



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 19th April 2026

CHURCH NEWS

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

3rd Sunday of Easter



Luke 24.13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, What are you discussing with each other while you walk along? They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?

He asked them, What things? They replied, The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him. Then he said to them,

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Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory? Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over. So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon! Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Thought for the Week

Life is so much easier if you have the full picture. But the disciples don't in this week's Gospel. They don't know what to believe. They feel lost and don't know what to think or do. No wonder they are talking about all they have experienced the last years and especially the last days. Too much has happened to be able to grasp. Everything they knew and hoped for is turned upside down and they are left in grief and confusion. There is no going back and nobody to tell where to go from now.

They don't know that Christ is risen yet and they feel lost. Can you imagine their pain, grief and worry?

All they want is something to be real, certain and clear. Don't we all? Some guarantee that everything will be ok. That there is a meaning to it all. That what is done is not in vain. And that we are not left alone. We're not. We are not alone.

Maybe we work too hard to figure things out, to look for answers. Maybe the answer is right in front of us. In the small things, the things we do without thinking about.

Like sharing a meal and breaking the bread.

The disciples does just that. When they are at home, sharing the meal, breaking the bread, with a stranger, they are suddenly reminded and reassured. And they see. The stranger is no longer a stranger, but Jesus himself. For a moment everything falls into place right there and then.

Open your heart to the small and ordinary things this week. Let Christ surprise you with His presence. Right in your midst.

Time, Talent and Treasure

We always need to think about how we live and share our God-given gift. To think about how we live and how we share our God-given gifts with each other. And how we give back to God. One way of doing so is to give of our time, talent and treasure. To enable our parish to grow and flourish. To grow God's kingdom where we are.

We all have gifts and resources to share with each other and our community and every contribution, big or small, is important. We are all important building blocks in our parish. Maybe you feel called to give of your time in our worship. Maybe you feel called to engage in activities and events. Maybe you feel called to make planned and regular donations. Maybe you feel called for something else or a combination of both time, talent and treasure.

Together we can do more.

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.

Retiring Collection during April – Sponsored by Sylvia Bell

Mesothelioma is a rare cancer which is the result of being exposed to asbestos and breathing its fibres. It mainly affects the lungs and makes it difficult for the sufferer to breathe. It affects approximately 2,700 in the U.K. every year. This cancer devastates people and their families and it is completely preventable with knowledge about asbestos. There are ongoing developments of treatments to help sufferers prolong their lives and importantly find a cure for this awful cancer.

At London Asbestos Support Awareness Group we aim to support as many sufferers and their families as much as we can. We offer emotional and practical support and advice to all those involved. We are a very small charity but all of us are very passionate about helping people as much as we can when they need it most. In addition to support we aim to raise awareness of the dangers of asbestos as it is still found in various aspects of our lives today.

A big thank you to Sylvia for her continued support of our charity and to you all for our generous donations. Every penny helps us to continue our work."

Time to think about confirmation



Confirmation is for all who are baptised and want to learn how this can be a positive resource in your life. Confirmation is to affirm your baptism and continue exploring a life in faith in relationship with God and each other.

Adults and children in school year 5 and up are invited to join this year's confirmation course.

Please note, that if you are not baptised yet but curious about Christian faith and life, you are more than welcome to join.

Day: Thursday **Time:** 5-6 pm for children
7-8.30 pm for adults

Dates: 23rd and 30th April and 7th, 14th and 21st May

For children: All sessions in person at St Augustine's church.

For adults: First and last session in person at St Augustine's church. The session in between will be on Zoom.

For both children and adults: Rehearsal Saturday 30th May at 2pm.

Confirmation: Sunday 31st of May at 10 am.

Contact The Reverend Helen Calner for more information and to sign up vicar@staugustinewhitton.com

Strollers Walk 25th April – A message from Peter and John

Weather permitting, (and the current forecast is dry) our next sortie is **Saturday 25th April** when we plan to walk in Richmond Park. We shall walk to Isabella Plantation for a picnic lunch, to see it in all its seasonal glory, via the coffee stop near Pen Ponds. **Please bring a packed lunch.** The distance will 4 to 5 miles, but the walk can be extended/shortened as required.

Unfortunately the trains are replaced by buses that day, so we shall take the **0952 replacement bus to Richmond arriving 1010** so please be **at Whitton Station at 0940**. We'll then catch the 371 bus.

Our Prayer



Almighty God, in your great mercy you gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 and Phyllis

Recently Departed

Nicole Comb

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(19) Wilfrid Long, Grace Martin (07), Marjorie Edser (10), Dorothy New (11), Roger Townsend (12), Muriel Horsfall (17)

(20) Dennis Sainsbury-Brown (04), Joseph Mulverhill (05)

(21) Mary Morris, Robert Bretherton, Emma Binstead, George Deacon

(22) Christine Walker (17)

(23) Francis Sim, Lionel Rides (03), Jean Moore (18)

(24) Gladys Batten (78), Dorothy Crow (11)

(25) James Bush (14) Myra Marcombe (04), David Dabin (06)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 19 th April	10:00am	Holy Eucharist 3 rd Sunday of Easter
Sun 19 th April	10:00am	Messy Church in the Church Hall
Sun 19 th April	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Wed 22 nd April	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Whitton Woollies
Fri 24 th April	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 25 th April	9:30am	Morning Eucharist - Walsingham Mass at St Augustine's
Sat 25 th April	9:40am	Strollers Walk – Route to be confirmed
Sun 26 th April	10:00am	Holy Eucharist 4 th Sunday of Easter
Sun 26 th April	10:00am	Sunday School in the Church Hall
Sun 26 th April	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Fri 1 st May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sun 3 rd May	10:00am	Holy Eucharist 5 th Sunday of Easter
Sun 3 rd May	10:00am	Sunday School in the Church Hall
Sun 3 rd May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 5 th May	11:00am to 12:00pm	Quiet Space - Finding God in the beauty of gardens
Fri 8 th May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sun 10 th May	10:00am	Holy Eucharist 6 th Sunday of Easter
Sun 10 th May	10:00am	Sunday School - Activity sheet at the back of the church
Sun 10 th May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer