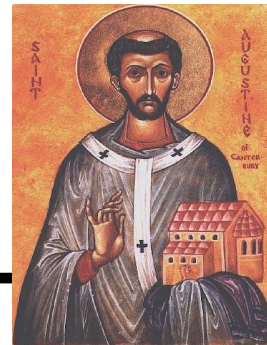




Anglican Catholic Church of St Augustine
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal, Kent ME13 0DU

PARISH NEWS

1873 - Celebrating 150 Years of Christian Witness in Painters Forstal - 2023



WELCOME

Today is

Lent III

Comm St Gregory the Great

12th March 2023

The Propers of the Mass
are on page 402 of the
Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

414

95

306

435

*At the end of Mass,
we will conclude with
The Angelus
facing Our Lady's Altar.*



Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones

Dear Friends,

We live in an age which finds the very idea of personified evil spirits to be a superstitious remnant of the Middle Ages. Those people - and religious traditions - who believe in the existence of the devil and demons are often ridiculed as being out of touch with modern times. The contemporary Western mentality seems to favour the idea that evil is merely the result of an inadequate social environment or due to purely psychological factors, causes which can be remedied with a social program or medication. In their view, the only "exorcisms" necessary are those which rid our society of poor social conditions, ignorance, or psychopathology.

Many Christians have also succumbed to this mentality. They have been formed more by the culture in which they live, than by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Church.

Of course the abandonment of the Gospel as a whole and apostolic, orthodox, catholic teaching has led many astray.

However, even a cursory reading of the gospels gives us many explicit references to the reality of demons and demonic possession. Indeed, we can see that deliverance from evil spirits played a central role in Jesus' ministry, and Jesus Himself cited these healing acts as proof that He was the Messiah (Matthew 12:28; Mark 3:22-27). Our Lord cast out demons by "the finger of God" (Luke 11:20), by His own divine authority. Jesus commanded the demons to depart and they



obeyed (Matthew 8:16; Mark 9:24). The ministry of Jesus was essentially one of reconciliation and healing, the salvation of souls.

Throughout the gospels, we see Jesus healing people's physical and spiritual illnesses, and **among** these people were those possessed by evil spirits. Exorcism of evil spirits clearly was an act of healing.

This same ministry of exorcism and healing Jesus handed on to His apostles, granting them the authority to cast out demons in His name from the very beginning of their ministry (Matthew 10:1, 10:8; Mark 6:7; Luke 9:1, 10:17). Furthermore, when the apostles asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, He gave them the powerful words of the Our Father, including its concluding line, "deliver us from evil." these words do not merely refer to some abstract notion of evil or sin; they refer to evil personified in malevolent spirits, particularly in Satan, "the Evil One". While this petition generally refers to the

March

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Sunday 12th

Third Sunday in Lent

Comm: St Gregory the Great

11am Sung Mass

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Wednesday 15th

No Mass at 12 noon

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Sunday 19th

Fourth Sunday in Lent

(Mothering Sunday)

11am Sung Mass

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Wednesday 22nd

No Mass at 12 noon

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Saturday 25th

The Annunciation

12 noon Low Mass

Followed by preparing the Church for Passiontide

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Sunday 26th

Passion Sunday

11am Sung Mass

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Wednesday 29th

Lenten Feria

12 noon Low Mass

devil's ordinary temptations, it also encompasses the notion of demonic possession and oppression.

Jesus Christ has won the victory over sin, evil, and death through His passion, death, and resurrection. By His grace, we can recognise and reject Satan and his empty promises. The Lord in His tender mercy will unbind any shackles of evil and sin we bring to Him!



Dates for your diaries:

Sat 29th April - Diocesan Synod,

Sun 21st May - Visit of Archbishop Haverland

Sat 3rd June - 150th Anniversary Service

(Note a new date for the Archbishop's Visit)

St Augustine's Church

1873 - Celebrating 150 Years - 2023

formerly Whitehill Chapel & Champion Hall



THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

St Augustine's Church
Eastling Road, Painters Forstal,
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Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday: 11am Sung Mass & Blessing of the Palms

Wednesday in Holy Week: 12 noon Chrism Mass

Maundy Thursday: 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Stripping of the Altar & Vigil Watch

Good Friday: 12 noon Liturgy of the Day, Veneration of the Cross & Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

Holy Saturday: 7pm Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Easter Day: 11am Solemn Pontifical Sung Mass

A Warm Welcome Awaits You

Easter Confessions by appointment with the Rector: 01797 321704

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Canon Don and Di Walker; Chris Bosworth; Margaret and Laurence Mead; Diane Smith, Sue Fletcher; Todd, David and Sheila; Colin Rumens; Ann Chapman; Pauline Allison; Harrison and Edward Eckert; Margaret and Peter Martin; Dorothy Hipkiss; Fr Miles Maylor; Vickie Wall; Pat Johnson; Fr Ed & Liz Bakker; Deb Stuck; Sarah, David, Nicole and Corrina Winterburn; Deacon Jong; Malcolm Munn; Barbara Bowers; Isabella Ighodaro, Fr Howard Marsh, David Miller, Graham Owen, John Sullivan, Roy Hipkiss, Katy Mander and those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

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 Peace in Ukraine and Russia and throughout the World.

For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- Diocese of Kenya, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev John Kamande Ndegwa;
- Oxford Movement House Group, North Yorkshire, Mrs Sally Lyth, Convenor;
- The people of Northern Ireland

And we remember the recently departed: especially ... and those whose anniversaries fall at this time:
Michael Sheehan

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

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