



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 12th October 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

Harvest Thanksgiving Festival



John 6.25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' 26 Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."'

Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Thought For the Week

Harvest is traditionally a time for thanksgiving and expressing gratitude for the gifts of the earth. For the bounty and abundance most of us have. To remember that all things come from God and we can give back not only by thanking and praising God, but giving by paying forward. Be generous to others. Giving generously of our resources, whether our time, talents or money. Harvest is a festival of place, connecting us with where we live and the people who live and work in our place. It is an opportunity to extend and deepen our relationships with our neighbour, our local community and each other.

Harvest can also be a powerful reminder of what most of us have become disconnected from: our dependence on the natural world and cycles of planting, growth and harvesting, where each stage involves its particular combinations of patience and dependence on conditions outside of our control. Theologically we're reminded that nothing grows without the seed that falls into the earth and dies so that it might bring a rich harvest. As it says in Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven".

Take some time in the week to come to reflect on what basket of blessing you have, to bring before God, and what basket of blessing you can share with others.

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.

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's meet at Whitton station so let's meet as usual there at 0940. Looking forward to seeing you, Peter and John.

All Souls Day – Choral Evensong

On Sunday 2nd November at 5pm we will be holding Choral Evensong. In this service you will be able to remember all those who you no longer see but whom you still love and keep in your prayers. Names of the departed will be read out and there will be a time to light candles in their memory. The choir will be leading the singing so please do put the date in your diary. If you need any further information speak to either Revd. Helen or the churchwardens.

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

Faithful, loving God, at harvest time we pause to remember your goodness. Thank you for the wonderful things we have: the beauty of your creation, the kindness of others, and the hope you give us in every season of our life. Help us to hold onto that gratitude, even during hard times, and to share that hope with other people. 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: .

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(13) Barney Larkin, Evelyn Larkin, Joyce Herbert (07), Len New (08)

(14) Sue White

(15) Eric Lichfield (76), Norman Gay

(16) Pansita Downes (03)

(17) Sidney Reid (05), Doris Saines (16), Malcolm Caple (18), Charles Deakin (23)

(18) Frederick and Doris Quelch, Theresa Brown (75), Norah Bailey (75), Laurence Hale (07),
Jennie Berryman (14)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
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 cafe
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 – Cancelled
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 4:30pm	Dorcas Group
Fri 31 st Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 31 st Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship