



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 12th April 2026

CHURCH NEWS

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

2nd Sunday of Easter



John 20.19–end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you. After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe. A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, Peace be with you.

Then he said to Thomas, Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe. Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God! Jesus said to him, Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

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Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Thought for the Week

Seeing is believing. I think we are all familiar with that saying. Can you believe something you haven't seen or experienced yourself?

When you read or watch the news, do you trust and believe what is reported has an element of truth in it? That what is going on in the world is real and happening? When you look at the sun and the moon: Do you trust science to have figured out how the physics behind it makes it possible even if you yourself cannot prove the science? Or see the actual movement of neither the sun or the moon?

Then what about love? Most of us have experienced love of some kind and even if we can explain the chemical reactions in the brain, we cannot really fully explain and prove the sensation. We describe it; in words, poems, novels, music and art. But we cannot prove the feeling. That deep feeling that turns everything upside down. Love. Feeling love, feeling loved, loving someone or something so deeply there are no words.

It is the same with God. We can experience and trust in God even if we cannot see or touch God. Yet God is here among us. As is Jesus. The risen Christ who stands in our midst sharing his peace. I don't blame Thomas for doubting the resurrection. Who wouldn't?! And even if Thomas did touch the wounds, it was his heart that confessed.

It was that feeling of deep love that made him burst out in the most powerful creed ever written: "My Lord and my God".

The heart speaks of God because God planted that seed of life and love in you from the beginning. Join Thomas this week and open your heart for the love that broke the chains of death and brought heaven down to earth. Christ is risen, he is indeed risen. For you.

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.

Retiring Collection during April – Sponsored by Sylvia Bell

Mesothelioma is a rare cancer which is the result of being exposed to asbestos and breathing it's 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."

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

Strollers Walk Wednesday 15th April - Message from Peter and John

Weather permitting, we shall take a train to Wraysbury station, walk to Wraysbury village for a coffee stop, then through the village via the church and across the fields to the Ankerwycke Yew tree where we will take lunch. We'll return via the same route. The National Trust have a visitor display which tells the Yew's story. We'll catch the 1000 train to Wraysbury, so lets meet at Whitton Station at 0950. Please bring a picnic lunch. Looking forward to seeing you. For any question or further information please call Peter on 07799 000597.

Our Prayer



Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God, my Savior and my Lord. I love you and I surrender my life to you. Thank you for your forgiveness and for filling me with your love. Help me to walk in your ways. 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, Ross Wood and Phillis Bailey.

Recently Departed

Nicole Comb

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(12) Judith Hawken (71), Norman Pepperell (06), Priscilla Rhodes (13), Albert Farmer (14)

(13) Harry Watts (72), David Stanley (17)

(14) Alan Shenton (03), Ardrey Deakin (11), Norman Hayes (15), Maureen Pritchard (16), Janet Barnes (20)

(15) Leslie Joan Mitchell (02)

(16) Alexander Brown, George Forby (14), Stephen Hood (89), Norman Chingwaru (20)

(17) Stephen Phillimore Pr, James Barlow (04), John Elder (12)

(18) John Ryes, Laurence Garrett (08)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
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 the 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
Wed 22 nd April	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Whitton Woollies
Fri 24 th April	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 25 th April	9:30am	Morning Eucharist - Walsingham Mass at St Augustine's
Sat 25 th April	9:40am	Strollers Walk – Route to be confirmed
Sun 26 th April	10:00am	Holy Eucharist - 4 th Sunday of Easter
Sun 26 th April	10:00am	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer