

Update from All Saints'

Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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I want to begin today by congratulating **Eric Bays** on the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination to the priesthood. When I reflect on the fact that I have been a Priest for only 38 years, I have to say that I find this truly remarkable. Eric you are a wonderful gift to all of us -- God bless you.

So today the Church celebrates **Augustine**, the first Archbishop of Canterbury, and the one who laid the foundations of the English Church. Augustine died on this day in 605.

Today, the Church looks a little different, and yet we carry forward a wonderful tradition and a genuine faith in Jesus who calls us to loving service.

So tonight's prayer is the prayer for Augustine:

"Everliving God, you strengthened your servant Augustine, though he was fearful and laden with doubt, to lay the foundations of your Church among the English people. Grant us always to show forth the reason for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us, by sharing with all peoples and races your infinite gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen"

Stay cool and stay well,

Chris