

Today marks the feast day of St Augustine of Canterbury – the first Archbishop of Canterbury – from the 6th century. When we examine St Augustine's life and work we see a holy priest, who listened to the request from Pope Gregory to come to England and establish the Church here. He was given his orders and he followed them – he came to evangelise and preach the Good News. He was to convert pagan England to Christianity.

His story is so relevant to today: 'prayer' is one of the most popular searched words on Google in our lockdown. People are seeking God and seeking understanding today and our job is to preach the Good News to those we know and those in our communities.

St Augustine's work has not finished – it has simply been passed down the generations and it is for us to continue it.

St Augustine, pray for us.

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