

# THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, LAVENDER HILL

Sunday 2 March 2025  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
[Sunday before Lent]

11.00am Solemn Mass

*A very warm welcome to everyone especially if this is your first visit.  
Please join us for refreshments following the service.*

*Please take this order of service away with you*

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## THIS WEEK

Observances	Monday:	<i>Feria</i>
	Tuesday:	<i>Feria</i> <b>Low Mass: 10.00am</b> <b>Confessions: 6.00pm – 6.45pm</b> <b>Penitential Service: 7.00pm</b> <i>Followed by pancake party</i>
	Wednesday:	ASH WEDNESDAY [LENT BEGINS] <b>Low Mass: 10.00am</b> <b>Confessions: 6.00pm – 6.45pm</b> <b>Solemn Mass: 7.00pm</b> <i>Both Masses include blessing &amp; imposition of ashes</i>
	Thursday:	<i>Lent Feria</i> <b>Low Mass: 10.00am</b>
	Friday:	<i>Lent Feria</i> No Mass today
	Saturday:	<i>Lent Feria</i> <b>Holy Rosary: 9.30am</b>
	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>Solemn Mass: 11.00am</b>

*A warm welcome to the Ascension, Lavender Hill. We are a Parish of the Diocese of Southwark and under the Episcopal care of the Bishop of Fulham. If you would like to know more about the Ascension, have queries about baptisms, weddings and funerals, or any questions about the Christian Faith, please speak to the Parish Priest, Fr Philip, who will be pleased to assist you:*

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*Thank you for your support.*



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# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Please stand when the bell rings.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

**Alleluya, song of sweetness,  
Voice of joy that cannot die;  
Alleluya is the anthem  
Ever dear to choirs on high:  
In the house of God abiding  
Thus they sing eternally.**

**Alleluya thou resoundest,  
True Jerusalem and free;  
Alleluya, joyful mother,  
All thy children sing with thee;  
But by Babylon's sad waters  
Mourning exiles now are we.**

**Alleluya cannot always  
Be our song while here below;  
Alleluya our transgressions  
Make us for awhile forgo;  
For the solemn time is coming  
When our tears for sin must flow.**

**Therefore in our hymns we pray thee,  
Grant us, blessèd Trinity,  
At the last to keep thine Easter  
In our home beyond the sky,  
There to thee for ever singing  
Alleluya joyfully.**

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

*The priest introduces the Mass.*

## **PENITENTIAL ACT**

*The priest introduces the confession. Silence is kept for recollection of our sins.*

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

**May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen.**

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that the course of our world  
may be directed by your peaceful rule  
and that your Church may rejoice,  
untroubled in her devotion.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*All sit for the readings.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING: SIRACH 27: 4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 92

*Response:*        **It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.**

### SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 54-58

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*All stand to welcome the Gospel.*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
*Shine as lights in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life.*  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL READING: LUKE 6: 39-45**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*All sit.*

**SERMON:** The Venerable John Kiddle, *Archdeacon of Wandsworth*

*All stand.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*All bow at the memorial of the Incarnation:*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became  
man. *All rise*  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one  
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

*The reader leads the people in intercession.*

*The response to each prayer:*

**Lord in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the intercessions we pray together:*

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

*All stand to sing the offertory hymn as the altar is prepared. A collection is taken to help with the ministry and mission of the Church.*

**Alleluya, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluya, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluya, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluya, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.**



*When the altar is prepared the Priest says:*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

#### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit's reward. Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

*The priest sings the Preface, after which we sing:*

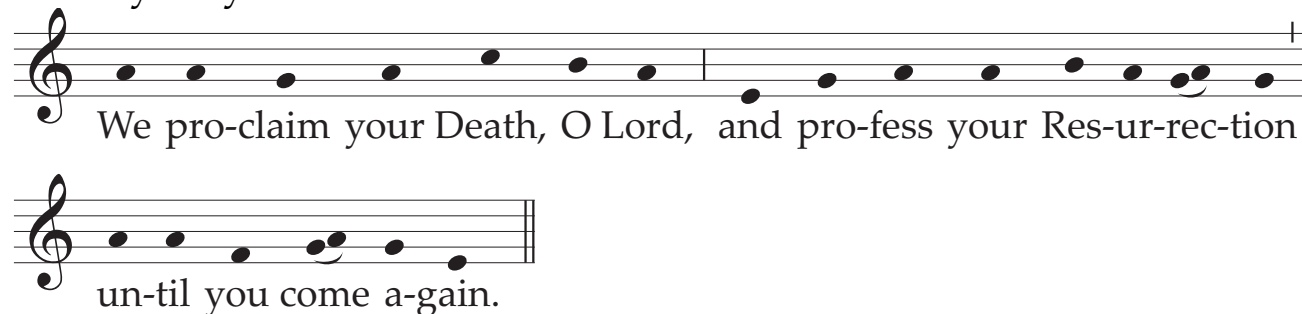
#### **SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth, are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*All kneel or sit as the Eucharistic Prayer continues.*

The mystery of faith:



The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff contains a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics "We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion" are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3. The lyrics "un-til you come a-gain." are written below these notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

*The prayer concludes "...for ever and ever" to which all reply:*  
**Amen.**

## COMMUNION RITE

*All stand as the priest invites the people to pray:*

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.**

## THE PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace, I give you: look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

## AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*The priest and ministers receive Holy Communion.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,  
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*If you are baptised and normally receive Holy Communion in your own Church, you are welcome to receive the Sacrament here today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the altar and cross your arms or bring this order of service with you as a sign to the priest.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

**O bread of heaven, beneath this veil  
thou dost my very God conceal;  
my Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;  
I love thee and adoring kneel;  
each loving soul by thee is fed  
with thine own self in form of bread.**

**O food of life, thou who dost give  
the pledge of immortality;  
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;  
God gives me life, God lives in me:  
he feeds my soul, he guides my ways,  
and every grief with joy repays.**

O bond of love, that dost unite  
the servant to his living Lord;  
could I dare live, and not requite  
such love then death were meet reward:  
I cannot live unless to prove  
some love for such unmeasured love.

Belovèd Lord in heaven above,  
there, Jesus, thou awaitest me;  
to gaze on thee with changeless love,  
yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:  
for how can he deny me heaven  
who here on earth himself hath given?

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand.*

Let us pray.

Nourished by your saving gifts,  
we beseech your mercy, Lord,  
that by this same Sacrament  
with which you feed us in the present age,  
you may make us partakers of life eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE & NOTICES

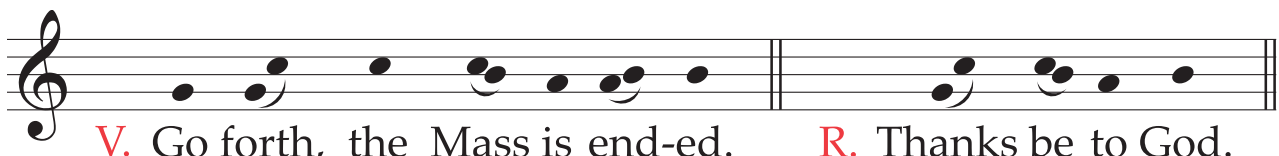
*All sit.*

### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*All stand.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and +the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**



**V.** Go forth, the Mass is end-ed.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

## THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.  
**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour  
of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**Be it unto me according to thy word.**  
*Hail Mary...*

And the Word was made Flesh.  
**And dwelt among us.**  
*Hail Mary...*

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.  
We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we  
have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of  
an angel, so by his Cross and Passion may we be brought to the glory of  
his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### FINAL HYMN

**All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:**

Refrain:  
*O praise him, O praise him  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him! Alleluya!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice: [Refrain]**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light: [Refrain]**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show: [Refrain]**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him! Alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One: [Refrain]**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**      *Fanfare*  
Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens (1823-1881)

*Please remain standing until the procession has left the church.*

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## **FOR OUR PRAYERS**

### *Those in need*

Elly Kostur, Jean Tester, Cath Papangelou, Maureen Papangelou, Shabnam Mehdi-Poor, Alvin Rhodon, Andrew Woods, Carol Farley, Luke Guthrie, Alan, Jim Warwick, Roy Norton, Robin Farquhar-Thomson, Victoria, Ann Guthrie, Bernadette Savage

*We pray for peace in the Holy Land.*

### *Recently departed*

Rita Elba, Margaret Brasier

### *Anniversaries of death*

Daphne Wright, Alice Taylor, Alice Davey, Mary Elizabeth Coe, William Hill, Henry Sneed, Sarah Cleaver, Walter Hum (pr), Arthur Tooth (pr), Jack Guinness (pr), Horace Last, Amos Sanderson, Edna Weeks, Mary Hapgood, Mary Kelly, Bernadette Savage, Frederick Ossawy, Millie Colburn

# NOTICES

## **CONFESSIONS BEFORE LENT**

Fr Philip will be available to hear confessions before Lent at the following times: Tues 4 March Feb from 6pm; and on Ash Wednesday from 6pm.

## **SHROVE TUESDAY**

Tuesday 13 February at 7.00pm: Penitential Service, followed by pancakes. £2 per adult; £1 per child. £1.50 donation per glass of wine.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY: 5 MARCH 2025**

Lent begins this year on Wednesday 5 March. Two Masses that day, each with the blessing and imposition of ashes: 10.00am (said) & 7.00pm (solemn).

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS: WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025**

Stations at 7.00pm, followed by the usual 7.30pm Mass.

## **ST JOSEPH: WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025**

Sung Mass at 7.00pm. Visiting preacher: Fr Peter McGeary, Parish Priest of St Mary Cable Street E1 and Priest Vicar of Westminster Abbey. Followed by drinks

## **THE ANNUNCIATION: TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2025**

Sung Mass at 7.00pm. Visiting preacher: Fr Timothy Newton, Assistant Curate of St Nicholas, Arundel. Followed by drinks

## **PCC MEETING: THURSDAY 27 MARCH**

The next meeting will be Thursday 27 March at 7.00pm, preceded by a Mass at 6.30pm. This will be an **open meeting**, and any member of the parish is welcome to attend. We will be joined by the Archdeacon of Wandsworth During the course of the meeting Fr Philip will outline some future aspirations for the parish, particularly in terms of the future of commercial lettings and some major fabric matters.

## **NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: MON 27 MAY**

To book your place on the coach please speak to Ann or Barbara. £25 per adult; £12.50 per child. Non-refundable deposit of £10. Leaving here: 7.15am.

## **SUMMER OUTING: EASTBOURNE ON SAT 28 JUNE**

Day trip to Eastbourne - £20 per adult and £10 per child (non-refundable deposit of £10 and £5 respectively) Leaving here: 8.30am

## BISHOP WALTER JULIUS CAREY

Bishop Carey's anniversary of death fell earlier this month. He served as Assistant Curate here between 1899 & 1908.

He was born in Billesdon, Leicestershire, in 1875 to Alfred Henry Carey, and went on to study at Hertford College, Oxford, in 1894. By 1899 he was the curate at the Church of the Ascension in Lavender Hill, a post he held until 1908. In 1908 Carey became the librarian for Pusey House, a college of Oxford; and remained there until 1914.

After the end of the war, he was granted the post of warden of the Bishop's Hostel, Lincoln Theological College, remaining at the college only until 1921. He then emigrated to South Africa, becoming the Bishop of Bloemfontein, remaining there until 1934, returning to Britain due to ill-health. Back in England, Carey accepted the post of chief messenger of Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, but resigned from the role the next year. In 1936 he was appointed chaplain of Eastbourne College, holding the office until 1940 and again after the war from 1945 to 1948.

Below is a short extract from the preface to his book, *Conversion, Catholicism, and the English Church*, published in 1923 near the beginning of his Episcopate in South Africa:

WE all know that at the Anglo-Catholic Priests' Convention at Oxford in 1921 it was resolved to initiate a campaign for the conversion of England. It was a bold resolve, and inasmuch as mountains can be removed by faith, hope, and love, it will doubtless succeed in proportion as these virtues are thrown into the scale. May God bless the effort, for indeed both England and the world need Christianity. Sometimes one is sickened, sometimes disheartened, at the levity and apathy with which the world regards spiritual things. One would have thought that, quite apart from Christianity or any specific religion, human beings with minds would have regarded with awe and reverence the obvious and terrific questions of time and eternity: of man's death and destiny: of the possibility of a future life and judgement. Thinking men of all ages have pondered with acute seriousness over the tragedies, the ironies, and the mysteriousness of life; they have left the world to meditate in solitary caves, or retired to howling deserts to be alone to think and pray. And they returned to the world with passionate convictions for which they were willing to give their fortunes and their lives.

CONVERSION is the first permanent and unchanging element in Christianity. If the Oxford attempt to convert England starts with the Sacraments, or the power and authority of the Church, or any other of the great truths, it will fail. There is only one beginning for the authentic Christianity of Christ, and that is the individual converted heart and will. The individual has first to come under the influence of Christ. He has to be first interested, then mastered and absorbed, and finally self-surrendered. The individual who has thus become a *discipulus*, a learner, has many paths to tread and many experiences to find; there are Sacraments to be received, and a certain Way of life to be followed, and all this is of the very essence of Christianity; but he will have started at the right end, and the only right end, with conversion. This is the way of the Bible, and the great main royal road to vital Christianity never changes.