



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 10th August 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

8th Sunday after Trinity



Luke 12.32–40

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

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Though For the Week

Life be so much easier if we always knew what was coming our way. We could be prepared and plan and feel confident we had all in order no matter what. And wouldn't it be great if we could fit in God on our own terms? But it doesn't really work this way. Jesus gives us a great parable in our Gospel for this Sunday to reflect on:

How do we respond to the unexpected when we are caught by surprise and think we know exactly what we are doing? Or when we try having things our own way...

What if this unexpected, off guard, surprise was God?

Often, we install alarms and CCTV, creating neighbourhood watches,

to protect ourselves from intruders making us feel safe. Have a bit of control.

But we can't stop God from knocking on our hearts. God is always looking at ways to break through to reach us and love us. God doesn't wait for us to invite God, at our convenience or when we think we are ready, prepared or think we need God. God is full of surprises. With God we can expect the unexpected. Tidy or not, ready or not, prepared or not...We can encounter God anywhere at any time. And this is the beauty of God's nature. Always near, with love, grace and mercy.

Messy Church and Sunday School future dates

The next Sunday School will be held 14th September

Messy Church will return on 21st September

Strollers Walk Wednesday 13th August

Weather permitting, the strollers will walk from Datchet station to Windsor via Eton, starting with a coffee stop at the excellent Nibbles cafe on Datchet station, then proceed via a golf course and part of Eton playing fields, then through Eton town itself before having lunch somewhere on the river. Choosing when to return to the Windsor and Eton Riverside station for the homeward trip. Its 95% flat, on paths tracks and pavements, and is about 5 miles in total and

Please come to **Whitton station at 950** for the 1000 service to Datchet and bring a picnic lunch. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you. Peter and John

VJ Day Celebrations

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of VJ Day on 15th August, we will once again drape the entrance to St Augustine with the cascade of poppies created by Whitton Woollies in collaboration with St Augustine. The poppies will be on display from 13th August.

Walsingham Mass

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

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

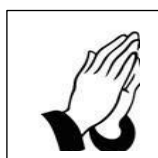


What is the Fabric Fund? The Fabric Fund is the money put aside to maintain St. Augustine's Church and the church hall, the bricks and mortar, the furniture, what's inside and what's outside of the church. It also includes the cost of the regulatory safety checks, paying for the utilities, carrying out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



Our Prayers

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin. Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Those who are sick and struggling:

Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Richard and Theresa Scriven, Anne Newman, Lucy Brooks, Emily Adams, Mavis Walter, Ann Cadogan, Lyn Watts, Boyce & Millicent, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Wyn Morris, Cheryl, Heather Woodworth, Gerald Pratt and Connie Chingwaru

Recently Departed:

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

- (10)** David Adams (91), Rene Lisney (92), Iris Oliver (04)
- (11)** Tom Hewlett (05), Christine Platt (09), Richard Williams (15)
- (12)** Joan Shilson (11)
- (13)** Peter Hall (07), Betty Coughlan (10)
- (14)** Ronnie Maclean, William Basey (01), Gwyneth Bartle (04), Dudley Berryman (05,) Violet Langridge (05)
Leonard Lidbury (13)
- (15)** Phyllis Larbey, Sidney Moss (11)
- (16)** Frederick and Ada Claxton, William Wand Bp. (77), Malcolm Edwards (10), Peter Chirgwin (11)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 10 th Aug	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Tues 12 th Aug	2:30 to 4:00pm	Cornerstone
Sun 12 th Aug	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section
Tues 12 th Aug	7:00pm	Standing Committee
Wed 13 th Aug	9:50am	Strollers – Whitton Station
Fri 15 th Aug	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Sun 17 th Aug	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Fri 22 nd Aug	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Sun 24 th Aug	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 24 th Aug	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section
Fri 29 th Aug	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Sun 31 st Aug	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 31 st Aug	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section