



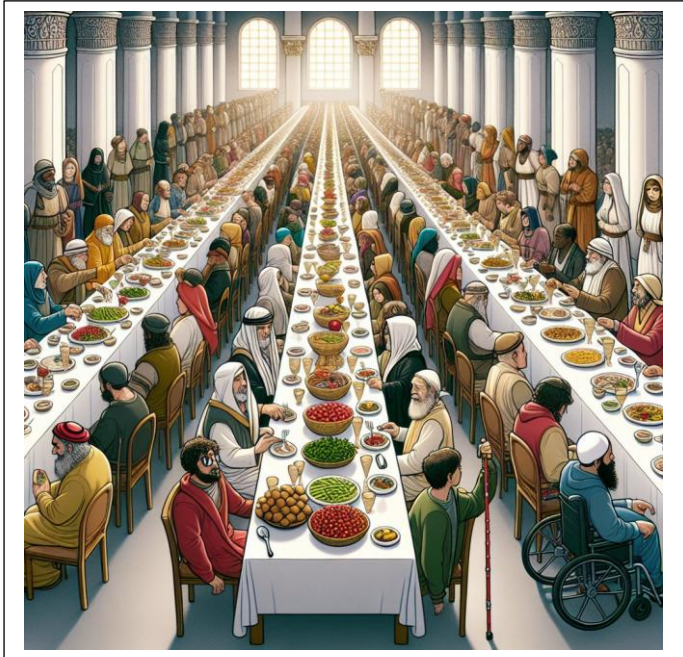
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 31st August 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

11th Sunday after Trinity



Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.

‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or

your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

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But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Though For the Week

This week we are invited to reflect on our hospitality and generosity toward our neighbour. In the gospel Jesus gives us the parable of a wedding banquet where no guests make an effort to come as they most likely had promised. Instead all marginalised, vulnerable and neglected people from the street are invited. On top of that they were given the seats of honour. This would have been very offensive for the establishment of the time, they would have felt downgraded and ridiculed.

When we invite people to fellowship of any kind, do we do so to be hospitable and generous without expecting anything in return? I think we all like to think we do, but it can be easier said than done. And this goes not only within our own personal networks, it goes for our church community, our local community and the wider community.

I think it is important that we take our calling seriously to be generous and care for the widow, orphan and stranger in today's climate with fear for those who are different, wherever they come from. Jesus calls everyone to sit with Him at the table, where every seat is equally valued.

Take the opportunity this week, to talk to someone you don't yet know, invite a neighbour further down your street for coffee, or ask one of your friends to come with you to church on a Sunday. We are all equally loved, wanted and needed by God. Imagine what we all could do together!

July and August Retiring collection is for St Augustine's Fabric Fund Sponsored by the PCC



What is the Fabric Fund? The Fabric Fund is the money put aside to maintain St. Augustine's Church and the church hall, the bricks and mortar, the furniture, what's inside and what's outside of the church. It also includes the cost of the regulatory safety checks, paying for the utilities, carrying out the repairs and so on.

It is the responsibility for the PCC to maintain and run the church and the church hall buildings. As you can imagine, a building as big as and as old as St. Augustine's needs a lot of funds to maintain it properly. This is our church, and we have to keep it in tip top condition for us and for future generations who will worship here. This is why the July and August collection is for the fabric of this church. Please give as generously as you can.

Retiring Collections for Future Months

Charity	Month	Distribution	Sponsor
Fabric Fund	July & Aug 25	Local	PCC
Shelter Box	Sep-25	Overseas	Irene Reid
Missions Aviation Fellowship(MAF)	Oct-25	Overseas	John/Ben Wolsoncroft
NSPCC	Nov-25	UK	Marie Clark
Crisis	Dec-25	UK	The Late Kay Alldridge
Motor Neurone Disease Association	Jan-26	UK	Graham Dale

Work Party 6th September

Our next work party is on 6th September starting around 10am. If you have a couple of hours spare please come along and help us to work on the vicarage garden.

Messy Church and Sunday School future dates

The next Sunday School will be held 14th September.
Messy Church will return on 21st September.

Art Group Saturday 20th September

The Art Group return from the summer break on Saturday 20th September. Everyone with any ability is welcome to join. Classes are from 10am to 12pm, You don't have to have your own equipment the group has some you can borrow, you don't have to be Picasso or Monet either. We are a friendly bunch and your first session, classed as a taster, is free and then the cost will be £10 per session. If anyone is interested please have a chat with either Sue Thornton or Rob Dowler.

Walsingham Mass

The next Walsingham Mass will be held on 27th September at St Mary's Sunbury followed by breakfast at the Flower Pot.

Animal Blessing

We are having a joint service with St Philip and St James for the Blessing of your Pets on Sunday 5th October at 3:00pm. All pets can bring their Humans with them!

Did You know

In line with Ecclesiastical Insurance company's charitable ownership, every time a customer takes out a new home insurance policy with them the company donate £130 to the Anglican church of their choice. The PCC is delighted to say that this month we have received £130 from them. Thank you to the parishioner who nominated St Augustine. To find out more visit www.ecclesiastical.com/trust130



Our Prayers

Sometimes it is easy to find the words when we bring before God what is on our minds and in our hearts. But sometimes it can be difficult to articulate our feelings, petitions and experiences. Every Sunday we read from the Psalms in our service. In the Psalms we can find something for everything we experience and feel in life. It can be comforting to use what so many before us have prayed. It is also perfectly fine to sometimes just sit in silence with God, knowing that God is there with us and listen to our minds and hearts, with or without spoken words.

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, Gerald Pratt, Connie Chingwaru, Rod, Akram John, David, Alison Greg and Caden.

Recently Departed: .

Yvonne

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

August

(31) Annie Derry (81), Primrose Litchfield (80), William Davies (05)

September

(1) Bernard Taylor (45), Phyllis Roberts (06)

(2) Melloney Gibb, Arthur Alldridge.

(3) Dulcie Hole, Thomas Clarke (02), Peggie Watson (08)

(4) Marvon Forde (86), Gwesyn Lloyd George, Peter Acres (05)

(5) Ellen Bowen (09), Peter Greening (22)

(6) Wendy Salisbury, Louise O'Connell (02), Terry Hannam (03), Ron Dale (05)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 31st Aug	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section or follow the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776749724?pwd=VHFacW1wQTFWL1p1d2FCTkVKbEs0QT09
Tues 2 nd Sept	11:00am -12:00 pm	Prayer and Reflection
Fri 5 th Sept	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Sat 6 th Sep	10:00am	Work Party
Sun 7 th Sept	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 7 th Sept	10:00am	Sunday School in the Church Hall
Sun 7 th Sept	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section or follow the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776749724?pwd=VHFacW1wQTFWL1p1d2FCTkVKbEs0QT09
Tues 9 th Sep	2:30pm to 4:00pm	Cornerstone
	7:00pm	Standing Committee
Fri 12 th Sept	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Sun 14 th Sept	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 14 th Sept	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section or follow the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776749724?pwd=VHFacW1wQTFWL1p1d2FCTkVKbEs0QT09
Tue 16 th Sept	7:00pm	PCC Meeting
Thurs 18 th Sept	9:50am	Strollers Walk – Route TBC
Fri 19 th Sept	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Sat 20 th Sept	10:00am	Art Group in the Church Hall
Sun 21 st Sept	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 21 st Sept	10:00am	Messy Church in the Church Hall
Sun 21 st Sept	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section or follow the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776749724?pwd=VHFacW1wQTFWL1p1d2FCTkVKbEs0QT09
Fri 26 th Sept	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Sat 27 th Sept	9:30am	Walsingham Mass – at St Mary’s Sunbury
Sat 27 th Sept	9:50am	Strollers Walk – Route TBC
Sun 28 th Sept	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 28 th Sept	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section or follow the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776749724?pwd=VHFacW1wQTFWL1p1d2FCTkVKbEs0QT09
Fri 3 rd Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist