



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 5th October 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

16th Sunday after Trinity



Luke 17.5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"?'

Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"?'

Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

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

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Thought For the Week

In the Gospel this week the disciples ask Jesus for help to increase their faith. It almost sounds like a command as it is recorded: "Increase our faith!"

We might recognise ourselves in this call for help to grow in faith, increase our hope and deepen our love for God and for our neighbour. And it might seem like going on a journey without a map, or without instructions or manuals.

How do I increase my faith? What does it even mean? What do I need to do?

I think this is what the disciples are experiencing. They follow their master and experience a lot of things together. They witness healing, miracles, intimate encounters with all kinds of people. They pray and teach and walk. It's like a pattern and a way of life.

Just like it is for us. We have our way of life.

And sometimes we come to a point where we suddenly feel a need or an urge or that it is not enough. We want more. Growth is both height and width and depth.

If I already believe and trust in God, how can I make it more, growing deeper, higher and wider? How can I increase my faith?

Maybe it is not so much about what you think you need or should do more or differently. Maybe it is about just being with God and let God be with you.

A prayer for the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, who becomes the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury

Almighty and everlasting God, the only worker of great marvels, send down upon your servant Sarah, called to be Archbishop of Canterbury and all who are committed to her care, the spirit of your saving grace, and that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.

Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Animal Blessing – Sunday 5th October at 3:00pm at St Augustine's Whitton

We are having a joint service with St Philip and St James for the Blessing of your Pets on Sunday 5th October at 3:00pm. All pets can bring their Humans with them!

Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share Parish Lunch - Sunday 12th October at 10:00am

Celebration of Harvest Festival will be followed by bring and share Parish Lunch, bring your favourite food for you and your family and a little bit more to share with others.

To help decorate the church for Harvest Festival if anyone has any greenery or flower heads in autumn colours can you bring it to church next Saturday from 10am. If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers there will be a basket on the font. Better still if you would like to help decorate come along at 10am.

To help with the organisation of the hall for the Bring & Share lunch we need to know how many are coming in order that we can have enough tables, chairs, knives and forks and glasses etc. Also, if you are bringing food to serve hot, please bring it already cooked to be heated up. There will not be enough time to cook from scratch.

If you need any further information on anything do with Harvest, please contact either Rev. Helen or Sue Thornton. Thank you.

Donation of Harvest Gifts as usual will be taken to Whitton Food Bank The items the Food Bank currently need the most are:

Tinned soup, long life fruit juice, tinned veg (particularly sweetcorn), squash, tinned tomatoes long-life milk, tinned fruit, custard, pasta sauce, tinned rice pudding, curry sauce, biscuits, ketchup, chocolate, mayonnaise, sweets, pot noodles, jam / honey, porridge pots, coffee, cooking oil (small bottles), safety razors (disposable), washing up liquid, shaving foam, washing pods for clothes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner.

October Retiring Collection is for Missions Aviation Fellowship

Sponsored by Ben & John Wolsoncroft

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is the world's largest humanitarian air operator. For over 75 years it has been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts. They enable more than 1,500 aid development and mission organisations to medical care, emergency relief and long term development. The pilots and personnel deliver relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines - everything that can only be safely delivered by air.

Whitton Foodbank thank everyone for their generosity however they **do not** need any more pulses, baked beans, pasta, nappies.

Strollers Walk Wednesday 15th October

Here is advanced notice of a special walk - we're going to walk in Highgate Cemetery on Wednesday October 15th. We'll try and do both the East and West Sides of the cemetery depending on how people feel. Getting in on the day should be OK but - as the Ts and Cs say "...During funerals and periods of inclement weather, access may be restricted,..." So we may need a Plan B. There is a fee payable on entry - the website says it is £10 per adult - (no concessions) Please have a look at the other information available on the website - see link <https://highgatecemetery.org/visit>

As to numbers attending, I think it would help John and me to know likely numbers, so please let me know if you are intending to come. To quote the website ..."Visitors may bring their own food to eat in the West side courtyard" so please bring a packed lunch. We shall catch the 0950 train to Waterloo so let met at Whitton station so lets meet as usual there at 0940. Looking forward to see you Peter and John

Churches Together in Whitton Christmas Day Lunch 2025

This year CTiW will be holding its annual Christmas Day Lunch at Ss. Philip & James Parish Hall.

As well as a traditional Christmas meal, the lunch aims to provide those otherwise on their own the opportunity to meet others and enjoy one another's company; the event is open to both individuals and couples.

If you or anyone you know would like to join us on Christmas Day or you require further information, please either contact CTIWChristmas@gmail.com, or speak to Rev. Helen or Roubina de Winton



Our Prayers

Lord, I have heard your voice calling me. Guide my steps to you. Guard my way to you.
Keep my heart for you. Open my eyes and open my ears. Open my mind and open my soul.
Lord I have heard your voice.

Those who are sick and struggling:

Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Richard and Theresa Scriven, Anne Newman, Lucy Brooks, Emily Adams, Ann Cadogan, Lyn Watts, Boyce & Millicent, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Wyn Morris, Cheryl, Heather Woodworth, Connie Chingwaru, Mandy and Ben & family.

Recently Departed: .

Rev Canon Julian Reindorp

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(5) Jean Shurvall (06), Jane Darling (13), Ray Stanbury (16)

(7) Edna Kay (01), Ivy Burns (12), Rev'd Viv Lucas (16)

(8) Gladys Harrison (05)

(9) Sidney Skinner, Sidney Tapper, Phyllis Ball (06), Colin Francis (06), Jean Woolgar (19)

(10) Ivy Irish (05)

(11) Rose Mary Hawker(01), Joan Jeffries (01), Fred Brown (04), Michael Lucas (16)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 5 th Oct	3:00pm	Animal Blessing Service at St Augustine jointly with Sts Philip & James
Sun 5 th Oct	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 7 th Oct	11:00 to 12:00am	Quite Space
Wed 8 th Oct	1:30pm to 4:00pm	Dorcas Group
Fri 10 th Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 10 th Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sun 12 th Oct	10:00am	Parish Eucharist Harvest celebration followed by bring and share Parish lunch
Sun 12 th Oct	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 14 th Oct	2:30pm to 4:00am	Cornerstone
Tues 14 th Oct	7:00pm	Standing Committee
Wed 15 th Oct	9:40am	Strollers Walk – meet at Whitton Station - Highgate Cemetery walk
Wed 15 th Oct	1:30pm to 4:00pm	Dorcas Group – To be Confirmed
Fri 17 th Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 17 th Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sun 19 th Oct	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 19 th Oct	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Fri 24 th Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 24 th Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sat 25 th Oct	9:40am	Strollers Walk – Route to be confirmed
Sun 26 th Oct	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 26 th Oct	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Wed 29 th Oct	1:30pm to 4:00pm	Dorcas Group
Fri 31 st Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 31 st Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship