



# ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

## CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine's Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham, TW2 6DE

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



#### John 14. 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe<sup>z</sup> in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?<sup>z</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.'<sup>z</sup> Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know<sup>z</sup> my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me<sup>z</sup> for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

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### **Thought for the Week**

What does it mean for you to have options, possibilities to make different choices at different times? For most of us it will give us a sense of freedom and independence. Not being controlled or directed, but having the liberty of being ourselves and live our lives as we want. But it can also be scary and create uncertainty and insecurity. Where do I go? What do I choose? How do I know which way and what truth is the right, the most beneficial, or best, for me?

When Jesus speaks of the many dwelling places in, and with, God he invites us to ponder that God is more than only one room, at one place, at one time. Created in God's image we all are different and unique and God meets us in our uniqueness. We were not meant to be exactly the same, walking exactly the same path, making exactly the same choices and having exactly the same views. God wants us to be us, each and one of us. So all the many dwelling places are space in God's heart for each and one of us. And yet the house is never full. There is always room for more.

When Jesus says: "I am", God says "I am". I am life, I am meaning, I am purpose, I am love, I am for you. I am yesterday, today and tomorrow. We are created and called to be, to live and to love. A way, a truth, a life.

Let God journey with you this week, be with you in your choices, in your steps, thoughts, emotions and questions. Let God fill you and dwell with you where you are. Let God show you your dwelling place in God. Take a moment and breathe in God's peace.

### **Electoral Roll**

Joining St Augustine's Electoral Roll is a meaningful way to say "this is my church" and to take an active part in its life. It allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, stand for roles such as the PCC, and help shape the future of our parish. Enrolling doesn't create extra obligations, but it does recognise that being part of a church family involves offering what we can—our **time**, our **talents**, and our **treasure**—to support worship, community life, and the mission of the church. It's a simple step that strengthens both your connection to the parish and the parish's ability to serve its community.

For more information please speak to Helen, Jayne Firth (our Electoral Roll Office) or take a leaflet from back of the church.

### **St Augustine of Canterbury, Whitton Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church Hall on the 10th day of May 2026 at 11:15. For the election of parochial representatives of the laity: three Deanery Synod representatives, one new PCC member, and one ALMA representative.

The official notice of this meeting is posted on the church notice board.

### **Current PCC members and position holders**

<b>Ex-Officio</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Other Role Holders</b>	<b>Name</b>
Incumbent	The Revd Helen Calner	ALMA Rep	Vacant
Churchwardens	Sue Thornton	Director of Music	Lesley Lewis
	Roubina de Winton	Electoral Roll Officer	Jayne Firth
Deanery synod reps	Constance Chingwaru Vulnerable Adult's	Lay Vice Chair	Sue Thornton
	Barbara Magona Voted by the PCC	PCC Assistant Treasurer	Peter de Winton
Elected members	Gill Gooding Safeguarding Officer	Quinquennial Inspector	Not yet appointed
	Sian Cadogan Children's Champion	Stewardship Records Officer	Roubina de Winton
	Pauline Churchman PCC Secretary	Parish Independent Examiner	James Parker
	Joseph Magona Treasurer		
	Graham Beaumont		
	Jay Cao		

## **Strollers Walk – A message from Peter and John**

Weather permitting, our next walk on **Wednesday 13th May** will be around Brookwood cemetery, and will be led by Roger Furnell, who has joined many of our walks, and is also a local. It will be 5 to 6 miles, mainly on paths. We shall also aim to visit Pirbright village and church. We shall travel by train to Brookwood via Clapham Junction, journey time just over an hour, take a coffee stop near the station, and have a late picnic lunch on Pirbright Green.

The fare is £8.25 with a railcard and Freedom Pass. Please come to Whitton Station at 0940 to catch the 0950 and bring a packed lunch. If you would like to find out more about this walk or the Strollers Group please call Peter on 07799 000597.

## **Save the Date 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Quiet day with former Archbishop of Canterbury The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams at Sts Philip and James Church, Whitton. More information to follow.

## **Retiring Collections**

April's retiring collection, Asbestos Support Awareness Group is sponsored by Sylvia Bell. To find out more visit <https://www.lasag.org.uk/>

At PCC meeting in March, the charities nominated by the members of the congregation were reviewed and the following will be supported through our retiring collection for the remainder of the year.

<b>Charity</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Sponsored by</b>
Age UK Richmond	May	Joan Greening
Child Autism UK	June	Graham Beaumont
Mulberry Centre	July	Lewis Reed
London Air Ambulance	August	Fiona Wolsoncroft
Princess Alice Hospice	September	Pauline Churchman
RSPCA	October	Roubina de Winton
Fabric Fund in conjunction with the Poppy Appeal	November	The PCC
Crisis	December	The PCC

## **Our Prayer**



I breathe in your peace. I pause my busy mind. I breathe in your peace. In your presence I can rest. You know my thoughts. You know my ways and you know my heart. I am safe with you. Amen

## **Those who are sick and struggling:**

Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Anne Newman, Lucy Brooks, Emily Adams, Ann Cadogan, Lyn Watts, Boyce & Millicent, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Wyn Morris, Cheryl, Heather Woodworth, Connie Chingwaru, Mavis Walter, Ann-Marie, Phyllis, Pat, Gillian, and Dennis.

## **Recently Departed**

### **This week we remember the anniversary of the death of**

**(3)** Barry Goddard (07), Raymond Crysell (09), James Fowler (13)

**(4)** Rose Coles (04)

**(5)** Emily Alldridge, Frank Elworthy, Winifred Goodman, David Sparling (06)

**(6)** Kathlene Miles, Jacob Escoffery (09)

**(7)** Emily Middleton (70), Robert Rigg (04), Dilys Davies (07), Douglas Peasnell (08), Brian Selwood (09)

**(8)** Glynnis Wenham, Dorothy Canter, Susan Lovell (13)

**(9)** Winifred Trevallion (06)

### Diary Dates – At a Glance

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10:00am	Holy Eucharist 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10:00am	Sunday School - Activity sheets at the back of the church
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	11:00am to 12:00pm	Quiet Space - Finding God in the beauty of gardens
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Holy Eucharist 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Sunday School - Activity sheets at the back of the church
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	11:15am	APCM – Held in the church hall
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> May	2:30pm to 4:30pm	Cornerstone Café meet in the church
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	9:40am	Stroller Walk – Visit to Brookwood Cemetery
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm	Ascension Eucharist
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	All Age Eucharist Sunday after Ascension
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:40am	Stroller Walk – Route to be confirmed
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10:00am	Art Group – Meet in the church hall
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Holy Eucharist - Pentecost
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Messy Church – Meet in the church hall
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Whitton Woollies meet in the church
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30am	Morning Eucharist - Walsingham Mass at St Augustine's
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Holy Eucharist - Trinity Sunday with Confirmation Service
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer

