

# ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## CHURCH NEWS

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



#### John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



St Augustine's Church,  
Whitton, in Vacancy

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### **A Message from the PCC and the Churchwardens**

The Parish Profile has now been finalised. The advert will be placed in in the Church Times on the following dates:

31 January  
7 February  
14 February  
21 February

**Deadline for Applications:** Monday 24 February, Midday  
**Shortlisting Meeting:** Wednesday 26 February, 3pm  
**Interviews:** Wednesday 12 March

### **Sunday School 26<sup>th</sup> January at 10 am**

The next Sunday School will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Walsingham Mass - 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30**

The next Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is on 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30 followed by breakfast at the Winning post, all are welcome. Future dates of the monthly Mass of Our Lady are as follows: 22 February at St Augustine's, 29<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's Sunbury, 26<sup>th</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> May at St Augustine's, 28<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's Sunbury, 26<sup>th</sup> July at St Augustine's. Mass of our Lady will not be held in August and resume on 27<sup>th</sup> September at St Augustine's, 25<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's, 29<sup>th</sup> November at St Augustine's. Walsingham Mass will not be held in December.

### **Foundation Governor Vacancy at Bishop Perrin**

Mrs Doggett one of our Foundation Governors, nominated by the PCC, will end her term of office at the end of February. The PCC would like to invite interested parties wishing to serve as Foundation Governor to submit their written application providing a precis of their reason for wishing to serve in this role to Mrs Pauline Churchman, PCC Secretary, no later than 31 January. The PCC will consider the applications received and will put forward their nominee.

You can find out more about The Key role for a Foundation Governor and the Eligibility Conditions [here](#) or see the document provided with the Newsletter.

For further information Please speak to Mrs Alwyn Williams, Chair of Governors

### **January Retiring Collection – UNICEF**

On 6<sup>th</sup> January we celebrate 12<sup>th</sup> Night, with the coming of the three wise men who brought gifts for the baby child Jesus.

This month our retiring charity is UNICEF, an international charity that provides support for children in all parts of the world. Working in over 190 countries they respond to emergencies, such as that seen in Gaza, Haiti, the Sudan and Ukraine; to poverty and hunger as seen in Yemen and Syria. UNICEF report that 2024 has been very difficult and there are now around 1 billion children living in poverty, which means they lack basic necessities such as food, water, shelter and education – all things that we take for granted.

Of these children, 333 million live in extreme poverty surviving on less than £1.75 per day. We know that most of these children live in parts of Africa, but please don't let this hide the fact that we also have children in wealthy countries, such as England, who live in extreme poverty.

This month I hope that you will follow the Christmas story and help the children in greatest need by donating as generously as you are able to UNICEF.



### **Movement and Meditation – Returns on Thursday 27th March @10.00am -11.00am**

Movement and Meditation is a new event, coming soon to St Augustine's, with the goal of giving support for wellbeing and nourishment for spiritual life. Sessions will include guided mindfulness meditation, gentle exercise, creative reflection through words and movement, and time to rest. To enquire, please email [rmmichael2010@gmail.com](mailto:rmmichael2010@gmail.com) or phone: 07773 298426

### **St Augustine's Art Group**

Once a month on a Saturday come and join our friendly, long standing, Art Group at St Augustine's Church Hall to learn to paint and draw in all mediums with a qualified teacher, no experience is necessary. Classes are £10 per session or £80 for a year. The next class is on 15<sup>th</sup> February and thereafter 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 31<sup>st</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June. The dates for the rest of the year will be announced soon. Please speak to Sue Thornton if interested.

### **Home Groups**

Home Groups provide an opportunity and a safe space to; explore the Bible and other issues together, explore those questions of faith we wanted to ask, grow in our faith journey and understanding of God's purpose for the world, get to know other people, and invite friends and anyone who may be seeking to know more about Christian faith.

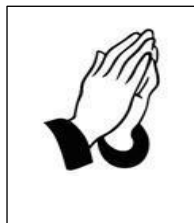
If you are interested in joining, please speak to Fiona or one of the Churchwardens. *If you are interested in hosting a Home Group, please inform the Churchwardens.*

### **Raising Funds for our Church**

If you take out new home insurance with **Ecclesiastical Insurance**, they will donate £130 to an Anglican church or cathedral of your choice (T&Cs apply).

£130 may not seem like a lot of money, but a little help can go a long way. To find out more click on the link [Trust130 donations](#) or go to <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/home-insurance/trust130>

**For our Prayers** Please pray that the Holy spirit will open the heart of the right person and guide them to serve us and St Augustine's as our new vicar. In Jesus Name.



Peace and end of war in Syria, Israel-Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Ukraine, Sudan, and other places of conflict around the world.

For the safety and wellbeing of people affected by natural disasters; particularly the recent fires in Los Angeles.

**Those who are sick and struggling:** Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Richard and Theresa Scriven, Anne Newman, Emily Adams, Lucy Brooks, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter, Ann Cadogan, Lyn Watts, Boyce & Millicent, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Kay Alldridge, Jenny Jones, Wyn Morris and Cheryl

**Recently departed:** John Jones

### **This week we remember the anniversary of the death of**

**(19)** Joan Hodge (01), Robert Knapp (07), George Barker (10)

**(20)** Dorothy Botfield (01), Ronald Groves (10), James Dixon (10),

**(21)** Edwin Barton (79), Patricia Williams (03), Richard Howard (06)

**(22)** Arthur Fry (01)

**(23)** Winnie Goodey, Reginald Sharp (01)

**(24)** Albert Wild (95), Joseph Thompson (01), Ronald Humphreys (02), Gordon Harding (07), Pat Powell (19)

**(25)** Walter Chapman, Patricia Emery (54), Georgina Hickling (08)

<b>Diary Dates – At a Glance</b>		
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	7 pm	PCC Meeting
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10 am	Said Eucharist service
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9:30 am	Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
<b>February</b>		
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6pm	Quiz Night