



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 18th January 2026

CHURCH NEWS

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

2nd Sunday after Epiphany



John 1.29 – 42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.'

And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?'

They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

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One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Thought for the Week

Every Sunday before we enter the space of receiving Christ's body and blood we proclaim what John is proclaiming in this week's Gospel: Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. It continues with the words "blessed are those who are called to his supper". And we respond with the words: "Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed".

I find the response challenging. At a first glance it feels selective and excluding, even if this is our liturgy and we cannot do much about the wordings. Spontaneously we ask who then decides who is worthy of receiving our Lord?

Maybe we should ponder what it actually says and what has been said before we come to this part in our liturgy. Because we are all invited and we are all called and we are all worthy.

In the institution we hear the words: Do this in remembrance of me. And this is what we do, week in and week out. We remember our Lord, the Lamb of God, who took us and all our imperfection on his shoulders so we could live. And Christ has spoken and we are healed through him. Remember the crossing of your forehead from last week. Christ claims you for himself. That is to be worthy.

The Lamb of God who says: come to me and I shall give you rest. I don't give you what the world gives. I give you me. Because I love you.

Prayer tree until Candlemas 1st February

This tree is dedicated to our prayers, dreams and hopes for this season and beyond. Next to the tree there is a basket with cards and pens. Take time to sit down, write your prayer and hang it in the tree. Let this season be a season of prayer and reflection. Let God hold all your thoughts, dreams and worries in love and give you God's peace.

January's Retiring Collection is for the Motor Neurone Disease Association sponsored by Graham Dale

There shouldn't really be any need for anything to be said about this devastating disease which has received much recent publicity due to the bravery of now departed sufferers, Doddie Weir and Rob Burrows and the fund raising efforts of such as Kevin Sinfield.

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is when messages from the nerves known as motor neurones gradually stop reaching the muscles and it leads the muscles to weaken, stiffen and waste affecting how the patient walks, talks, eats, drinks and breathes. Some people also suffer cognitive and behavioural changes. The disease affects everyone differently and not all symptoms affect everyone in the same way or the same speed. MND is life shortening and there is no cure, but the symptoms can be managed to help achieve the best quality of life.

The Motor Neurone Disease Association is the only national charity in England, Wales and Northern Ireland focussed on MND care, research and campaigning. The MND Association with nearly 8000 members provides powerful national and local network that provides information and support alongside fighting for improved services. I'm not expecting you to run seven ultra marathons in a week, as Kevin Sinfield, Rob Burrows great friend, has done; but please give generously. More information about the charity you can [Click this link](https://www.mndassociation.org/) or go to <https://www.mndassociation.org/>

Thank you.

Result of December Retiring Collection

Following December's Retiring Collection, the PCC will be donating £312.93 to Crisis. Once again thank you for your generosity.

Retiring Collection from April 2026 onwards

The retiring collection to which you so generously donate to is selected based on your nominations to the PCC. The PCC aims to make its selection from a pool of Local, National and International organisations.

If you would like to nominate a charity that you support, please write to Pauline Churchman at staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com giving a brief description of the charity no later than 31st January 2026 for discussion at March PCC meeting.

Used Stamps

Don't forget, Joan collects and sells used stamps proceeds of which is donated to the church. Please bring your used stamps and deposit them in the box in the Narthex.

Sunday School and Messy Church

Messy Church is held this Sunday 18th January and the next Sunday school is on 25th January.

Quiz Night – Saturday 31 January Doors Open at 6:00pm

St Augustine's Quiz Night with Supper is back on Saturday 31 January. Doors Open at 6:00pm to start promptly at 6:30. Tickets are £15.00 each for teams up to eight people and are available from Helen or Sue Thornton mobile 07939 129293.

For catering purposes the deadline for tickets is the 27th January. If you want to come, sign the sheet at the back of the church or call Sue.

St Augustine's Strollers Diary Dates for 2026

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. Strolling dates for the first half of 2026 are: January Sat 31st, February Weds 11th & Sat 28th March Thurs 12th & Sat 28th, April Weds 15th & Sat 25th, May Weds 13th & Sat 30th, June Thurs 11th & Sat 27th

Walsingham Mass Diary Dates for 2026

The next Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is on 31st January at 9:30 at St Mary's Sunbury followed by breakfast at the Flower Pot, all are welcome. The following month the Mass of Our Lady will be held at St Augustine's on 28th February at 9:30 followed by breakfast at Squires. Thereon, the dates are as follows: 28th March at St Mary's Sunbury, 25th April, 30th May and 27th June at St Augustine's, 25th July at St Mary's Sunbury. Mass of our Lady will not be held in August and resume on 26th September and 31st October at St Augustine's and 29th November at St Mary's. Walsingham Mass will not be held in December.

St Augustine's Art Group Diary Dates for 2026

St Augustine's Art Group is open to everyone, it meets in the Church Hall on the third Saturday of the month. Come and join us if you would like to dabble in painting or sketching with a tutor and you don't have to have any previous experience; you can be an absolute beginner. You don't need any materials as this can initially be supplied by the group. The dates for 2026 are 24th January, 21st February, 21st March, 18th April, 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 19th September, 17th October, 21st November and December to be confirmed. Sessions are £10 each.

Years Mind

Please let Helen, Sue or Roubina know if you would like the name of your loved one read out at their anniversary



Our Prayer

Come true light. Come life eternal. Come hidden mystery. Come reality beyond all words.
Come rejoicing without end. Come light that knows no evening. Come my breath and my life.
Come Lord Jesus and fill us with your love that knows no end. 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

Recently Departed:

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(18) Ann Boulden (75), Bill Charlton (82), Florence Ocock (02)

(19) Joan Hodge (01), Robert Knapp (07), George Barker (10)

(20) Dorothy Botfield (01), Ronald Groves (10), James Dixon (10),

(21) Edwin Barton (79), Patricia Williams (03), Richard Howard (06)

(22) Arthur Fry (01)

(23) Winnie Goodey, Reginald Sharp (01)

(24) Albert Wild (95), Joseph Thompson (01), Ronald Humphreys (02), Gordon Harding (07), Pat Powell (19)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 18 th Jan	10:00am	Holy Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany
Sun 18 th Jan	10:00am	Messy Church in the church hall
Sun 18 th Jan	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 20 th Jan	7:00pm	PCC meeting in the church hall
Sat 24 th Jan	10:00 am to 12:00pm	Art Group in the church hall
Fri 23 rd Jan	10:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sun 25 th Jan	10:00am	Holy Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany
Sun 25 th Jan	10:00am	Sunday School in the church hall
Sun 25 th Jan	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Wed 28 th Jan	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Whitton Woollies – in Church
Fri 30 th Jan	10:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 31 st Jan	9:30am	Morning Eucharist Our Lady of Walsingham @ St Mary's Sunbury
Sat 31 st Jan	9:40am	Strollers Walk – Walk to be confirmed
Sat 31 st Jan	6:00pm to 9:30pm	Quiz & Supper