

## Worship Schedule for May

**May 1 – St. Philip and St. James.** There are at least eight persons named James in the New Testament and so there is occasionally confusion over which James this is. This day is in honor of two apostles, James the Less and Phillip, not Phillip the deacon but Phillip the apostle. If you would like more information about these two, try this link:

<http://satucket.com/lectionary/Philip&James.htm>

**May 19- Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury.** Dunstan was a monk and Archbishop who died in 988. He is credited with re-establishing monastic life in England at Glastonbury after that form of life had been wiped out in England. Glastonbury is one of the oldest Christian sites in England and is associated with King Arthur and the Holy Grail and Joseph of Arimathea, among others. Dunstan established monasteries at many sites around England and in his later years ran the Canterbury School for Boys. He also started the tradition that the Archbishop of Canterbury should be a monk, a tradition that lasted for several centuries.

### **May 26- Augustine, First Bishop of Canterbury, 605**

Christianity came to Britain in the 300's but was constantly threatened by invaders. In 597 Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome sent Augustine and a group of monks to bring Christianity to the Britons. Augustine had great success in conversions and preaching but was not successful in reconciling with the Celtic Christians, trying to force them to conform to Roman style worship (against Leo's orders). He established his headquarters at Canterbury and since that day there have been an unbroken succession of Archbishops.

**May 31- The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** After the angel Gabriel had announced to Mary that she would bear a child, she went to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth who was pregnant with John the Baptist. This meeting is recorded in Luke 1:39-56.