



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 26th April 2026

CHURCH NEWS

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

4th Sunday of Easter



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

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Thought for the Week

Have you ever taken time to really read and reflect on our famous psalm “The Lord is my Shepherd”? Many of us know this psalm by heart. Loved and used in a whole range of different situations. It is a bit like the Lord’s prayer. It entails everything we need.

To recite “The Lord is my Shepherd” is to verbalise that we are living in an unpredictable and often scary world, mindful and aware of all the things that can happen to us and those around us, good or bad. But it is also to call on, and trust that we are not alone, we can lean on God’s everlasting presence among us.

The primary message and meaning of our beloved comfort psalm is not that bad things will never happen to us. It is that we will not have to face those things alone, “for you are with me...” It can enable us to face the world and life with a bit of courage and confidence, making life a little less scary.

The psalm also help us understand that we will be ok. Most of the time we cannot control what happens to us. But we can always control how we respond to what happens to us.

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me...” We are blessed with God’s love and presence. God who truly knows what it is to be human. God who loves us so much that God took flesh in Jesus Christ, the Shepherd who cares and looks for every single sheep in the flock of humanity. That includes you too. Now that is comfort and hope to hold on to.

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.

St Augustine of Canterbury, Whitton Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church Hall on the 10th day of May 2026 at 11:15. For the election of parochial representatives of the laity: three Deanery Synod representatives, one new PCC member, and one ALMA representative.

The official notice of this meeting is posted on the church notice board.

Current PCC members and position holders

Ex-Officio	Name	Other Role Holders	Name
Incumbent	The Revd Helen Calner (Installed 22 July 2025)	ALMA Rep	Vacant
Churchwardens	Sue Thornton, (Re-elected May 2025)	Director of Music	Lesley Lewis
	Roubina de Winton (Re- elected May 2025)	Electoral Roll Officer	Jayne Firth
Deanery Synod Rep(s)	Constance Chingwaru, Vulnerable Adult's Champion (Elected 2023)	Lay Vice Chair	Sue Thornton
	Barbara Magona (Voted by the PCC on	PCC Assistant Treasurer	Peter de Winton
Elected members	Gill Gooding Safeguarding Officer	Quinquennial Inspector	Not yet appointed
	Sian Cadogan, Children’s Champion (Re-elected 2023)	Stewardship Records Officer	Roubina de Winton

Elected members	Name	Other Role Holders	Name
	Pauline Churchman, PCC Secretary (Re-elected 2023)	Parish Independent Examiner	James Parker
	Jay Cao (Re-elected 2024)		
	Joseph Magona Treasurer (Elected 2023)		
	Graham Beaumont (Elected 2022)		
	Barbara Magona (Elected May 2024)		

Save the Date 6th June 2026

Quiet day with former Archbishop of Canterbury The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams at Sts Philip and James Church, Whitton. More information to follow.

Retiring Collections

April's retiring collection, Asbestos Support Awareness Group is sponsored by Sylvia Bell. To find out more visit <https://www.lasag.org.uk/>

At PCC meeting in March, the charities nominated by the members of the congregation were reviewed and the following will be supported through our retiring collection for the remainder of the year.

Charity	Month	Sponsor
Age UK Richmond	May	Joan Greening
Child Autism UK	June	Graham Beaumont
Mulberry Centre	July	Louis Reed
London Air Ambulance	August	Fiona Wolsoncroft
Princess Alice Hospice	September	Pauline Churchman
RSPCA	October	Roubina de Winton
Fabric Fund in conjunction with the Poppy Appeal	November	The PCC
Crisis	December	The PCC

Our Prayer



Risen Lord, you are the Shepherd of my soul. I give myself to you. Wherever you may lead, give me courage to follow you. Help me listen to your voice and guide me through the pastures of my life. 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

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(26) Marcel Vaufrourard, Ernest Garnham (04), Baby Loveisha Nembhard (13), Mavis Winter (16)

(27) John Clarke (97), Eva Godley (16), Pamela Deakin (20)

(28) Jack Watson (01), Arthur Costar (02), Pat White (02), Pauline Tsiakis (12)

(29) Winifred Eves (07), Dorothy Cox (11)

(30) Gordon Jones (05), Evelyn Leyshon (08), Jean Rabbetts (14)

May

(1) Frank Thurbon (90), May Dobson (07), Michael Beal (14), Mary Hayward (14), Peter Green (19)

(2) Peter Cummings (09), Eileen Matthews (11)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
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 - Activity sheets at the back of the church
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 sheets at the back of the church
Sun 10 th May	11:15am	APCM – Held the Church Hall
Sun 10 th May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tue 12 th May	2:30pm to 4:30pm	Cornerstone Cafe
Wed 13 th May	9:40am	Stroller Walk – Route to be confirmed
Thu 14 th May	7:00pm	Ascension Eucharist
Fri 15 th May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sun 17 th May	10:00am	All Age Eucharist Sunday after Ascension
Sun 17 th May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer