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**WELCOME  
TO OUR WORSHIP**



*Today's Propers (including the Readings) can be found on page 646 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

## FOND FAREWELLS

Well, we say Bon Voyage to the day of Our Lord's Conception and Bishop! There will be lots of tears, lamentations, hand-wringing and sadness, no doubt, but the Queen Mary II and Pooh Bear will just have to cope with him for the next few weeks!

thus the beginning of His Incarnation. Life begins at conception.

We also have other New Year's Days. The Tax Year begins on April 6<sup>th</sup>, so we are used to the fact that the calendar year is not always the one to go by.

## HYMNS

**334**

**467**

**295**

## SHEET

Seriously, our bishop has embarked on his travels which, we hope and pray, will not only be restful and restorative for him, but invigorating and joyful! We look forward to having him home with us again.

The calendar marks our journey around the Sun, but the Sun itself is moving around the galaxy and the galaxy is moving around clusters and webs and journeying through the Universe. A year on our little planet, seems insignificant in the eyes of the Cosmos which is in constant motion, never to repeat itself.

We are also saying goodbye to an old liturgical year this Sunday. Our Church year begins anew on Advent Sunday, giving us time to prepare for Christmas and this is the last Sunday of the year.

This makes the fact of our existence a miracle in itself. In the vastness of Space and Time, God has created you to exist here and now and, further, to save you by His Blood. This is why we celebrate the gift of time that He gives us. It's our little year of salvation begins on the way of responding to His love.

*After the last hymn, our service will conclude with the Angelus facing Our Lady's altar.  
Tea & Coffee as usual are provided in the Fyfe-Graham Parish Room.*

*Donations for Church Flowers always gratefully received.*



# A word from the Dean

*My Brothers & Sisters*

This is the last Sunday of the Liturgical year and we find ourselves on the mountain with a great company of men, women and children who have gathered to hear the Word of God.

Why here?

Why do we end our year on the top of the mountain with a hungry multitude?

The Church year ends on the Saturday before Advent and begins on Advent Sunday. To be pedantic, the beginning of the Liturgical day is at sunset, so Advent starts at Sundown on the Saturday, but this just emphasises the completion of the day, the week, the month, the year. With the setting of the Sun, the year goes round again.

And we go round again too, not in a circle, we never end up exactly where we started. We are travelling along a groove in an old LP vinyl record slowly spiralling inwards towards the centre.

Each Advent, we have completed another circuit of the liturgy through the many Sundays after Trinity which make Christmas and Easter seem a long way off.

It's a long journey every year and today is the day when we sit at the mountain and take stock. We begin to look at how we have grown in the Holy Ghost and how we need to work at repentance for the year ahead.

We come again to the mountain. And we are hungry and thirsty And ahead of us is our next journey to Bethlehem to register for the census.

It's all a bit relentless.

Round and round and round we goes and where we stop nobody knows.

Our ears prick up as we hear the Holy Voice say, "whence shall we buy bread that these may eat?" In our tiredness, our sadness, our jadedness and weariness with this world and our journey through it, we hear the voice of the One Who cares that we should not starve or faint with hunger.

And then we hear a voice of discouragement, "Two hundred penny-worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that everyone of them may take a little."

This voice of discouragement always seems to be with us always trying to scratch a hole in our hope, dampen our joy turn us towards the ground.

Every year, we approach Christmas dreading the usual voices claim that Christmas is a pagan holiday. (It isn't, Saturnalia was never on Christmas Day.)

Or the grumbling about presents and decorations which has been going on now since before Halloween!

The world's voices seek to crowd out our hope which, at the end of another year's journey is in short supply.

Do we really have to go around again? Why can't Jesus return now?

But He has!

Into our hands, into our mouths given by the Holy Apostles we are fed, good wholesome bread, bread that enters our bellies and nourishes us, warms our hearts strengthens our hopes and turns us to the God Who gives of Himself for us.



Here, at this pause in our journey, we are fed with the Bread of Life. Our Liturgical Year ends with the Mass.

All our journeys end with the Mass: the little journey from pew to altar to receive Him truly present in the Sacrament as He promises us; the journey through the week, through daily work, through daily encounter with an unbelieving world back to the food of Christ in Church; the journey from Advent to Advent, treading and retreading the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and in Bethlehem to find again the Real Presence of Christ; the journey from birth to death, through sin, sorrow, joy and righteousness until we pass through Death and into the Wedding feast of the Lamb.

Our journey always ends in the Mass.

But that's what the Mass is for.

It's the gift Christ gives us that we might keep going, keep encountering Him, keep bringing ourselves to Him with our need for healing and for wholeness.

And it is the pinnacle of our worship of God, for we travel back to God for the reason that He is worth more to us than the distractions of this petty world.

Fr Jonathan 

# Every Sunday: 11am Sung Mass

Wednesday: 12 noon Low Mass (& Holy Days : As Announced)

## Feast of the week



**November 26<sup>th</sup>: St Sylvester the Abbot** (1177-1267 and not to be confused with Pope St Sylvester I) was an Italian Catholic priest and the founder of the Order of the Silvestrini. Having retired to a hermitage after gently rebuking his wayward bishop, St Sylvester decided to form a new community based on a stricter observance of the Rule of St Benedict and emphasising external poverty. The Silvestrini were recognised by Pope Innocent IV and allowed to create monasteries more generally. **St Sylvester, pray for us!**



## Dates for your diary:

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

During the Bishop's travels, Fr Jonathan intends to keep up the midweek Masses as far as he can. Please let him know if you intend coming so that he can prepare things accordingly, and let you know if the Mass has to be cancelled.

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Advent Sunday – the start of the Liturgical Year in which we prepare ourselves for Christmas. Might you consider giving something up for Advent?

### Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate to this year's Christmas Flowers, please see Margaret Mead

Naughty people (there seem to be a lot of naughty people at St Augustine's) have taken this image and made naughty suggestions. One has suggested that there is a log-jam at the confessional and others that this is a curates' cupboard conga. One incredibly naughty person thought that this was a scramble to restore the Bishop to his factory settings.

To set the record straight, the Dean is attempting to put the leash back on to the Archdeacon's pet tarantula which the Head Server has managed to pin under the router. This is necessary as the tarantula keeps dancing on the cheese scones, and the Bishop doesn't like that.

## Meet the team



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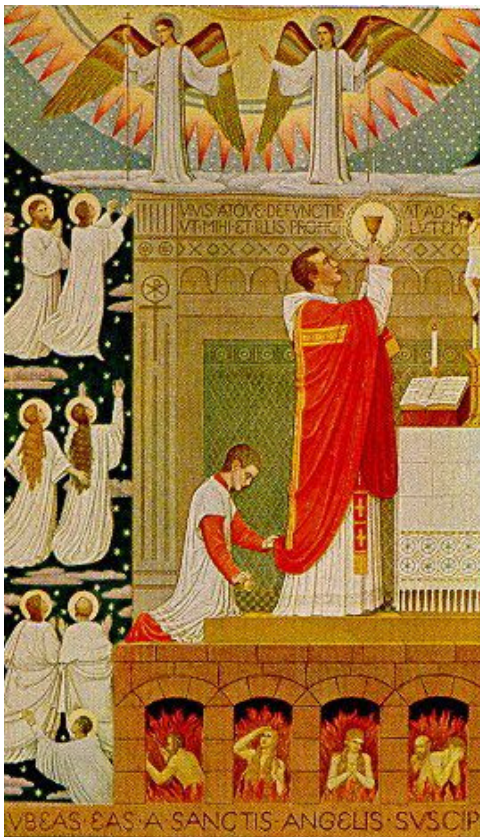
**Safeguarding Officer & Head Server**  
Dr Roy Hipkiss



**Assistant Server**  
Master Aiden

# Your Prayers are asked for:

Please let us know if there are any changes to our intercession list:



Chris Bosworth; Margaret and Laurence Mead; Diane and Mike Smith; Roy Hipkiss, Todd and his family; Colin Rumens; Ann Chapman; Margaret Martin; Dorothy Hipkiss; Fr Miles Maylor; Fr Ed Bakker; Deb & Stephen Stuck-Samuels; John Sullivan; Don and Rhonda Contreras; Robert McBride; Sally Pengilly, Sally and Michael Lyth, Dimitri Rouchos, Anna, Chris, Ron Holmes, Fr Warwick Jaundrill, Fr Patrick Scheiner, Craig Paterson, Matthew Catton and Deacon Gustaf Stenstrom. Carolyn Marriott. Ken Marsden, Dulcie Fidge.

*We continue to pray for* HM The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Vickie Wall; Stephen Beasley, Nicola Baker, Quinn Hollick, Marc Tatton, Andrew Avis, Cheri Stanton, Ralph Nevill, Aiden Cook and all afflicted with cancer.

*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, India, Afghanistan, the Middle East and China.
- For Peace in the Holy Land, Sudan, the Congo and Rwanda, and in Ukraine and Russia and throughout the World.
- For the victims of violence and civil unrest, war, terrorism and crime.
- For the armed forces, especially those on active service, and all charged with our safety and security.

*For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*

- Missionary Diocese of Mindanao, Bishop Jun Paul Canilo;
- The Oxford Movement House Group, North Yorkshire, Mrs Sally Lyth, Convenor;
- Giving thanks for the closing liturgical year.

*And we remember the recently departed*

*Peter Fidge, Anne Chamberlaine, Karl Routledge-Wilson, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, especially:*  
Judith Anderson, Eileen Fyfe-Graham,

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

Each of you should give  
what you have decided in your heart to give,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV



WORD

## Supporting the Church financially

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