

For our past, our present and the hope to come

R/s: **We thank Thee, O Lord.**

For the gift of the Holy Ghost and new life in baptism

R/s: **We thank Thee, O Lord.**

For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of Thy glory

R/s: **We thank Thee, O Lord.**

For the holy Eucharist in which we meet Thee and have a foretaste of Thy eternal Kingdom. *R/s:* **We thank Thee, O Lord.,**

For Thy blessing of the vows made in this place and the crowning of our years with Thy goodness *R/s:* **We thank Thee, O Lord.,**

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance *R/s:* **We thank Thee, O Lord.,**

For all the benefactors of this Church who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest in Him *R/s:* **We thank Thee, O Lord.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Augustine of Canterbury, our patron, and of all the Angels and Saints in Heaven who pray for us. *R/s:* **We thank Thee, O Lord..**

Bishop: Let us pray.

O God, from living and chosen stones Thou hast prepared an everlasting dwelling place for Thy majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Ghost those who serve Thee here may always be kept within Thy presence. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *R/s:* **Amen**

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Celebrating 150 Years



**ANGLICAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**
Formerly Whitehill Methodist Church & Champion Hall

Welcome

Bishop: Let us Pray:

Almighty God, we give thanks to Thee, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of this place of worship.

We remember with gratitude Evangeline Byng, the patron, whose generosity and deep desire for Christian Unity enabled the building of this House of God.

We remember the faithful witness of the Wesleyan Methodists who began the work of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ in this place and continued through many generations for 145 years.

We thank Thee for bringing our congregation here 5 years ago and providing the means for us to continue their work in our own generation, and to look to the future with hope and confidence.

We celebrate all the joys and blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon the countless faithful Christians who have gathered here to worship in spirit and in truth. We are grateful for all those baptised and married within these walls over the years. We give thanks for the service this building has given to the local community and for all the local groups and causes which have found expression here.

We pray that Thou wilt deepen within each of us a sense of gratitude for the many sacrifices made for us by those who have gone before, and thereby find this Church a place of refreshment and strength.

May we continue to see, by faith, the needs of those around us and the needs of those who shall come after us and do all that is possible to show to them our witness in word and deed of the riches of life with Christ. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

R/s: Amen.

A Reading

*The Lesson from the Book of the Revelation
Rev: 21; 2-5*

A Moment of Reflection

A moment of reflection during which a special piece composed and sung by Barnabas Sharp, St Augustine's Cantor, who has been inspired by the Scripture inscribed on Evangeline Byng's memorial beside the Altar in Church, "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts" (Which is taken from Colossians 3:15 "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.")

A Litany

Bishop: Let us Pray:

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present, we look forward, with hope, to the future. We pray that Thou wilt continue to make Thy love known among us. Give us a zeal for mission. Help us to look beyond these walls to those who do not know Thee. Make this church a blessing to this community, and to all who pass by our doors, or who venture inside, and draw them ever closer to Thee.

For the One holy, catholic and apostolic Church of which this building is a visible symbol **R/s: We thank Thee, O Lord.,**

For the assurance of Thy presence whenever two or three are gathered in Thy Name **R/s: We thank Thee, O Lord.**

On the 150th anniversary of this holy place where we may be still, and know that Thou art God, **R/s: We thank Thee, O Lord.**

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as Thou seest best for us, **R/s: We thank Thee, O Lord.**