

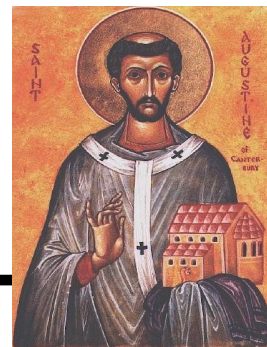


Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU

PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11am Sung Mass

Holy Days: As Announced



**A Very Warm
WELCOME**

We are in
Epiphanytide
10th January –
24th January 2020

The Propers are on
Page 360 – 364 of
the red
Book of Common Prayer

Before our Service on the
First Sunday in Epiphany
we will **bless Chalk** and
after Mass inscribe the
Epiphany Blessing above
the Main Door to the
Church.

Blessed Chalk and the Form
for doing this in your own
homes is available – on
request – by post. Please
contact the Clergy.

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



**Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

Thank you

Dear Friends,

Please find below
the text of my letter
to the Diocese.

Dear Brethren,

Once again, the Nation is under lockdown. As I write, there is a slight variation in the requirements issued by Government around the United Kingdom. In Scotland, I understand, Places of Worship have been closed for communal worship. In England, Churches are permitted to remain open and communal worship is allowed. I understand the Welsh Administration, and those in Northern Ireland, will be issuing a statement.

However, all are agreed that there is a greater risk of transmission in the latest Coronavirus variant and as such we have already reached the same peak in NHS admissions as in April and the number of deaths is rising.

I have decided that the Pro-Cathedral will suspend public worship with immediate effect. As many of you are already aware the Archdeacon and I both fall into the higher risk categories. I know other clergy and laity in the Diocese share this.

I cannot use the Government as a reason, unlike the first lockdown, but I think you will agree that to protect others, ourselves and the NHS we need to act. I therefore seriously recommend that public worship, where it has resumed in our Diocese, be suspended until the National lockdown is eased, which appears to be at least until mid-February.

Father Thompson and I do intend to celebrate Mass at the Pro-Cathedral without a congregation when possible and upload a recording on Sunday mornings.

Fr Jonathan Munn created a valuable resources area on the Diocesan website and uploaded various links and documents related to Covid-19. Please make sure he knows of any recordings, sermons or devotions you also plan to record or otherwise produce so he can

Please read our Covid-19 worship notice



add this information.

Of course, there is a difference from last year, amid the Lockdown gloom, there is an increasing bright light as the vaccines are being rolled out. Let us pray they are as effective as we all hope.

We shall continue to pray for all those in the frontline, those effected by the virus, especially those who have lost loved ones or who are worried about their employment and businesses.

With assured prayers for you all.

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As the above announcement states, services at St Augustine's are now temporarily suspended. This is very sad, given that we seemed to be slowly getting back into our stride on Sundays.

Epiphany means showing or manifesting. The arrival of the Three Magi, or Wise Men, sometimes referred to as Kings.

January

Our public services are suspended until further notice

Sunday 10th

*Epiphany I
(Comm Octave)*

11am Sung Mass*

Sunday 17th

*Epiphany II
(Comm St Anthony)*

11am Sung Mass*

Sunday 24th

*Epiphany III
(Comm St Timothy)*

11am Sung Mass*

Sunday 31st

*Septuagesima
(Comm St John Bosco)*

11am Sung Mass*

***These services will be uploaded to our website:**
www.staugustineacc.uk
and Facebook
[@StAugustineACC](https://www.facebook.com/StAugustineACC)

These travellers from far away lands were not Jewish. They came, as gentiles, to worship and adore the new born child, whose miraculous coming had been heralded by the appearing of a great light in heaven.

The decision to close for public worship was not taken lightly. Both Fr Ray and I are counted in groups considered to be most vulnerable to the potential worse effects of the virus. However, we have been vulnerable since this pandemic began. On this occasion we have decided with the new variant increasing the number of infections and the stress on the NHS even more acute than back in the April 2020 peak of the Virus, we must show and manifest our Christian love and concern for others and help safeguard the wonderful resources of the NHS and help all the incredible people who have been in the frontline since the start. Although our numbers at St Augustine are small, in comparison with other Churches locally, it is a case of every little helps.

Mass will still be offered regularly and recorded services will be uploaded on Sunday mornings on our website and on our Parish Facebook Page. We hope you

will login in at 11am and worship with us.

In a world of uncertainty we too are guided by a great light which lightens our darkness. But sometimes, even those of us blessed with the greatest faith, can find that light obscured.

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." John 1: 5

Sometimes the Light shining for us can be obscured and hidden as a result of sadness, discouragement, the tragedies of life, the pain of bereavement, the fear and loneliness of old age, the thought of our failures, things we regret, of terrible mistakes that we have made. Life is hard indeed at times.

Nevertheless, the greater life which God has given us, is tempered by the individual calling He asks us to live out and embark upon. To continue that journey, in a faith always driven by His promises and our hope in Him - these things are more valuable even than the fabled gold, frankincense and myrrh of the Magi.

I pray you and yours stay safe.



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 the effects it is having upon those with other serious health problems.

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 **Ospringle** 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

10th January 2021, Epiphany I

• Diocese of Caribbean, Fr Jean Bien-Aime, Vicar General; • Archdeacon Raymond Thompson; • The ACC Mission Society of St Paul and the projects it supports within the ACC worldwide.

17th January 2021, Epiphany II

• Diocese of Cameroon, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Alphonse Ndutiye; • St Bede, Thames Ditton, Surrey, Canon Donald Walker OLSB; • Doctors, Nurses and all involved in Health Care.

24th January 2021, Epiphany III

• Diocese of Aweil, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Wilson Garang; • Our Lady and St Edward, Bolton, Greater Manchester, Fr Howard Marsh, • In thanksgiving for the foundation of the Diocese of the United Kingdom (on 24th January 1992).

And we remember the recently departed: *especially*, 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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