



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 28th September 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

Michael and all Angels



John 1.47–end

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!

Nathanael asked him, Where did you come to know me? Jesus answered, I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.

Nathanael replied, Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!

Jesus answered, Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.

And he said to him, Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Thought For the Week

The feast of Michael and All Angels is also known as Michaelmas. It is a time when we celebrate the presence and power of God's messengers. The word angel means "messenger," and throughout the Bible angels appear. Sometimes visible, sometimes unseen, bringing news, guidance, strength, and protection. Some angels have names and some remain anonymous. Maybe the most famous Angel

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we know of is Gabriel who came to Mary, to announce that she would be the mother of God and to give birth to our Saviour.

Some appearances can be frightening and some appearances feel like a mystery and a miracle. Some appearances we might not even know until after they have been. God has many ways to nudge us and to reveal God's presence among us. Sometimes our angels and God's presence have a name, And sometimes our angel and God's presence is a bit of a mystery even though we know it is there. And sometimes we don't realise it, until it is gone. Just like Jacob said after his dream with the ladder, in the Old Testament: "Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it".

Invite God to journey with you this week and open your senses to God's presence. You might be surprised in the ways God makes Godself known to you.

September Retiring collection is for ShelterBox Charity No 1096479 - Sponsored by Irene Read

Since 2000 ShelterBox has supported more than 2.5 million people across 100 different countries and regions after flooding, drought and other natural disasters, also working in areas of conflict.

Please donate to help them provide even more help and support to people who have lost everything.

Children and their families are fleeing disaster zones all over the world and have risked everything to find safety leaving everything behind. They urgently need shelter, blankets, water filtration kits and cooking sets to help them survive. Shelterbox's emergency container can give people in crowded camps a more private space which helps preserve their dignity and also helps prevent the spread of disease in the midst of a disaster.

A ShelterBox container is an emergency response with tools to provide a practical solution and a miracle in the midst of disaster.

To find out more about this charity you can visit their website at <https://shelterbox.org/>

October Retiring Collection

The retiring collection for October is Missions Aviation Fellowship sponsored by Ben and John Wolsoncroft

Fundraising Ideas

Thank you to everyone raising donations for St. Augustine's Church - Whitton through #easyfundraising! We have recently received a donation of £8.42 and in total your donations so far have amounted to **£139.49.**

Not joined yet? Sign up to easyfundraising and when you shop online with your favourite brands, they'll donate to us. It's free and your shopping won't cost you any extra - the brands you shop with will donate, not you! To sign up follow the link below:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/staugustineswhitton/SS7MN9/at/tyxnhf3e/facebook/>

Work Party of the Garden of Memorial 4th October at 10:00am

Our next work party will need a lot of hands, so please put Saturday the 4th of October in your calendar. This day is St Francis day and we need to make sure our grounds and especially the Garden of Memorial looks neat before All Souls and Remembrance. We are looking forward to gardening with you.

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. Donation of Harvest Gifts as usual will be taken to Whitton Food Bank

The items the Food Bank currently need the most are:

Tinned veg & meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, fruit juice, long-life milk, rice, rice pudding, jam, coffee, cereal, razors (disposable), shaving foam, deodorant and washing up liquid

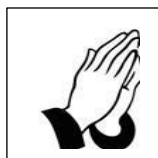
Strollers Walk Wednesday 15th October

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

The Dorcas Group

In 2026 the Dorcas Group will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary. To mark the occasion they have started a new banner depicting Tabitha also known as Dorcas, a disciple in the Book of Acts in the New Testament. She was known for her charitable works and acts of kindness including sewing clothes for the poor, which solidified the name's association with virtue and compassion. The group meets on Wednesdays 1:30pm to 4:30pm, If you like needlework or enjoy creating artwork similar to our banners, then please speak to Jane to find out more



Our Prayers

Lord of my origin, draw me closer to you. Lord of my existence, direct all my ways.
Lord of my calling, give me strength to go on. Lord of my life, let me live in your presence.
Lord of my eternity, bless me forever. Amen

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 and Gerald Pratt

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

September

(28) Arthur Coleman, Arthur Osgood (04), Alan Walters (04), Mary Diton (06)

(29) Emily Garnham.

(30) Elsie Crockford (44), Andrew Myles (15), Samuel Lufungulo (23)

October

(1) Norah Gibbs (71), Elsie Nicholas (06), Ida Davis (13)

(3) Haydn Rees Pr. (76), Maria Sheppard (08), Eleanor Grainger (06)

(4) Jacqui and Dave Neville, George Grainger (69)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 28 th Sept	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Wed 1 st Oct	1:30pm to 4:30pm	Dorcas Group
Fri 3 rd Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 3 rd Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sun 5 th Oct	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
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 4:30pm	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 4:30pm	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	
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 4:30pm	Dorcas Group
Fri 31 st Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 31 st Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship