



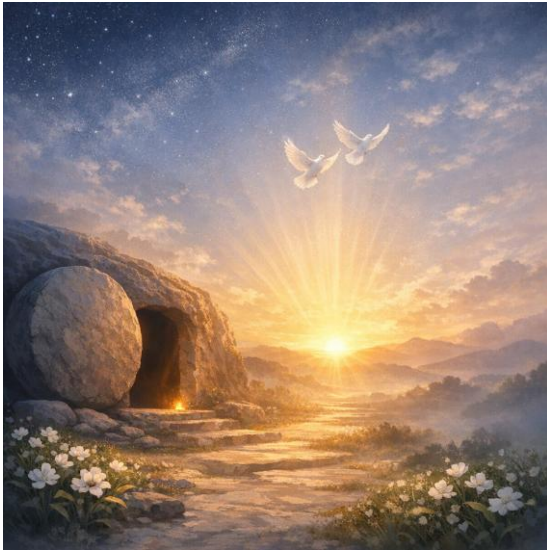
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 5th April 2026

CHURCH NEWS

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

Easter Day



John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing

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there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'

Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, Rabbouni! (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Thought for the Week

Christ is risen. He is indeed risen! What else is there really to say? This is the day we have been waiting for. This is why we exist. This is the good news we are called to proclaim. And finally we can burst out in our ALLELUIA!

How can we ever put in words the greatest mystery of them all, our Lord and Saviour's victory over death. Crushing the darkness and the chains of death and turn it into radiant light of eternity. It is almost too good to be true. Because when we look out on our world it is still messy. It is still bleeding and broken. There is still darkness and evil. It is not perfect or heavenly in any way.

So how can we shout from the roof tops that life has won over death? That the light has finally overcome darkness when it clearly hasn't. We can't. Not in our human understanding and measures anyway. But we can recognise the risen Christ in our lives. Just like the women did. We might not experience thunder and earthquakes and bright shining angels in white dresses. But we meet Him in each other, when sharing our compassion and kindness. We meet Him in every positive story and moment. We meet Him every time we take a breath and every morning when the sun rises again. We meet Him every time we share a meal and break bread together. We meet the risen Christ every time we let hope take priority over fear.

And Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Let us shout from the rooftops that life always wins and God is ever-living and ever-loving and we are embraced by the life that never ends. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

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.

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

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."

Our Prayer



Lord Jesus, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Help us to live in your light, sharing your love and grace with each other and the whole world. 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 Ross Wood

Recently Departed

Nicole Comb

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

- (5) Gertrude Smith, Leslie Turland (16)
- (6) William Lloyd (63), David Tew, Vera Williamson (05), Peter Buckmaster (14), Stewart Mackay (17)
- (7) Betty Hopkins M.B.E. (17), Telma Bazell (19)
- (8) Keith Griffen (90)
- (9) Eva Lawrence (78), Leonard Simens (06), Leslie Carr (07), Barry Clarke (17)
- (10) Arthur White, Stan Edser (96), Rebecca Gopie (10), Joan Brimfieldd (11)
- (11) William Walter (73), Patricia Collins, Reginald Longmire (04), Bill Barnikel (09), Peter Wright (10)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 5 th April	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Easter Day
Sun 5 th April	10:00am	Sunday School – Activity Sheet at the back of the church
Sun 5 th April	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 7 th April	11:30am to 12:30pm	Quite Space - On the way to Emmaus – walking with the risen Christ
Fri 10 th April	10:00am	Friday Eucharist
Sun 12 th April	10:00am	All Age Service 2 nd Sunday of Easter
Sun 12 th April	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 14 th April	2:30pm to 4:00pm	Cornerstone Cafe
Wed 15 th April	9:40am	Strollers Walk – Route to be confirmed
Fri 17 th April	10:00am	Friday Eucharist
Sat 18 th April	10:00am to 12:00pm	Art Group meets in Church Hall
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