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Welcome to PP#6: first for 2016!

Dear Friends,

The Season of Easter is coming to an end. Although every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, Jesus' resurrection is so central to the faith of the church that we take **50 days** to fully celebrate and absorb it.

The Easter eggs may be long gone and we search in vain for hot cross buns, but liturgically we proclaim, "Christ is risen. Alleluia," we sing our Easter hymns and we wear white as a reminder of the season's significance.

At the conclusion of the 50 days of Easter we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit – Pentecost. Pentecost is a Jewish festival retained and observed in a different way by Christians because the *Book of Acts* tells us that it was on that day that the first disciples experienced the Spirit as a rush of wind and saw it as tongues of fire resting on their heads.

Pentecost or The Festival of the Booths was a significant festival marking as it did both the escape from Egypt and the first fruits of the harvest. Jerusalem at that time was filled with visitors from all over the world who came to visit the Temple and to celebrate the festival.

This made it relatively easy for the disciples to share their extraordinary experience of Jesus' resurrection and their utter conviction that Jesus was indeed the one promised and sent by God to save the world.

What a change a day makes. After the crucifixion, the disciples had kept to themselves – terrified that they would share the same fate as Jesus.

Their experience of the Holy Spirit changed all that. Suddenly they found not only the courage to speak, but also the words to proclaim all that they had seen and heard. From that moment on they were sufficiently confident in their message and their ability to convince others of the truth of that message that they began to preach the gospel not only in Jerusalem but throughout the world.

Times are vastly different now: we need new words and new ways to share the gospel. Let us pray that we are sufficiently open to the work of the Holy Spirit within us that we too will feel empowered to share the gospel.

Yours in Christ,

Marian

STOP PRESS

We happily welcome to our parish family Micah George Browne, big bouncing baby boy (8lb 5oz), born on May 6 to our theological students, Zoe and David. Mum exhausted and Dad besotted. Undoubtedly, photos will be available on request!



A man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy road.

Suddenly, the traffic light turned amber, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crossing, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

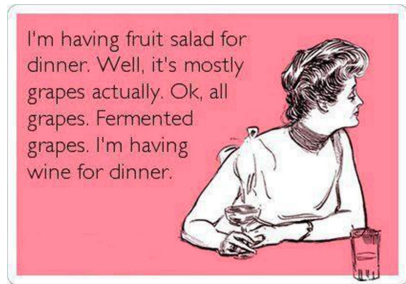
The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her mobile phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.

The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the bloke in front of you, and letting fly with some pretty coarse language at him.

"I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' window sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the boot ... and, naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car."



I'm having fruit salad for dinner. Well, it's mostly grapes actually. Ok, all grapes. Fermented grapes. I'm having wine for dinner.

As 2016 unfolds, we reiterate our thanks to our friends at Masthead Design & Creative and Fergies for helping us continue to produce the PP for our Parish readers.

Fergies is based in our Parish, just a few blocks from St Augustine's, off Kingsford-Smith Drive, and Masthead D&C has been a specialist supporter of nonprofit organisations for more than a decade.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Jockey Club

Did you know that the Parish Hall – or at least part of it – was built as a club for jockeys, apprentices, trainers and stablehands?

A Mr Whittingham left a bequest of £2000 to the Turf Club, which apparently refused the gift ... perhaps as "the administration would be too onerous" (according to a letter to the then Archbishop).

Evidence that the club was formed and used to meet here can be seen (or rather felt) in the floor of the outer office in which there are six squares of timber covering holes in the floor where a billiard table would once have stood.

We have a copy of the Will and of the rules of "The Whittingham Club", a letter to the Archbishop and some other correspondence.

We are trying to track down more information about the Club and would love to hear from anyone who knows more of the history of the hall and of the jockey club that used to meet here.

Please contact Jo by email at oldmouldies@hotmail.com or by phone on 3630 2070.



Fergies
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A POTTED HISTORY OF ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



In the Christian church, an archbishop is a bishop of superior rank who has authority over other bishops in an ecclesiastic province or area.

The Church of England is presided over by two archbishops: the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is 'primate of All England', and the Archbishop of York, who is 'primate of England'.

In Augustine's time (around the 5th Century), it was intended that England would be divided into two provinces with two archbishops, one at London and one at York.

Canterbury gained supremacy just prior to the Reformation in the 16th century, when it exercised the powers of papal legate throughout England.

It is the Archbishop of Canterbury who has the privilege of crowning the kings and queens of England and ranks immediately after the princes of royal blood.

The Archbishop's official residence is at Lambeth Palace, London, and second residence at the Old Palace, Canterbury.

The first Archbishop of Canterbury was Augustine.

Originally prior to the Benedictine monastery of St Andrew in Rome, he was sent to England by Pope Gregory I with the mission to convert the natives to Roman Christianity.



Landing in Ebbesfleet, Kent in 597, Augustine quickly converted his first native when he baptized Ethelbert, King of Kent, along with many of his subjects.

Augustine was consecrated Bishop of the English at Arles that same year and appointed archbishop in 601, establishing his seat at Canterbury. In 603 he attempted unsuccessfully to unite the Roman and native Celtic churches at a conference on the Severn.

More information online at:

<http://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofEngland/Archbishops-of-Canterbury/>

PATRONAL FESTIVAL – 22nd MAY

You are invited to a joint service to celebrate St Augustine's Day, on Sunday 22nd May at 8.30am with celebrant The Right Reverend Ron Williams.

Then let's have brunch in the grounds. Frances Wellington-Hacker would be pleased to answer any questions regarding catering.

KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS

JOHN BEACH



John has lived in the area for 10 years with his wife Jo and three children who are of high school age. His youngest Ewan is one of the

servers at St Augustine's. John originally qualified as an Architect but now works in an occupational health and safety consultancy with his wife Jo. His interests outside work include driving his kids to activities around Brisbane and sailing when he gets the opportunity.

FRANCES & ZARA



Frances Wellington-Hacker

I grew up in Townsville where I attended school then trained as a hairdresser before moving to Brisbane in the late '70s. I was married to my husband Paul at St Augustine's in the '80s and have 2 children. St Augustine's has been my parish for over 15 years.

Zara Wellington-Hacker

I have lived in Brisbane my whole life. After school I attended UQ, graduating in 2015 with a degree in Civil Engineering. During the holidays I travelled around Europe and America. I started work this year as a Civil Engineer. I am enjoying my job in the city as I can still be with my friends and family.

DARRYL BARBER



Born and raised in Sydney, Darryl moved with his family to Brisbane in 2000, joining St Augustine's parish soon after their arrival. Darryl

joined the Parish Council in 2008, and is currently Nominator and Synod Representative. He's also a member of the music group. Darryl's interests include trekking, guitar and writing. You'll often find him on the BBQ at St Augustine's community functions. Darryl & Sharon have 3 kids – Kate, Tom & Libby.

LISA BATESON



Raised in Brisbane, baptised Anglican, graduated from Griffith University with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Chemistry and Chemical Physics

and now have a consulting business focussed on chemical manufacturing, specifically Surface Coatings. I'm heavily involved in my industry association (previously state and national Conference Chair and currently meeting and events organiser). Also a current member of the Rotary Club of Fortitude Valley, and Assistant Governor for the CBD cluster. Extended family is mostly dotted around Brisbane, but my parents and sister live in Sydney. I have an eclectic musical appreciation ranging from Symphony Orchestra to Artic Monkeys and everywhere in between, plus I have a penchant for baking, much to Mary McLennon's delight, my morning tea buddy after 7.30 services.



KNOW YOUR COUNCILLORS

FELICITY LIANG



Since arriving in Ascot from Sydney in 2013, my husband Aaron and I have been delighted to worship at the wonderful parish

of St Augustine's. Being involved in the local church is an important part of our family life, and it is a joy to see our girls Sophie, Phoebe and Ella actively involved in service to the church community. I am employed at Clayfield College as the Associate Chaplain and love sharing my faith and knowledge of God with the younger generation. I have been involved in teaching children for 20 years, in a variety of capacities from classroom teacher through to Scripture Union Primary School Coordinator. I look forward to bringing this knowledge to the parish council, and helping our parish to reach the younger generation.

VAL CURRY



Val's interests encompass family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren especially; helping all areas at St Augustine's; golf, rugby union;

art, interior designing; cooking and entertaining as well as bridge.

A Pommy chap calls at Australia House in London to get a visa to visit family in Australia.

The bloke behind the counter asks, "Do you have a criminal record?"

The Pommy chap sighs and asks, "Is that STILL a requirement?"

ROGER BURRELL



Roger is a lawyer with his own legal and consulting practice and works with fellow parishioner, Karen Voss-Willcocks.

Roger grew up at

Indooroopilly. In his youth, he attended church and was a Sunday school teacher with our current Rector Marian Free at Christ Church St Lucia and was a good friend of Marian's family the Cliffords and was in the same class as Marian's sister Kate at Ironside State School.

Roger attended BBC and university before settling at Hamilton with his wife, Fiona and 3 (now adult) children Emma, Alex and Ned and beloved dog, LuLu (who enjoys her St Francis day meetings with the other dogs). Roger's mother Margaret (a keen parishioner during her life) grew up at Hendra, attended Clayfield College and both went to Sunday School and was confirmed at St Augustine's. Sadly, both of Roger's parents, Margaret and Tom, passed away of recent years and have niches in the Columbarium.

Roger is a parish nominator, Councillor, is chair of the Centenary Fundraising Committee for the church and assists with counting the collections and in other ways. Roger enjoys good company and fine wine and has been known to be a bit cheeky at times. He has passions for the beach, travel and armchair sport, and has been known to like boating, tennis and cricket. He is also a non-executive director of Burrell Stockbroking, current Chairman of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Queensland and a Director and Executive Committee member of MS Australia.



ALWAYS AND

St Paul writes “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

In fact, throughout the Pauline epistles there are many exhortations for constant prayer, thanksgiving, and rejoicing. Does this mean we should really be going to a Eucharist every day? Remember, “Eucharist” comes from the Greek word meaning “to give thanks.”


Jesus said that his flesh is the life of the world, and that unless one eats the flesh of the Son of Man and drinks his blood, one will have no life (John 6:22-59). But Jesus did not specify a frequency to inform what would become the Eucharist. The faithful in Jerusalem appeared to have Holy Communion daily (Acts 2:46), yet at Troas it was discovered by Paul to be a weekly event, held on Sunday (Acts 20:6-11; I Corinthians 16:2).

A first century treatise called “Didache” (meaning teaching – namely, of the twelve apostles) says that the breaking of the bread takes place on the Lord’s Day. This is also noted by Pliny and St Justin. Tertullian gives one of the first non-biblical accounts of more frequent celebrations of the Eucharist during the week, as also in later “apologies” (explanations) by St Cyprian, St John Chrysostom, and St Ambrose.

The faithful in the early church were expected to take Holy Communion as often as it was celebrated. St Augustine (of Hippo, not our Augustine!) observed diversity of practice among the faithful in the fourth century, ranging from daily to weekly. By the time of the Middle Ages, Holy Communion was compelled (by the Fourth Lateran Council) to be received at least once per year. Most religious orders even seemed to be required to take Communion relatively infrequently.

But the Council of Trent in the 16th century put in place admonitions discouraging turning people away from frequent reception, even daily. At the start of the 20th century, rules were laid down for daily reception of Holy Communion in the Church of Rome (“Sacra Tridentina,” under Pope Pius X).

EVERYWHERE



Among the Thirty-nine Articles to which we, as Anglicans, assent, Articles XXVIII-XXX refer to Holy Communion, but do not specify or imply a frequency of reception. The 1603 Canons of the Church of England stipulated that clergy and members of foundations of cathedrals and collegiate churches, as well as fellows, masters, and students of Oxbridge colleges, should receive Communion “four times yearly at the least.” This “benchmark” probably became the norm for social practice, but note the provision “at the least.”

Come the Oxford Movement (1833-41), which sought to reinstate older Christian traditions into traditional Anglican liturgy and theology, and which ultimately lead to Anglo-Catholicism, the Eucharist became more central to worship. Along with the obligatory practice of Roman Catholic clergy praying the Liturgy of the Hours daily, which “simplified” to Morning and Evening Prayer in Cranmer’s Book of Common Prayer, the daily celebration of the Eucharist was most likely swept along with this practice.

At St Augustine’s, we honour the tradition of frequent celebrations of the Eucharist. In addition to the two services on Sundays (7:30am and 9:30am), there are short, said celebrations on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00am, and on Wednesdays at 10:00am. To participate in frequent celebrations of the Eucharist is to follow Jesus’ commandment to “do this in remembrance of me” and in the spirit of St Paul’s exhortation to give thanks always and everywhere.

We also immerse ourselves in the rich tradition of the church universal in so doing. Mid-week celebrations of the Eucharist also offer moments of quiet and unhurried reflection, with Christ truly present in the taking of the bread and the wine. As a way of paying attention to one’s spiritual balance, it is a good practice. Do give it a try!

To prepare for my daughter’s Communion, I called the church in the town where we used to live to get a copy of her baptismal certificate. We lived there for only a short while, so I didn’t know the clergy well. When the secretary asked me the name of the father, I told her that I couldn’t remember. After a brief but very pointed silence, she said, “Ma’am, I’m talking about the name of the baby’s father.”

CHURCH @ ONLINE



It can be easy to dismiss technologies and online communication platforms as fads, especially as members of an organisation which has survived without them for more than 2,000 years. Such platforms include Facebook, Twitter, Hangouts, Skype, Facetime, blogs, and good 'old fashioned' email (!). The reality is that these platforms are not fads, let alone recreational diversions used only by 'young folks'. This so-called 'social media' – electronic tools which allow people and organisations to create, share, and exchange information – are big business. While mostly they are free, in some form, for individuals to use, providers of them are billion-dollar businesses. Social media is big in today's world, used not just by individuals of all ages, but by governments, political parties, business large and small, community organisations ... and churches.

The Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion are:

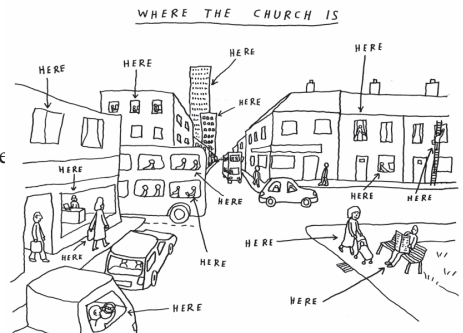
1. *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;*
2. *To teach, baptise and nurture new believers;*
3. *To respond to human need by loving service;*
4. *To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation; and*
5. *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.*

Each one of these can be supported by social media. And since social media is the "way of the world," if we are to engage with the world then we as a church need to embrace social media. We cannot expect people to come to us: we must go to the people with the Good News of God in Christ. Social media makes this mission so much more effective.

At St Augustine's we use electronic technologies and social media in a number of ways:

- Our website provides fixed information about the parish, its mission, its pastoral and community services, as well as its activities. Visit: www.staugustineshamilton.com.au
- The parish has a Facebook page (as well as a linked dedicated page for Kids' Church): on Facebook, search for "St Augustine's Anglican Church, Hamilton" ... and when you find it, click the "LIKE" button so that you can be alerted to new posts of information – copies of sermons, photos of events, reflective comments, special sale items at Jumble, and so on.
- The parish's Twitter account sends out short comments on, well, anything really which we feel would interest our parish community. That's what Twitter is about: broadcasting a short, punchy sentence to relay thoughts and ideas (called a "tweet"). Look up [@StAugustines](https://twitter.com/StAugustines) on Twitter.

If this interests you but you don't know where to start, don't worry! If you can browse the internet or send an email, then you can use Facebook and Twitter. Please ask Marian or Rodney if you would like some help to get started. They can also assist you with any concerns you have about your privacy online. Join us in staying connected with the parish, and in sharing the Good News electronically!



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WHY BIBLE STUDY?

I meet regularly with four other women who are about my age and who share my desire to talk seriously about a variety of life issues.

We were all brought up as Christians, but on the night we chose God as our topic we found that every one of us has gone through many changes that have taken us far from the simple rules of our childhood.

When it was my turn to tell my story, I found that words didn't come easily, but that articulating these complicated thoughts and feelings clarified and reinforced my faith. And listening to the other women's experiences showed me that I am not the only one for whom the question of God is never fully answered.

Where does bible study fit in to this dynamic process in which people reflect on their early learning, and over a lifetime refine it into an individual perception of and relationship to God?

Is "bible study" even the right name for it?

In our evening bible study at St Augustine's there is the kind of open discussion and reflection that creates an environment for learning and growth.

Sometimes people may have wildly different perspectives, but all are listened to. In addition, our study is guided and enriched by stimulating material that gives us access to the knowledge and insight of progressive theologians, as well as reaching out into moral and practical issues in the world around us.



Central to the group's success is the expert leadership of Marian or Rodney to keep us on the straight (but not always the narrow). In this environment, the bible is the backbone, the reference book, the authority, the inspiration.

But perhaps we need a new name; "bible study" may give the impression that participants will focus exclusively on the words at the expense of their own living response. Our Tuesday night meetings do more than that.

Bible study is held at 7.30pm on the second and fourth Tuesday. There is also a daytime group which meets on the first, third and fifth Thursday at 2:00pm.

Juliet Quinlan

The real secret behind enjoying a good bottle of wine.

1. Open the bottle to allow it to breathe.



2. If it doesn't look like it's breathing, give it mouth-to-mouth.

A lady was visiting a church one Sunday. The sermon seemed to go on forever, and many in the congregation fell asleep. After the service, to be social, she walked up to a very sleepy looking gentleman, extended her hand in greeting, and said, "Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn."

The gentleman replied, "You're not the only one."

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH RETREAT WEEKEND ...



On the sloping banks overlooking the beautiful Moreton Bay lies the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre – a splendid venue for this year's parish retreat.

This beautiful Retreat Centre is a place where tranquillity meets nature and immediately on arrival the presence of God is felt at the very heart. Michelle and Patrick were welcoming and warm and mealtimes were a place of lively chatter where we enjoyed delicious food.



The estate houses delightful ensuite accommodation, two chapels, a labyrinth set in a manicured garden and a prayer wall holding countless prayers lifted to God from visitors to the Centre. There is also a pathway leading to a shrine, another of the many places on the property where one can meditate in the midst of nature. The smaller glass chapel where silence is observed, has a truly breathtaking view of the gardens, with a backdrop of yachts bobbing on the bay.



A larger glassed chapel also has a delightful view, and it was there that we prayed, meditated and celebrated the Eucharist. We were also addressed by The Rev'd Canon Dr. Edwards, a man of insight and humility who, throughout the weekend, guided us gently through the



lives and works of four Christian teachers of the faith; with a common theme of Praying and Living in the World.

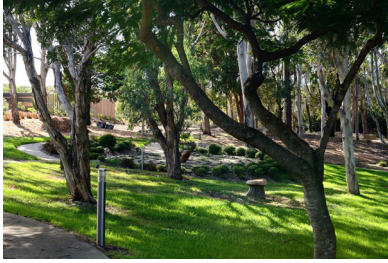
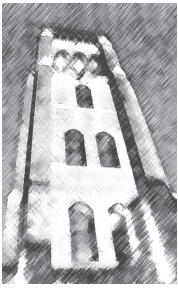
Our first reflection was on the works and prayers of Julian of Norwich – a devout 15th Century woman of vision and mysticism, whose words of comfort are greatly moving to all those who have a yearning to know Christ. She counseled countless people during her lifetime and brought many ordinary people to a deep place of prayer and contemplation.



After that we reflected on St Teresa of Avila – a 16th Century mystic and Carmelite Nun as well as a prolific author. Many of her works focused on women, and she was an outspoken advocate for their upliftment.

Some of her writings were destroyed because her superiors felt they were not in accordance with Christian teachings. Despite this, she continued to write. St Teresa was a true visionary who was centuries before her time and a fine example of prayer and prayerfulness.

... Praying and Living in the World



Then came Thomas Merton, an esteemed author, Trappist monk, spiritual guide, social critic and himself a contemplative whose belief was that contemplation is a gift in which the soul, purified by God's love, experiences the presence of God within; making our own souls a mirror created only to reflect God. What a thought! We also learnt that his teachings are about selfless love for other people – not an easy task in this sometimes harsh and individualistic world.

The fourth and final person on whose works we reflected was Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, a man of great wisdom, courage and some say instrumental in a peaceful transition to end apartheid in South Africa.

How brave he was to speak out against the establishment when anything that could be construed as anti-government policy might have led to a lengthy prison sentence or even death. He was an activist who never lost sight of making prayer and God's love the focal point of his mission.

So it was a weekend of challenging insights which aimed at deepening our understanding of Praying and Living in the World in a beautiful bayside setting. What a blessing!

Maggie Woolly



(Photos thanks to Laurie Shaw on the far right – another welcome addition to our parish family)



November 2015 – April 2016

PASTORAL SERVICES



BAPTISMS

01-Nov-15	Van	Amelie Amaya
15-Nov-15	Best	Lachlan James
15-Nov-15	Best	Zali Georgina Horsley
29-Nov-15	Worthington	Eleanor Grace
29-Nov-15	Keast	Levi Benjamin
13-Dec-15	Paterson	Faith Patricia
20-Dec-15	Passmore	Evie Rose
20-Dec-15	Faulder	Lyla Adeline May
20-Dec-15	Vivian	Rhys James
03-Jan-16	Cohn	Thomas Edward Rupert
17-Jan-16	Chauhan	Hamish John
24-Jan-16	McIntosh-Brown	Jack Tristan
14-Feb-16	Beach	Savanna Rose
06-Mar-16	Taylor	Elie Lillian
20-Mar-16	Waterhouse	Finn Jack
03-Apr-16	Berlese	Eva Fleur
17-Apr-16	Bedford	Jock Warren
24-Apr-16	Brenton	Lachlan Hunter

MARRIAGES

07-Nov-15	Campbell Schmidt	Lisa Major
28-Nov-15	Brandon Robertson	Emma Stafford
20-Feb-16	Nathan Krause	Belinda Ashton
05-Mar-16	Ranald Duhig	Kulthalee Wongsena
19-Mar-16	Jonathon Staples	Britney Mackereth

Ken and Melba had finished breakfast at the retirement home and were relaxing in the library.

"You know," said Melba, "today, in most marriage ceremonies, they don't use the word 'obey' anymore." "Too bad, isn't it?" observed Ken. "It used to lend a little humour to the occasion."

DEATHS

11-Nov-15	Fitzgerald, Gordon John
14-Nov-15	Staines, Federick John
03-Jan-16	Fitzell, John Henry
04-Mar-16	Row, William Edward
11-Mar-16	Trafford/Pease, Mary Therese
30-Mar-16	Morris, Graeme Oriel
13-Apr-16	Wyatt, Marie Joan

Three friends from the local congregation were asked the question 'When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?'

Artie responded: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Al said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"