



The Parish of Saint Augustine, North Town, Aldershot

Parish Newsletter for June 2026

"Be still, and know that I am God." — Psalm 46:10

Services in June

31st May

Sun 31st May 10:00am **Sung Mass** followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Wed 3rd June 12:00 noon **Said Mass**

Wed 3rd June 12:30pm – 1:30pm **Open church** with chat, companionship and refreshments at the back of the church.

Fri 5th June 10:00am – 2:00pm **Open church** for prayer, reflection and quiet time.

7th June

Sun 7th June 10:00am **Sung Mass** followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Wed 10th June 10:00am **Said Mass**

Wed 10th June 10:30am – 12:30pm **Open church** with chat, companionship and refreshments at the back of the church.

Fri 12th June 10:00am – 2:00pm **Open church** for prayer, reflection and quiet time.

14th June

Sun 14th June 10:00am **Sung Mass** followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Mon 15th June 7:30pm – **Aldershot Deanery** Bishop Paul's Gathering, Christ Church, Cove

Wed 17th June 10:00am **Said Mass**

Wed 17th June 10:30am – 12:30pm **Open church** with chat, companionship and refreshments at the back of the church.

Fri 19th June 10:00am – 2:00pm **Open church** for prayer, reflection and quiet time.

21st June

Sun 21st June 10:00am **Sung Mass** followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Wed 24th June 10:00am **Said Mass**

Wed 24th June 10:30am – 12:30pm **Open church** with chat, companionship and refreshments at the back of the church.

Fri 26th June 10:00am – 2:00pm **Open church** for prayer, reflection and quiet time.

28th June

Sun 28th June 10:00am **Sung Mass** followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Wed 1st July 10:00am **Said Mass**

Wed 1st July 10:30am – 12:30pm **Open church** with chat, companionship and refreshments at the back of the church.

Parish Information

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

Facebook Page: [St Augustine Facebook](#)

Email: staugustine.1907@gmail.com

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

What's Happening

- We give thanks for a successful APCM held on 10th May, and warmly welcome Sarah and Daniel as new members of the PCC, praying that their service may strengthen the mission, fellowship and witness of St Augustine's.
- Members of St Augustine's are invited to attend **Bishop Paul's Gathering** at **Christ Church, Cove**, on **15th June**. This will be an opportunity to join with others from across the local Church for worship, fellowship and reflection, and to share in Bishop Paul's encouragement for our common life and mission.
- The Richborough Summer Festival 2026 takes place on **Saturday 18 July** at **St Mary's, Wellingborough**, beginning with a **12 noon Votive Mass of the Precious Blood**, followed by lunch, Rosary and Benediction. This is a good opportunity to join others in the Richborough family for worship, fellowship and encouragement in the Catholic tradition of the Church

of England. As Wellingborough is around two hours from Aldershot, we are considering hiring a minibus if there is enough interest. Please let us know if you may wish to attend.

A brief history of Forward in Faith – Part 2

By Angus Henderson

Today, Forward in Faith continues as an advocacy and fellowship organisation, while the Society provides a framework for orthodox Anglo-Catholic life. Together, they represent an enduring attempt to uphold theological conviction while remaining within the Church of England. For its part the Church is committed to enabling those who cannot accept the ministry of women bishops and priests to remain and flourish within the Church of England.

Forward in Faith supports the work of the Catholic Group in General Synod and encourages participation in the synodical structures of the Church of England. It has branches in many Church of England dioceses, including Guildford, and its structure also includes Forward in Faith – Scotland. Its counterpart in Wales is Credo Cymru – Forward in Faith Wales.

If you are not a member, why not join us? The best way is online at the National Forward in Faith website. <https://forwardinfaith.com/>

From the Editor

Although Eastertide has ended and Advent feels a long way off, the Church does not leave us in an empty season. These coming weeks invite us to live the faith quietly and steadily: strengthened by the Holy Spirit after Pentecost, drawn more deeply into the mystery of the Trinity, and nourished by the gift of the Eucharist. Ordinary Time is not “ordinary” in the sense of being dull or uneventful; it is the time in which grace takes root in ordinary lives. It is a season for perseverance, prayer, small acts of charity, faithful attendance at Mass, and renewed confidence that Christ is still walking with His Church.

A gentle encouragement

Please do take one of the prayer booklets from the back of church to use at home, in church, or wherever you find a quiet moment with God. There are copies of "Personal Prayer Booklet", "Catholic Bible Passages", and "How to Pray the Rosary", offered to help deepen your prayer and encourage regular reflection on the faith. Free rosaries and small crosses are also available. Please take one for yourself, or for someone you know who may appreciate a simple aid to prayer and encouragement.

Diary Dates

- Mass time change - Wed 3rd June 12:00 noon **Said Mass.**
- Bishop Paul's Gatherings -Monday 15 June 2026, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, at Christ Church, Cove.
- Richborough Summer Festival 2026 - Saturday 18th July from 12 noon.

Parish Life

Father Wickham — the Revd. Edward Stephen Gladstone Wickham — arrived in North Town in April 1913 and quickly became a much-loved figure at St Augustine's. Despite his distinguished background as the son of Canon Edward Wickham and grandson of William Ewart Gladstone, he chose to live among the people of North Town rather than in the more comfortable surroundings near St Michael's. A committed High Church Anglican, he helped establish the Anglo-Catholic character of St Augustine's, while also throwing himself into the practical and social needs of the parish. He prioritised the building of a permanent church hall, encouraged community fundraising, founded the North Town Public Welfare Association, and pressed for improvements to the difficult track used by workers travelling to the Camp. During the First World War he ministered to a community marked by anxiety and loss, later serving as a chaplain with the Royal Tank Corps in France. His ministry left a lasting spiritual and civic legacy in North Town, remembered not for status or ancestry, but for his closeness to his people and his practical Christian care.

Giving and Support



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Final Thoughts

In the quiet rhythm of our days, the Church gently reminds us that holiness is not found only in the extraordinary, but in the faithful offering of ordinary moments to God. At St Augustine's we are nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent out not simply to believe, but to become living signs of Christ's presence in the world. Each small act of charity, each prayer whispered in hope, each gesture of forgiveness participates in the life of grace. As we go forward, may we do so with renewed trust that God is at work among us—quietly, persistently—drawing all things toward His love.