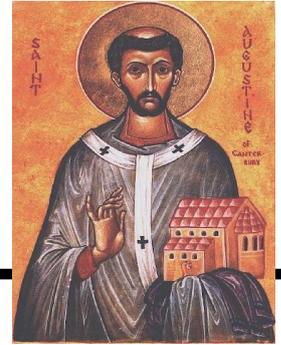




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# PARISH NEWS

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

**A Very Warm  
WELCOME**  
This Sunday is  
**Ascension Sunday**  
29th May 2022

The Propers of the Mass  
are on page 548 of the  
Book of Common Prayer

## HYMNS

130

134

271

443

*Following the last hymn in  
place of the Angelus, until  
Pentecost/Whitsun, we sing  
The Regina Caeli*



**Please  
Turn off Your  
Mobile Phones**

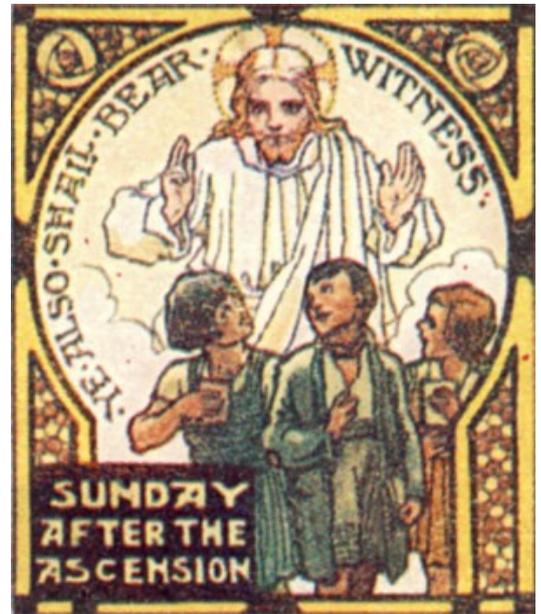
Our Organ doesn't like them

*Dear Friends,* The Bible is God's inspired instruction manual for us. It has the answer to help us live a life that pleases God. A good place to start is in the New Testament, with the Gospel of Luke. The book of Acts is a great follow up; it contains the exciting story of how Christ's disciples spread the Good News about His death, burial and resurrection. However, before and, as we read, we should ask God to give us understanding and wisdom: *"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."* (Psalm 119:18). We should think about what we read: study and analyse it. Write down questions we have and shouldn't be afraid to ask for help to clarify our understanding.

**Talking** with God is extremely important. Talking over our problems with Him. Thanking Him for who He is and what He has done for us. Confessing our sins to Him and admitting our weaknesses. Ask God to help show us how to live a life that pleases Him. Pray for others, that they too may choose to follow Jesus Christ as their Saviour and give Him the leadership of their lives.

The Bible teaches that once we have chosen to follow Christ, the Holy Spirit actually lives within us (Romans 5:5; John 14:16-17). The Holy Spirit will teach us, guide us, and strengthens us in times of need.

When we became a Christian, we began a personal relationship with Jesus. However, it is important to also have connections with other Christians. We need the fellowship of other believers to keep our faith vibrant and growing. The Church is a place where you can worship God and make Him the focus of your life.



It is also the only place where you can partake of those unique and special means of Grace that God has provided to strengthen, nourish and protect our souls – the Sacraments of the Church. It is also the place where the authority of assured and authentic interpretation rests – within the gift of the Apostolic succession and the authority that this brings.

Jesus tells us repeatedly to give our lives to serve Him, and to serve others. *"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."* (Mark 8:35). The more you give yourself in service to others, the more you will enjoy your Christian life.

At times you may doubt that you really are a Christian. Perhaps you have failed or surrendered repeatedly to temptation. Remember, you were not saved because of how good of a person you are, but by putting your trust in what Christ has already done for you. Trust the truth found in God's

## May

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### Thursday 26th

*The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

12 noon Low Mass

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### Sunday 29th

*Ascension Sunday*

11am Sung Mass

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## June

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### Wednesday 1st

*Octave of the Ascension*

12 noon Low Mass

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### Sunday 5th

*Pentecost / Whitsun*

*(With Commemoration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee)*

11am Sung Mass

*Followed by our monthly*

**Healing Service**

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### Wednesday 8th

*No Mass this week*

Word over your own subjective feelings. *"I write this to you who believe in the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life"* (1 John 5:13).

Too often, we become anxious about what might happen tomorrow. The Bible promises that God will meet our needs, if only we will seek "... *first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;*" (Matthew 6:33-34). God's grace will be sufficient to meet the challenges that each new day brings. Temptation is a part of life. It was an issue before you became a Christian, it still will be. But, you do not, have to yield to temptation to sin. The Bible says, *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."* (1 Corinthians 10:13). Be prepared to take advantage of God's "way out" of temptation, whether it means that you "flee" the scene of

temptation (1 Timothy 6:11), or that you stay on the scene and "resist" it (James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9).

Sharing with others about your new life in Jesus -- by word or by deed -- can be one of the most satisfying and exciting experiences you have ever had. You are not alone when you do this, the Holy Spirit is ready to empower you and give you confidence. Just as the the early disciples were transformed by the Holy Spirit, so too we are transformed as Christians in every generation, through His power.



### Latest News:

Following spirited objections from some of our neighbours in Painters Forstal to our application to the local Planning Department for permission to erect a bell cupola and clock on the roof of the Church, we have chosen to withdraw the application. **Nil desperandum!** We will find an even more fitting way to remember Fr Roger Bell's memory and to commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee!

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Canon Don and Di Walker; Chris Bosworth; Margaret and Laurence Mead; Paul and Sue Fletcher; Barbara Henderson; Todd, David and Sheila; Colin Rumens; Ann Chapman; Pauline Allison; Harrison and Edward Eckert; Margaret and Peter Martin; Margaret Bendelow; Dorothy Hipkiss; Fr Miles Maylor; Elizabeth Bell; Vickie Wall; Canon Charles and Pat Johnson; Fr Ed & Liz Bakker; Deb Stuck; Angela and Hazel; Sarah, David, Nicole and Corrina Winterburn; Kathleen Dunford; Deacon Jong; Bishop David Haines; Malcolm Munn; Barbara Bowers; Isabella Ighodaro, Fr Howard Marsh, Fr Anthony Chadwick and his family. All those effected by the Coronavirus. For Peace in Ukraine and Russia, and throughout the World.

*For those who read these Parish Notes on our Notice Board outside Church 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*

- Diocese of the West, SouthAfrica, Fr Damien Truslow-Trudeau, Vicar General;
- St Bede, Thames Ditton, Surrey, Canon Donald Walker ObIOSB;
- Atheists, and others who do not believe. Those that hate us.

*And we remember the recently departed: specially Frederick Chadwick and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:*

✕ Rest Eternal Grant unto them, O Lord **R/s: And let light perpetual shine upon them**

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### CHURCH FLOWERS

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

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