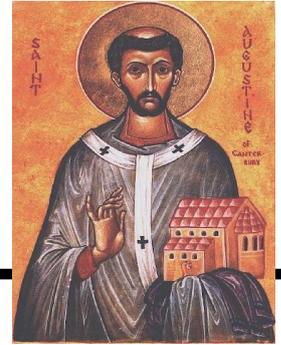




Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine  
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU



# PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11 am Sung Mass + Wednesday: 12 noon + Holy Days: As Announced

**A Very Warm  
WELCOME  
This Sunday is  
Next Before Advent  
Last After Trinity**  
*(Comm: Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary)*

**21st Nov. 2021**

The Propers of the Mass today are to be found on page 646 of the Book of Common Prayer

## HYMNS

272

300

460

333

At the end of Mass we conclude with **The Angelus**, facing the Lady Chapel.



**Please  
Turn off Your  
Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

*Thank you*

*Dear Friends,*

Some years ago I posted a comment on social media (Facebook) which elicited a very flattering response from one of my friends, when he commented "That's my new favourite quote!"

What had I written?

*"I am, in all Christian humility, often wrong about almost everything, except those things that my opponents think they are almost always completely right about!"*

I had to think for a moment whether this was something I had written 'anew' or whether it was a regurgitation of something I had once read, because it sounded too clever for me. But it seems it was 100% Damien Mead!

The problem with quotations is that over time one cannot be always sure where they originated. Take for example Sir Winston Churchill's famous comment:

*"Great Britain and the United States, two great nations divided by a common language!"*

Mark Twain is also credited with this, as are a large number of others.

Archbishop William Temple and C.S. Lewis are also, it seems, in competition for saying something that I wish to share today.

*"The Church is the only society on earth that exists for the benefit of non-members."*

Where do we find the roots of the truth of this statement and what IS the truth it contains? In the Great Commission (Matthew 28) Jesus tells us to "Go make disciples of all nations," thereby putting this concept at the centre of the calling and mission of the Church. It is NOT however a command to go out and do good works to spread good cheer and harmony. BUT to make disciples, because it is reasonable to think that Jesus is assuming that his disciples



WILL, in fact, DO good works, BE of good cheer AND live in harmony — although sadly this still is an aim rather than an achievement for many in the Christian Church.

Let's put this in context. Our Lord speaks these words as He is taking leave of the disciples, he doesn't engage in a 'group hug' - he tells them to go out and recruit others! And that's critical for all of those who call themselves Christians to understand concerning the mission of the Church in the world.

Some years ago in Washington, DC's, National Cathedral, Muslims were invited to the first ever recitation of Muslim Prayers in the Cathedral. Not everyone was happy at this and a brave woman who made an impassioned proclamation that "Jesus was Lord" was swiftly escorted from the Cathedral by security.

'The Washington Post' Newspaper reported afterward that; "The Very Rev. Gary Hall, Dean of the Cathedral, spoke of Saint Benedict, who he said believed equally in the importance of prayer and hospitality. Marvelling at the sounds of Arabic prayers, which he called "a beautiful sacred language in

## November

✕

### Sunday 21st

*Sunday Next Before Advent  
(Comm: Presentation of the  
BVM)*

11am Sung Mass

✕

### Sunday 28th

*Advent I*

11am Sung Mass

✕

## December

✕

### Sunday 5th

*Advent II (Comm St Sabas)*

11am Sung Mass

*Followed by  
Healing Service*

✕

### Sunday 12th

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

11am Sung Mass

✕

### Sunday 19th

*Advent IV*

11am Sung Mass

5pm Carol Service

✕

a beautiful sacred space," Hall said he hoped the service would serve "as the start of more efforts to work together for good."

The Muslim call to prayer goes thus: "Allah is Most Great. I bear witness that there is none worthy of being worshipped except Allah. I bear witness that Muhammad is the Apostle of Allah. Come to prayer. Come to Success. Allah is Most Great. There is no deity except for Allah". Muslim teaching about Jesus is that he was a Prophet only and not, as Christian's believe, Divine.

Freedom of expression, of belief, of certain human rights are among those things put forward to support such events. Generally I agree, in context, but freedom of expression and of religious belief must include an appreciation that for the Christian the fundamental foundation upon which our Faith rests is that Jesus said that He "is the way, the truth and the life"

(John 14:6). In these words, Jesus was declaring Himself the great "I Am," the only path to righteousness, the only true measure of righteousness, and the source of both physical and spiritual life. He was staking His claim as the very God of Creation, the Lord who blessed Abraham, and the Holy One who inhabits eternity. He did this so the disciples would be able to face the dark days ahead and carry on the mission of declaring the gospel to the world. Of course, we know from Scripture that they still didn't understand, and it took several visits from their risen Lord to shake them out of their disbelief. But once they understood the truth of His words, they became changed people. **Please God that ALL who call themselves Christian understand the immensity of this Truth.** Because the world needs it perhaps even more today than it did 2000 years ago.



## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Fr Don & Di Walker, Chris Bosworth, Margaret and Laurence Mead, Paul and Sue Fletcher, Barbara Henderson, Todd, David and Sheila, Colin Rumens, Frederick Chadwick, Ann Chapman, Diane Young, Megan Young, Pauline Allison, Harrison and Edward Eckert, Margaret and Peter Martin, Margaret Bendelow, Dorothy Hipkiss, Fr Miles Maylor, Elizabeth Bell, Vickie Wall, Pat Johnson, Fr Ed & Liz Bakker, Deb Stuck, Angela, Hazel, Sarah and David Winterburn and their daughters Nicole and Corrina, Robert and Kathleen Dunford, Br Botolph OSB, Deacon Jong, Bishop David Haines, Malcolm Munn, Barbara Bowers, Isabella Ighodaro, All those effected by the Coronavirus.

*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 the surrounding countryside and villages, the **growth** of our **Church Family**.
- For **persecuted Christians** especially in Africa, Pakistan, Afghanistan, the Middle East and China.

*For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*

- Missionary Dioceses of the Northeast and Vaal, Most Rev Dominic Mduyvelwa, Episcopal Visitor;
- Good Shepherd & St Tudwal, Conwy, N Wales, Fr Gareth Parry;
- Farmers, fishermen and all involved in food production and distribution.

*And we remember the recently departed: specially, and those whose anniversaries falls at this time:  
Judith Anderson (15th Nov 2017)*

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

(Parish) [www.staugustineacc.uk](http://www.staugustineacc.uk)

(Diocese) [www.anglican catholic.org.uk](http://www.anglican catholic.org.uk)



### CHURCH FLOWERS

*To make a donation for  
Flowers in  
Church—Please  
see Mrs Margaret Mead*

#### Rector

Bishop Damien Mead

Tel: 01797 321704 & Ansaphone

Email: [dmead@anglican catholic.org](mailto:dmead@anglican catholic.org)

Honorary Assistant Priest

Father Raymond Thompson

Tel: 07443 438465

Email: [frraythompson@gmail.com](mailto:frraythompson@gmail.com)

Parish Secretary: Mr Roy Hipkiss

Parish Treasurer: Mrs Kerry Scott

Organist: Mr Louis Collins

Cantor: Mr Barnabas Sharp

Caretaker: Mr Andy Hall

Tel: 07703 677932