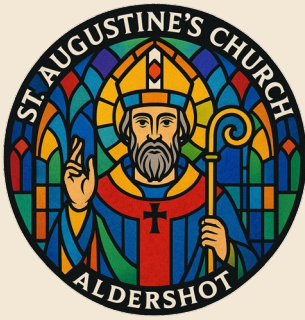




The Parish of Saint Augustine, North Town, Aldershot

Parish Newsletter for September 2026

"This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." — Acts 1:11

Services in September

30th August

Sun 30th August 10.00am **Sung Mass** followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Thu 3rd September 10.00am **Said Mass**

Thu 3rd September 10.30am – 12.30pm **Open Church** with chat, companionship and refreshments at the back of the church.

6th September

Sun 6th September 10.00am **Sung Mass** followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Wed 9th September 10.00am **Said Mass**

13th September

Sun 13th September 10.00am **Sung Mass** followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Wed 16th September 10.00am **Said Mass**

20th September

Sun 20th September 10.00am **Sung Mass** followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Wed 23rd September 10.00am **Said Mass**

Wed 23rd September 10.30am – 12.30pm **Open Church** with chat, companionship and refreshments at the back of the church.

Fri 25th September 10.00am – 2.00pm **Open Church** for prayer, reflection and quiet time.

27th September

Sun 27th September 10.00am **Sung Mass** followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Wed 30th September 10.00am **Said Mass**

Wed 30th September 10.30am – 12.30pm **Open Church** with chat, companionship and refreshments at the back of the church.

Wed 30th September 7.00pm – 8.30pm **Scripture and Prayer at St. Augustine's** – Canterbury Suite.

Fri 2nd October 10.00am – 2.00pm **Open Church** for prayer, reflection and quiet time.

Parish Information

Our website. <https://staugustine-aldershot.org.uk>

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Wi-Fi at the Church. Network. staugustinenet. The password is displayed at the back of the church.

What's Happening

Open Church – September

Carol and Graham will be away from 5 to 22 September. Unfortunately, Open Church will not take place during this period unless other members of the congregation are willing to volunteer to open and supervise the church.

If you could help on a Wednesday or Friday, even for part of the usual opening time, please contact Carol or Graham.

Branching Out. Caring for Our Church Grounds

The PCC has agreed to engage a professional tree surgeon to carry out necessary work on all the trees within the church grounds. This will help to keep the trees healthy, safe and well maintained, while improving the overall appearance of the grounds. The work is scheduled to take place on 1 and 2 September.

Mark My Words! A journey through St Mark's Gospel with Scripture, prayer and conversation.

Scripture and Prayer at St Augustine's is a relaxed and welcoming journey through St Mark's Gospel, offering time to read, reflect, discuss and pray together. The six fortnightly sessions begin on Wednesday 30 September in the Canterbury Suite, with refreshments from 6.30pm and the session from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome—there is no need to sign up; simply come along and join us.

Looking Ahead

Harvest Festival has been pencilled in for October 11th. This, however is subject to change.

Father Josh will be celebrating Mass with us on 20th September, 4th and 11th October.

Carol Service. It's time to start thinking about Christmas. Any suggestions on how we could arrange a Carol service would be welcome.

Bishop's Prayer Network

Bishop Paul has made intentional prayer one of his three foci as our Acting Bishop and has invited all those willing to pray with him for our diocese to join the Bishop's Prayer Network. This will entail receiving a prayer bulletin every two months, invitations to pray online with Bishop Paul, should you so wish, six times a year and to join him in two half-nights of prayer. All are welcome to join at

www.cofeguildford.org.uk/prayernetwork

Could you offer a little time to support a family in North Town?

Family life with young children can be wonderful, busy and exhausting, and some parents may be coping with broken sleep, loneliness, health worries, anxiety, twins or triplets, or the pressure of raising children without much support nearby. We offer free, confidential and non-judgmental help, because no parent should feel they have to manage everything on their own.

Our carefully trained home-visiting volunteers are matched with families who would welcome extra encouragement, whether that means a friendly chat, help getting out with the children, building confidence step by step, or simply having someone who listens without judgement. We also run family groups where parents and carers can bring their little ones, meet others, enjoy relaxed activities and feel part of the local community.

If you are kind, approachable and reliable, and could spare up to two hours each week or fortnight, we would love to hear from you. No specialist experience is needed—full training, ongoing support and travel expenses are provided. A little time from you could make a big difference to a local family.

Seven Pillars of the Anglo-Catholic Tradition

Pillar Two. The Sacramental Life of the Church

The second pillar is the sacramental life of the Church—the belief that God uses visible and ordinary things to communicate his invisible grace. Through Baptism we are welcomed into the family of the Church, and in the Eucharist, we are continually nourished by Christ. Anglo-Catholic tradition also values Confirmation, Reconciliation, Holy Matrimony, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick as ways in which God meets people at important moments in their lives. The sacraments remind us that Christianity is not simply a set of ideas or beliefs. It is a life lived in relationship with God and with one another, strengthened by grace from birth and baptism, through times of joy, vocation, illness and sorrow, until the end of our earthly journey.

From Our History. The East Window

Above the Sanctuary is a modern round stained-glass window the only stained glass in the Church.

The window was installed in 1964 when the Church was completed. Obviously there has to be a symbolism in its cascade of colour. To my shame I had forgotten it! Believing that there might be others like myself (plus a completely new generation at St. Augustine's who cannot be expected to know) I sort the help of Father A.R.T. Rose who was our Vicar when the window was installed. He has been kind enough to write the following for us

"The East Window was designed by Margaret Treherne who was responsible for much of the stained glass in Coventry Cathedral. At first glance, it appears to be merely a bold, but motley, collection of vividly coloured pieces of glass in varying shades of red, orange, blue and pale grey. A longer contemplation, however, will bring home dramatically the message the artist meant to convey namely the work of the Holy Spirit.

The bright red represents the HOLY SPIRIT in His Glory, and from the top of the window, rays appear to pour down upon the rather drab grey below, showing the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Thus, we see the Holy Spirit coming down upon His people, and a closer examination will bring to light the fact that here and there amongst the grey are patches of red, indicating the presence of the Spirit in our human life, and in the same way, it will also be seen that wee patches of grey have been "absorbed" into the red at the top, which is a sign of the Holy Spirit taking us into Himself.

The Holy Spirit DOES brighten our drab lives. He does come to us in all His power and might. He does guide us and inspire us.

The window was dedicated on July 1st 1964 to the glory of God and in memory of Henry William Broadhurst"

Thank you, Father Rose. It seems to me that the window is as "prayer provoking" as it is striking.

Murray Hillman

Final Thoughts. Prayer. The Heart of Anglo-Catholic Life

Prayer lies at the heart of the Anglo-Catholic tradition because it draws us into a deeper relationship with God and unites our daily lives with the worship of the Church. Anglo-Catholic spirituality places particular value on the Mass, the Daily Office, the sacraments and regular personal devotion. Through spoken prayers, silence, Scripture, the Rosary and contemplation, we learn to recognise God's presence and allow Christ to shape our thoughts, choices and actions.

Prayer is also understood as something we do together, joining our voices with the whole Church on earth and in heaven. In the Eucharist, our prayers are united with Christ's perfect offering to the Father; in intercession, we bring before God the needs of the Church, the world and those who suffer. This rhythm of worship and personal prayer strengthens us for Christian service, reminding us that prayer is not an escape from the world but the place from which loving and faithful action begins.

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