

## St Arvans Church mid-week Bulletin Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Night Prayer:** Tonight at 8pm – online only

**Sunday Eucharist:** Sunday 10am. Places must be booked.

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## Prayer and Meditation

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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## Today the church commemorates St. Augustine of Canterbury.

Augustine was a monk who became the first Archbishop of Canterbury in the year 597. He is considered the "Apostle to the English" and a founder of the English Church.

Augustine was the prior of a monastery in Rome. He was sent to Britain by Pope Gregory the Great in 595 to Christianize King Æthelberht and his Kingdom of Kent from Anglo-Saxon paganism. In 597, Augustine landed on the Isle of Thanet and proceeded to Æthelberht's main town of Canterbury.

King Æthelberht converted to Christianity and allowed the missionaries to preach freely, giving them land to found a monastery outside the city walls. Augustine was consecrated as a bishop and converted many of the king's subjects. Roman bishops were established at London, and Rochester in 604, and a school was founded to train Anglo-Saxon priests and missionaries. Augustine also arranged the consecration of his successor, Laurence of Canterbury. The archbishop died around 604 and was soon revered as a saint.

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### **Sirach 36: 1-17**

Have mercy upon us, O God of all,  
and put all the nations in fear of you.  
As you have used us to show your holiness to them,  
so use them to show your glory to us.  
Then they will know, as we have known,  
that there is no God but you, O Lord.  
Give new signs, and work other wonders;  
make your hand and right arm glorious.

Gather all the tribes of Jacob,  
and give them their inheritance, as at the beginning.  
Have mercy, O Lord, on the people called by your name,  
on Israel, whom you have named your firstborn,

### **Psalms 28: 6-9**

Blessed be the LORD,  
for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.  
The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
in him my heart trusts;  
so I am helped, and my heart exults,  
and with my song I give thanks to him.  
The LORD is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.  
O save your people, and bless your heritage;  
be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

### **1 Thessalonians 2: 2b-8**

We had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle<sup>Ⓜ</sup> among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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## **A Reading from the Gospel of St Matthew. 13: 31-33**

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

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## **Music**

I'm not sure if this hymn to the Holy Spirit will be known to everyone. It is a standard in the Roman Catholic church and I sang it as a child. This version is sung by the Marian Youth Choir at the Holy Rosary Church in Adenta, in the region of Accra in Ghana.

[Come Holy Ghost Creator come - YouTube](#)

Some plain chant: Veni Creator Spiritus.

[Veni Creator Spiritus • With English Translation By Adrian Fortescue - YouTube](#)

This week's hymn is Breathe on me, Breath of God.

[TRENTHAM-BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD - YouTube](#)

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