



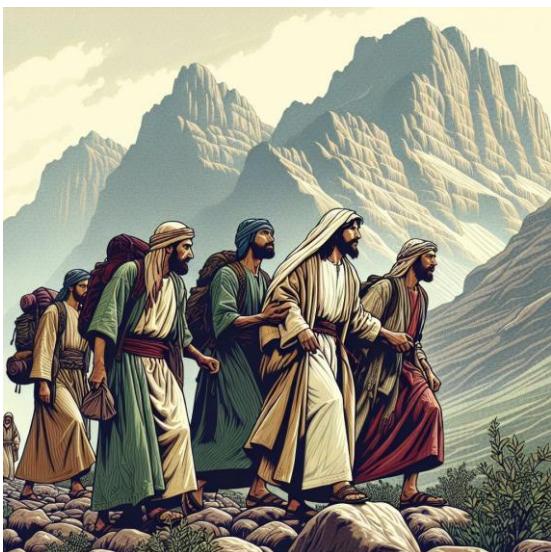
# ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## CHURCH NEWS

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

### Sunday next before Lent



#### Matthew 17.1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'

And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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

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## **Thought for the Week**

“Get up and do not be afraid”. Jesus urges both his disciples and us not to be afraid. Not to stay put in our comfort zones or try holding onto those moments that we wish could last forever. But don’t we all want to stay in perfect harmony and heavenly moment forever and not having to face our day to day reality?

What if I could stay here on this beach under the sun forever and not having to go back to work and waiting for another year until my next holiday? What if I could relive my wedding day every day, it was just so perfect. What if I could have more sleep in mornings instead of waking up to the alarm so early every weekday?

Our lives are meant to be lived and we all know this. It is just a bit challenging sometimes. There are so many things that are broken both around and within us that when we have a breath of heaven filling us we naturally want to make it last. Just like Peter wanted to make the mountain a dwelling place. But we are called to be out there, in reality, in relation with each other.

“Get up and do not be afraid”. God is calling us with love and compassion. There is nothing to be afraid of. God has made God’s dwelling among us already and Christ is walking before us, beside us and behind us. We are safe in God’s presence. Invite God to walk with you this week and let God fill you with strength, courage and joy to continue being present where you are.

## **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:** 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.**

**Confirmation: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of May at 10 am.**

Contact The Reverend Helen Calner for more information and to sign up [vicar@staugustinewhitton.com](mailto:vicar@staugustinewhitton.com)

## **Retiring Collections During 2025**

Your generosity has enabled the PCC to remit £2,281 during the year ending December 2025 to the various charities nominated by the members of the congregation. The charities supported were:

	£
Alzheimer's Society	167.65
Bishops Lent Appeal & Discretionary Fund	387.24
Crisis	312.93
CTIW	200.00
DEC Myanmar Earthquake	127.00
Epilepsy Action	150.00
Mission Aviation Fellowship	181.10
NSPCC	186.05
Shelter Box Trust	203.91
UNICEF	150.00
Village Water	215.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,281.02</b>

## **Extension to January's Retiring Collection**

At its last meeting the PCC agreed to extend January's retiring collection for **The Motor Neurone Disease Association** to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February. This is to enable the Parish to designate the whole of the Lent period to Bishops Lent Appeal.

## **Retiring Collection during Lent**

Due to the changes in the Diocese of London following the appointment of Bishop Sarah as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, there will not be a specific Bishop's Lent Appeal. However, London diocese will be continuing to support Angola London Mozambique Association (ALMA). Our parish is twinned with St Augustine of Canterbury Mecanhelas. More details to follow shortly.

## **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](mailto:staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com) giving a brief description of the charity no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 for discussion at March PCC meeting.

## **Quiz night on 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Just over 60 people took part in the Quiz night on 31<sup>st</sup> January the profit from the sale of Ticket and the bar amounted to £1,265.

## **Date for the Next Messy Church and Sunday School**

The next Messy Church is on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The next Sunday School will be on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## **Palm Crosses**

As we prepare for the solemn season of Lent, we invite you to bring in your blessed palm crosses from last year. These will be gathered and burned to create the ashes for our Ash Wednesday service on February 18. Please place them in the designated basket at the back of the Church by **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February after which they will not be required, thank you.**

## **Our Prayer**



God, help me to slow down and embrace this exact moment, for it is a gift from you. Release me from anxious thoughts about the future and regrets from the past. Teach me to find joy, peace, and your presence in the ordinary, right here and now. 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 and Dennis Williams.

## **Recently Departed:**

Derek Clarke

## **This week we remember the anniversary of the death of**

**(15)** Donald Hole Pr. (47) Mabel Halford, Cecil Butler, David Harber (04), Zillah Starling (13)

**(16)** Ivor Brooks (90)

**(17)** Daisy Piercy, Florence Gough (07), Bernie Stott (18)

**(19)** Molly Lang (77), Charles Jarvis (82), Raymond Goodey, John Woodwood (01), Yvonne Edwards (05)  
Hazel Foster (25)

**(20)** Victor Johnson, David Henderson (99), Vivien Vallis (06)

**(21)** Nicola Pratt (06), Mary Cain (09)

## Diary Dates – At a Glance

Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00am	Holy Eucharist – All Age Eucharist, Sunday next before Lent
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7:00pm	Evening Eucharist Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	10:00am	Art Club
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10:00am	Holy Eucharist – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10:00am	Messy Church – in Church Hall
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7:00pm to 7:30pm	Evening Eucharist
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7:30pm to 8:15pm	Lent Course – Women of Holy Week
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Whitton Woollies
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:30am	Morning Eucharist Walsingham Mass followed by breakfast at Squires
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:40am	Strollers Walk – Route to be confirmed
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> March	10:00am	Holy Eucharist – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> March	10:00am	Sunday School – in the church Hall
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> March	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	11:30am to 12:30pm	Quiet Space - The mystery of Darkness – Living with Lent
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	7:00pm to 7:30pm	Evening Eucharist
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	7:30pm to 8:15pm	Lent Course – Women of Holy Week
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am	Holy Eucharist – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am	Sunday School – Activity Sheet at the back of the Church
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer