



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 24th May 2026

CHURCH NEWS

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

Pentecost



1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Thought for the Week

“We are all made to drink from one Spirit”. There is one Lord, one Spirit and very many of us. And yet, we all belong together in the body, which is our bread, Jesus Christ. The imagery of every single person being important building blocks to make Christ whole and knows is mind-blowing. Each and one of us, as cells, bones, veins, joints, organs and skin, building up the one who gave us life. Amazing!

This is nothing new. We know we are created different, with different gifts and talents, equally loved and equally precious in the eyes of God. How do we celebrate each other’s gifts and talents? How do we give space for each other? And what do we do to bring everything back into the body from where we all spring?

We all have something to contribute and give. Neither this is new to us. Together we create a mosaic of colours, shapes and patterns, mirroring and reflecting God’s beauty and love. Picture for a moment the most glorious and magnificent brocade of absolute beauty. An image of perfection. That piece of craft that just takes your breath away.

You are part of that beauty. You are one of the brush strokes, gems, threads, grains or whatever your chosen piece is made of. And every single person you know is equally part of your picture. And so is the entire humanity and universe.

All which come together through the Spirit in Christ. The heart of God. Now that is awesome!

Our Corporate Congregational Prayer

We are a prayerful community and compassionate disciples, we do want to direct our petitions to God and be as clear and informative as possible. It is natural and caring. There are no perfect ways or one way better than the other when it comes to our interceding.

We want to know who we are praying for because this helps us in our wording and supplications to our Lord. But we also need to trust that God already knows and Christ is already interceding for us. God does not need our declarations or facts, explanations or information. God does not even need middle names or surnames. God knows us all. And again, it might feel better for us if we declare and inform and explain. But for who and why?

We might want to ask ourselves: do we pray with different intentions and commitment depending on whether we know the person or not? I doubt this, but we have to ask ourselves how we relate to our prayers for others, whether we know them or not. Does it really matter?

There is not one way of doing prayer lists and interceding for others. And most likely there are as many thoughts as we are members of our wonderfully prayerful community.

We have a responsibility to pray for each other and we also have a responsibility to protect each other’s integrity, privacy and vulnerability. Furthermore, we need to take into consideration GDPR.

We are starting our prayer list from scratch this week. If you need prayers or know someone who would like to be prayed for, email this to Helen at vicar@staugustinewhitton.com. Or give Helen a call, send a text or speak to her when you meet.

If you want us to pray for somebody, do remember to ask for permission as we pray in a public space and livestream every Sunday Eucharist. And ask whether the person want to be mentioned with first name or full name. If somebody want to be prayed for without being mentioned, you can pray in silence during the intercession. God hears our silent prayers too.

Initially we will continue as we have done, with first name only while we ponder together what we feel is the best way for us to offer our intercessions to God.

Silent Auction

The 2025 Paschal Candle is being offered through a silent auction.

If you would like to make a donation, please place your offer, (name and amount) in the Wooden church model at the back of the church.

The successful donor will be contacted on 7th June. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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 Rev'd Helen, Jayne Firth or Vicky Sandapin (our new Electoral Roll Office) or take a leaflet from back of the church.

Meeting of Parishioners and APCM Update

At the Meeting of Parishioners held on 10 May, **Sue Thornton** and **Roubina de Winton** were duly elected to serve for a term of one year.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), **Barbara Magona** was elected as a Deanery Synod representative. Two additional vacancies for this role remain, along with a vacancy for a member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Mrs Veronique Sandapin (Vicky) was elected as our new Electoral Roll Officer following the resignation of Jayne Firth, who had served in the role for many years.

Please speak to the Rev'd Helen if you are interested in serving on the PCC or become a Deanery Synod Rep.

Save the Date – Wednesday 27th May 2026

Greetings from St Paul's Cathedral

Your Parish will shortly feature in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We will be praying for you, your colleagues and your congregations at our 8am and 12:30pm services and normally at Evensong at 5pm on that day.

We would be delighted if anyone from your church would like to join us for our services that day. If a group of you plan to come for Evensong, please let us know so that we can serve seats for you in the Quire and welcome you at the beginning of the service.

Anyone interested to attend the Evensong, please contact Rev'd Helen no later than Wednesday 20th May.

Update: Please note the deadline for reserving seats for our congregation has now passed and if you would still like to join us you would be not have a reserved seating.

Save the Date Sunday 31st May 2026

Confirmation of our candidates Ellie, Caroline, David and Kaiden by Bishop Emma followed by a small celebration with cakes and bubbles for our candidates, all are welcome.

As you are no doubt aware, it is normal practice in the Diocese to make a donation to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund when visited by the Bishop (usually the equivalent amount to that of the collection taken at the service).

Save the Date Saturday 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.

Its Time to Think About the Summer Fair!

Saturday 20th June 12 to 4pm

Can you run a stall? Can you donate items for our stalls? The list of the stalls is at the back of the church, look at the list, put your name down, invite your friend and family.

Work Party Saturday 6th June

If you have a couple of hours to spare on Saturday 6th June, please come and help us tidy up our grounds from around 10:00am. Tea, coffee and biscuits are offered to the willing volunteers. It would be really nice to have the garden looking nice for our summer fair!

Strollers Walk Saturday 30th May

Weather permitting, and currently the forecast is not known, for our next walk we'll do Laleham and back, along the river, starting at Staines. We'll have coffee at a nice pub in Laleham, and on return have lunch on the riverbank, so please bring a packed lunch.

The surface is mainly level and of hard standing, though it may be a bit wet in places, and there are no stiles! Its about 5 miles in total. The highlight of last year's walk was the various gardens of houses fronting the towpath. We'll catch the 955 train from Whitton to Staines, so let's meet at the station at 9:45.

We'll keep an eye on the forecast and let you know of any change of plan. Hope to see you there

May Retiring Collection – Sponsored by Joan Greening

Age UK Richmond upon Thames is an independent local charity, separate from the national Age UK organisation is our charity of the month. For more information about the services we the please go to www.ageukrichmond.org.uk

A representative from Age UK Richmond upon Thames will be our guest and available in the Church Hall after the service on Sunday 24 May to provide more information and answer any questions.

Charity	Month	Sponsored by
Age UK Richmond	May	Joan Greening
Child Autism UK	June	Graham Dale
Mulberry Centre	July	Lewis Read
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



Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your divine fire. Breathe into us the courage to step out of our comfort zones, and ignite within us a fierce passion for your love, justice, and peace. Guide our steps today and always. Amen

We pray for those who prepare for Confirmation. Ellie, Caroline, David and Kaiden

Those who are sick and struggling:

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(24) Hilda McRury (77), Reginald Woods, Geoffrey Waterhouse (10)

(25) Leonard Roberts, Carrie Collins (80), Edward Bailey, Baby George Van-der-Merwe (12)

(26) Kathleen Watts (92), Gwendoline Myles (12), Desmond MacCaw (13)

(27) Kay Alldridge (25)

(28) Leonard Davies (74)

(29) Joan Royall, Gina Winter (19)

Diary Dates – At a Glance

Sat 23 rd May	10:00am	Art Group – Meet in the church hall
Sun 24 th May	10:00am	Holy Eucharist - Pentecost
Sun 24 th May	10:00am	Messy Church
Sun 24 th May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Wed 27 th May	5:00pm	Evensong at St Pauls Cathedral St. Augustine of Canterbury's Patronal
Wed 27 th May	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Whitton Woollies meet in the church
Fri 29 th May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 30 th May	9:30am	Morning Eucharist - Walsingham Mass at St Augustine's
Sat 30 th May	9:45am	Stroller Walk – Staines to Laleham and back along the River
Sun 31 st May	10:00am	Holy Eucharist - Trinity Sunday with Confirmation Service
Sun 31 st May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tue 2 nd June	11:00am -12:00pm	Quiet Space - Compassionate self-awareness - embodied prayer
Fri 5 th June	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 6 th June	10:00am	Work Party
Sun 7 th June	10:00am	Holy Eucharist – 1 st Sunday after Trinity
Sun 7 th June	10:00am	Sunday School
Sun 7 th June	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tue 9 th June	2:30pm - 4:00pm	Cornerstone Café
Tue 9 th June	7:00pm	Standing Committee meeting
Thu 11 th June	9:40am	Stroller Walk – Route to be confirmed
Fri 12 th June	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sun 14 th June	10:00am	All Age Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday after Trinity
Sun 14 th June	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer