



**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

# CHURCH NEWS

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

## ***4th Sunday of Easter***



### **John 10.22–30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.

Jesus answered, I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Today 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11:15am or shortly thereafter is our APCM.

The official notice of the meeting is posted on the notice board outside the church and on the notice board inside the church. The new Electoral Roll is also posted as required by the church representation Rule.

The nomination forms for churchwardens, PCC and Deanery Synod members were made available as per the Church Representation Rules on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Anyone wishing to stand as Churchwarden, PCC or Deanery Synod member must comply with **THE CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE 2001 and CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES 2025**, complete the appropriate form and be nominated as required by the **CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES 2025**. They must agree to a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check which is a criminal record check as well as agreeing to take all the necessary Safeguarding Trainings as required by the Diocese of London.

### **Retiring collection**

Our Retiring Collection for May will be Alzheimer's UK sponsored by Clare Melia

The Alzheimer's Society has been working to improve the lives of people with Dementia for over 40 years. Their priorities are to increase dementia diagnosis rates and help people get support. They want a world where dementia no longer devastates lives.

Dementia Research is their priority. The Alzheimer's society offers a range of dementia support services from a listening ear on the phone to a personal visit.

My mother was diagnosed with Dementia in her 70s and my brother and I cared for her, until she had to go into a residential home in her early 80s. I know how emotionally and physically draining it is to look after a loved one with Dementia which is why I support the Alzheimer's society and hope you will too.

Dementia Support Line:- 0333 150 3456

### **Christian Aid Week**

Christian Aid Week in 2025 will be held from May 11th to 17th. This event is an annual week where supporters in the UK and Ireland come together to raise funds and awareness for Christian Aid's work in combating poverty and inequality worldwide. Special envelopes at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to make a donation.

### **Strollers Walk Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Weather permitting, the next walk 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 09:50 and bring a packed lunch. Looking forward to seeing you, Peter de Winton & John Woodley

### **Messy Church and Sunday School Future Dates**

The next date for Messy Church is 18<sup>th</sup> May

Next Sunday School is on 8<sup>th</sup> June

### **Walsingham Mass**

Please note next Pilgrim Mass at St Augustine's will be on 24th May at 9.30am

### **Whitton Woollies**

Whitton Woollies meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Church Hall and the 2nd Thursday of each month from 3.00pm – 5.00pm at the Community Centre.

### **The Dorcas Group**

The group has been going for some years making many of the banners hanging in church. They meet every Wednesday, if you are interested, please speak to Jane Derry, Sue Thornton or Roubina.

### **An Invitation from St Paul's Cathedral to St Augustine for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**



Greetings from St Paul's Cathedral!

! Your parish will shortly feature in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We will be praying for you, your colleagues and your congregations at our 8am and 12.30pm services and normally at Evensong at 5pm on that day.

*Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May*  
We would be delighted if anyone from your churches would like to join us for our services that day. If a group of you plan to come for Evensong, please let us know so that we can reserve seats for you in the Quire and welcome you at the beginning of the service.

*(Please check the Cathedral website as Evensong is sometimes replaced with another service)*

With our very best wishes for your ministry

The Revd Paula Hollingsworth, Cathedral Chaplain  
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*Kate  
(Acting  
Chaplain)*

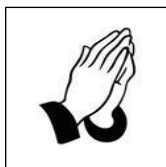
### **Our Prayers**

We keep in our prayers Helen our new vicar who will be inducted in to our church on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Please keep her in your prayers.

We ask for peace in Ukraine and pray that the negotiations bring fair and just outcome to the people of Ukraine.

We pray that God will open hearts and minds to the path of dialogue, understanding, and mutual respect and that the tension between India and Pakistan is resolved.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel. We pray especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. Strengthen and support the work of all relief organisations. We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.



**Those who are sick and struggling :** Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Richard and Theresa Scriven, Anne Newman, Lucy Brooks, Emily Adams, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter, Ann Cadogan, Lyn Watts, Boyce & Millicent, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Kay Alldridge, Jenny Jones, Wyn Morris, Cheryl, Debbie Grohman, Jack Seal and Heather woodworth

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

**(12)** Arthur Hunt (90) Donald Clarke (01)

**(13)** Bill Martin (86) Charlotte Elkan.

**(14)** John Dixon (12)

**(15)** Phyllis Wakefield (09)

**(16)** Lily Doyle (75) Laura Eastick, Maria dela Rosa (21)

**(17)** George Lambert (82)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> May	11:15am	APCM
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> May	2:30pm	Cornerstone Café
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May	09:40am	Meet at Whitton Station
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Said Eucharist – Fr Gary Piper
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Parish Eucharist – Fr Gary Piper
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Messy Church
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm	PCC Meeting –Sidespersons appointment
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30am	Walsingham Mass at St Augustine's
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning	Strollers - Time and place to be confirmed
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Messy Church
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> May	8:00am or, 12:30pm or, 5:00pm	Specia prayer at St Paul's Cathedral for our Parish on our Patronal Day
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm	Ascension Day – Fr Gary