

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 12th March 2023

CHURCH NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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3rd Sunday of Lent



Woman at the Well

The season of Lent is a period of 40 days when we prepare for Easter and reflect on the example of Jesus. It is associated with the time Jesus spent in the wilderness when he fasted for 40 days and nights and was tempted by the Devil. The themes of Lent include self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, almsgiving, and preparation for Easter. Ash Wednesday services set the tone for Lent, with a focus on penitence (saying sorry for and turning away from sin).

During Lent, we are encouraged to fast or give up certain foods/activities (e.g., sweet treats, smoking) – whatever sacrifice practised that reflects Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness. We are also encouraged to give to charities (or/and Lent Appeal), set aside time to study the Bible and meet with other Christians to reflect on Jesus' life and prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter.



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First Reading – Exodus 17.1-17

Second Reading – Romans 5.1-11

Gospel Reading – John 4.5-42



Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 14th March @ 2.30pm

Cornerstone is an informal opportunity to meet together in our beautiful church over a cup of tea or coffee, to share experiences and to support each other. We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:30pm, and everyone is welcome to join.

Strollers – Next Walk on Thursday 16th March; meet @ 9:40am at Whitton Station

This outing, weather permitting, will be a walk around 4 to 5 miles to Battersea Power station (BPS) and Battersea Park. Following lunch will be a westward stroll along the Thames Path to Wandsworth Bridge. There are options for distance walked/heading home, as public transport is available along the route to go home, or all the way to Wandsworth Bridge thence to Wandsworth Town station.

Assuming the trains are not on strike that day, please come to Whitton Station for the 9:51 service to Waterloo then on the Northern line to BPS station and bring a picnic lunch.

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. We have members of differing ages and abilities, all of whom are welcome. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 9th April @2.00pm

On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Youth (students from Year 6 to 13) meet at 2.00pm in the Church Hall for a time of fun, games, food (pizza!) and Prayer & Reflection. *For more information, please contact the vicar by email or phone.*

Kensington Area Youth Weekend – Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June, Oakwood Youth Challenge, Wokingham

This weekend, packed full of outdoor activities, fun, worship and exploring our faith, is for churches who don't run their own youth residentials. Cost is £130pp, some bursary funding will be available to those who may require financial assistance.

For further details and bursary application contact Fr John on: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com or call/WhatsApp: [07407 246686](tel:07407246686)

Lent Appeal 2023 – MANNA/ALMA

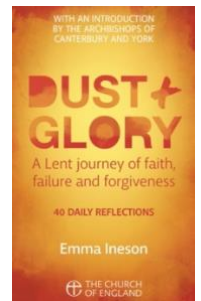
The Diocese of London is partnering with MANNA (Mozambique Angola Anglican Association) to raise money to train leaders in Mozambique who can provide pastoral care and support for those with trauma.

Our link parish of St Augustine, Mecanhelas sede, in Mozambique had their church partly destroyed and roof blown off by a storm, therefore need to rebuild and put a new roof. So, the collection will be shared between MANNA and ALMA (Angola London & Mozambique Association) to support these two causes.

To find out more or donate to the appeal visit: london.anglican.org/lentappeal2023

Lent Study 2023

During Lent study this year we shall use 'Dusty & Glory', a Lent resource written by the new Bishop of Kensington Episcopal Area, Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson. Copies are available in church for use in Home Groups as well as by individuals.



Home Groups

We have three homes that will host home groups starting shortly after Ash Wednesday (22nd February 2023). Home Groups provide an opportunity and a safe space to; explore the Bible and other issues together, explore those questions of faith we wanted to ask, grow in our faith journey and understanding of God's purpose for the world, get to know other people, and invite friends and anyone who may be seeking to know more about Christian faith.

Details of the hosts the days are as follows:

- Fiona & John Wolsoncroft: Wednesday at 7.30pm
- Kay Alldridge: Thursday at 7.30pm
- Alwyn Williams: Friday at 11.00am
- Online Lent Study: Tuesday at 7.00pm. *Zoom details – Meeting ID: 825 2830 0221 Passcode: 945273 (Click here for the Zoom link)*
- Youth Lent Study is every Sunday immediately after worship.

Please sign up as soon as possible at the back of the church or send your preference to WhatsApp Number +44 7407 246686 or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com

Whitton Playdays Group recruiting Help/Relief Staff

Whitton Playdays playgroup situated in St Augustine's Church Hall are looking for occasional help /relief staff to support existing team members. Preferably a candidate should have experience, an Early Years Qualification or equivalent and a current DBS. *For further information please contact the Manager, Julie Wild. Email: julieatplaydays1@hotmail.co.uk or Telephone 07956550726.*

Social Housing Disrepairs Campaign

Multicultural Richmond and Ruils have teamed up to launch a powerful social housing disrepairs campaign. The campaign's main goals are:

- To work together with organisations that have tackled social housing disrepairs in the borough before
- To gather feedback from local residents – especially those who might not have had a chance to speak up yet, like people with long-term health conditions or where English is not their first language.

If you have been directly affected by a disrepair you can help shape the conversation by taking the survey linked here: surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VGXTHFL. Or if you know someone who has been affected by a disrepair, please share this message with them.

Embracing Age: Poetry Competition – Closing Date:
Sunday 30th April

EMBRACING AGE 
Later life in all its fullness

As a Christian charity working towards a world where older people are valued, connected and full of hope, Embracing Age believe there is hope, joy and fulfilment in ageing: that life in all its fullness extends into our later years.

Embracing Age is running a poetry competition with the theme of “Hope in Ageing”. The competition is open to anyone over the age of 50, the shortlisted poems will be published in an anthology and the winning poems will be read by Pam Rhodes on Premier Radio. *This is a national competition, and all the details are on the website embracingage.org.uk/poetry.*

Homelink: Warm Spaces Lunch – Every Wednesday @12.00-3.00pm



Homelink provides Warm Spaces Lunch each Wednesday from 12-3 pm. The lunch is free and will consist of a two-course meal and a hot drink for the older residents of the Borough of Richmond. The places are limited and can be booked through a dedicated phone line. *Visit homelinkdaycare.co.uk for more information about the charity.*

Weekday Services

We have Morning Prayers every Friday at 10.00 and Holy Communion on the last Friday of each month.

The Tuesday worship service remains suspended until further notice.

Compline Service – Every Sunday @ 6.00pm

Join us for evening prayers in Church or via Zoom with the following details:

Meeting ID: 897 3613 1720 Passcode: 702310 ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))

For our Prayers



The many people perished and affected by the earthquake devastation in Turkey and Syria, for rescue efforts and safety of the survivors.

Peace and end of war in Ukraine and other places of conflict around the world.

Those who are sick and struggling: Jo Dale, Aiden Littrell, Jeremy Short, Rosemary Styles, Anne Hickmott, Sister Eileen Caple, Willem Cheng, Rebecca, Richard, and Theresa Scriven.

Recently Departed: Stella Cheng

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Beryl Templeman, Malcolm Simpson, Percival Page, Geoffrey Ledger, Irene Westwood, Elaine Austin, Renate Warburg, Joyce Glassops, Penny Wild, Win Ives, George Huffer, Albert Perry, Edith Davidson, Brenda Farmer, Arthur Spikins, Amy Kessack, Dorothy Coombs, Dorothy Kerlake, David Dunk, Frederick Bartlett, Lesley Killick, Alan Chapman, Samuel Taylor, Ena Horton and Paul Barrowclough.

Diary Dates – March & April 2023		
Tue 14 th Mar	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Thu 16 th Mar	09.40 am	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 19 th Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 th Sunday of Lent
Tue 21 st Mar	7.00 pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting
Sat 25 th Mar	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 26 th Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Lent
Tue 11 th April	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 16 th April	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Easter (All Age/Family Service)
Tue 18 th April	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Diary Dates – Lent & Easter 2023		
Sun 2 nd April	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 3 rd April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Tue 4 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Wed 5 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Thu 6 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (includes washing of feet)
Fri 7 th April	11.00 am 2.00 pm	CTiW Walk of Witness Good Friday Liturgy (includes the Veneration of the cross)
Sun 9 th April	6.00 am 10.00 am	Easter Vigil – Service of Light @ Dawn with breakfast Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday

10.00 am Service Duties for March 2023			
	<u>12/03/23</u>	<u>19/03/23</u>	<u>26/03/23</u>
Sidespersons	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T
First Reading	Dina B	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Sue A
Second Reading	Joan G		Jane D
Intercessions	Patricia H		Rob D
Screen & sound	Pauline C	Roubina d W	Limbani K
MC	Jane D	Jane D	Jane D
Crucifer	Christine H	Charles D	Roubina d W
Acolyte 1	Michael B	Michael B	Christine H
Acolyte 2	Roubina d W	Christine H	Michael B
Tea & Coffee	Rene K, Marie C & Pauline C	Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P