to the initiated": In the New Testament it means "the things once hidden but now revealed in the Gospel."

Mysteries are facts. Myths are fables. Mysteries can only be imparted to the spiritually receptive. Myths may be related to lovers of fiction.

The scientist was right to highlight them, but wrong in concluding they are the same thing. It is extremely important to be on one's guard in this matter of distinguishing between mysteries and myths. Mysteries are perfectly Christian. Myths are not. Our Lord reserved imparting certain things to His disciples until they were ready to receive them. "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth shall come, he will guide you into all truth."

Baptism and a period of growth in Christ. Catechetical instruction in the principles of the doctrine of Christ. Confirmation which is the strengthening with the Holy Ghost, and is

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accompanied with daily increase in the manifold gifts of grace: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness and the Spirit of holy fear. All this must come first. Then comes the climax of the final initiation into the Eucharistic Mysteries. After that, the unfolding of the life which is hidden with Christ in God. So is "the mystery, which hath been hid from ages and from generations, made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you the hope of glory."

Theology was once known as the 'Queen of the sciences'. Science and Religion are not at 'odds' as many modern folk might imagine. Scientists, that is, honest scientists, often have to revise their conclusions as they discover new things. God has revealed his plan of salvation and we are living in the concluding period of his revelation. But despite the passing of time and seasons becoming ever so

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December

Sunday 13th December

Advent III (Comm Octave of the Conception of the BVM)

11am Low Mass

Sunday 20th December

Advent IV

11am Low Mass

Thursday 24th December

Christmas Eve

6pm First Mass of Christmas

This Christmas we will confine our Christmas Services to the Mass on Christmas Eve.

Sunday 27th December

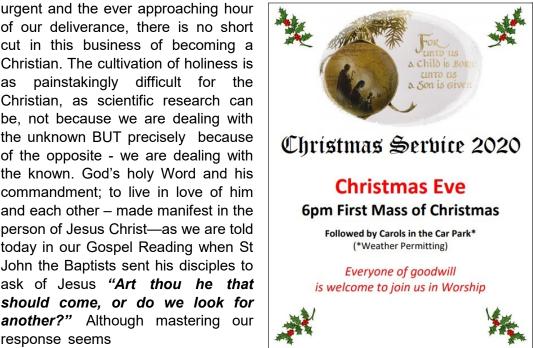
St John

(Comm Octave of Nativity) 11am Low Mass

of our deliverance, there is no short cut in this business of becoming a Christian. The cultivation of holiness is as painstakingly difficult for Christian, as scientific research can be, not because we are dealing with the unknown BUT precisely because of the opposite - we are dealing with the known. God's holy Word and his commandment: to live in love of him and each other - made manifest in the person of Jesus Christ—as we are told today in our Gospel Reading when St John the Baptists sent his disciples to ask of Jesus "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" Although mastering our response seems

akin to trying to split an atom with a hammer and chisel!





support Please our Christmas Service this year on Christmas Eve at 6pm.

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, Liz Bakker, William and Nancy Spencer, Stacy Sawyer, Kody Sawyer, 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 the Mid-Atlantic, Bishop Ordinary Rt Rev Donald Lerow;
- The Board of Ministry and the Ordinands of the DUK and vocations to ordained and lay ministry.
- Christian Social Workers and Counsellors especially marriage and bereavement counsellors.

And we remember the recently departed: Edward Wilkinson, specially, 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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