



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 22nd February 2026

CHURCH NEWS

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

1st Sunday of Lent



Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ' Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'

Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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Thought for the Week

We have just started our journey towards Jerusalem, walking with Christ through the desert of temptations and challenges. Walking in a slow pace towards the cross and beyond. When you read the Gospel, picture yourself in the scenery. What does it look like? Where are you standing to watch Jesus conversating with the devil? What do you see? What do you hear? What does it smell? And what do you feel?

Through the Gospel Jesus invites us to sit with him in the desert. To pause from the day to day business and to take time to sit with him. To invite God to sit with you where you are. To think about what is important in your life and how you nourish your relationship with God and neighbour.

Each Lenten journey looks different. Some might abstain from things to give more time to reflect on life and its meaning. Some might add things to help give perspective to life and its meaning. Some might just go on about as normal. Whatever you choose to do, this is a season where you can focus on your life together with God. To explore what it really means to follow in the footsteps of Christ. To reflect on how the Spirit equips you to be able to share your time, talent and treasure where you are called to be. It may be at home, in school, at work or in church.

Picture yourself in the scenery. What does it look like? Where are you? What do you see? What do you hear? What do you feel? And how can you share life and love with those around you? God is there already, ready to share God's life and love through you.

Time, Talent and Treasure

Lent is a season for reflection. 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. This Lent is an opportunity for you to focus your prayer and reflection on how you share your time, talent and treasure in our community. 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.

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

Stollers Walk on Saturday 28th February - message from Peter and John

Please meet at Church at 10:00am for a local walk to take place after the tree planting ceremony. Stollers, for more details refer to Peter's email or speak to him on 07799 000597.

January Retiring Collection

Thank you for your donations of £229.10 which has been paid to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Retiring Collection during Lent

Due to the changes in the Diocese of London following the appointment of Bishop Sarah as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, there will not be a specific Bishop's Lent Appeal this year. However Support our Anglican partners in Mozambique as severe flooding displaces communities and damages homes, schools, and churches. Through ALMA, the Diocese of London is calling for prayer and donations to fund urgent relief and recovery, and to stand in practical solidarity with affected dioceses.

We have a long association with ALMA, our parish is twinned with St Augustine of Canterbury Mecanhelas which has also been severely affected by the recent floods. For more information please flow the link <https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/standing-with-our-brothers-and-sisters-in-mozambique/>

Retiring Collection from April 2026 onwards

The retiring collection to which you so generously donate to is selected based on your nominations to the PCC. The PCC aims to make its selection from a pool of Local, National and International organisations. If you would like to nominate a charity that you support, please write to Pauline Churchman at staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com giving a brief description of the charity no later than 22nd March 2026 for discussion at March PCC meeting.

Work Party Saturday 28th February and Tree Planting Ceremony

As the church is being used for the Richmond Performing Arts Festival, we cannot have our Work Party on **Saturday 7th March** so it is on **28th February at 10.00 am**

We have two trees to plant one came from Wendy Eyles and the other from Richmond Council Big Tree Giveaway. Also, the church has been gifted £100 to buy new tools for the garden, which are very badly needed after our shed was broken into, and we are going to use these for the planting. Before that Helen will bless the trees plus the tools hoping for good growth and good planting, pruning, raking and sweeping.

If you can, please come along, we can have a chat, some coffee, maybe cake and you will be able to see the great work that is done by the few every month. We always need more helpers and as Spring approaches we will need all the help we can get. So please think about it, you can do a lot in the garden in half an hour.

Our Prayer



Lord, hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent, turn away from sin, and walk toward Your truth. Transform my heart, strengthen my faith, and draw me closer to You. 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 and Dennis Williams.

Recently Departed:

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(22) John Wilson, Andrew Antoniades, Liberty Palmer, Danno Barrs, Jamie Barrs, Mark Dilly (92),

Joachim Schulz (96) Peter Groom, Joan Langley-Smith, Stuart Johnson (13), Kenneth Bush (16)

(23) Leonard Cooper (02), Beryl Ashton (05), Marjorie Payne (07), Dolly Markham (07), Ronald Reakes (16)

(24) Evelyn Nash (11)

(25) William Robins (76), Leonard Roe, Kenneth Saunders (07), Elsie Clabon (08), Irene Riddlesworth (12)
Bill Miller (25)

(26) Arthur Mander (62), John Ash (15), Norman Trimbee (117)

(27) Karen Dack (11)

(28) Nancy May, Mary Hepworth (01), Roddy Lang (03), Mavis Hammond (22)

(29) Eric Hopkins (04)

Diary Dates – At a Glance

Sun 22 nd Feb	10:00am	Holy Eucharist – 1 st Sunday of Lent
Sun 22 nd Feb	10:00am	Messy Church – in Church Hall
Sun 22 nd Feb	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 24 th Feb	7:00pm to 7:30pm	Evening Eucharist
Tues 24 th Feb	7:30pm to 8:15pm	Lent Course – Women of Holy Week
Wed 25 th Feb	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Whitton Woollies
Fri 27 th Feb	10:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 28 th Feb	9:30am	Morning Eucharist Walsingham Mass followed by breakfast at Squires
Sat 28 th Feb	10:00am	Work Party and Tree planting ceremony
Sat 28 th Feb	10:00am	Strollers Walk – Meet at Church
Sun 1 st March	10:00am	Holy Eucharist 2nd Sunday of Lent
Sun 1 st March	10:00am	Sunday School – in the church Hall
Sun 1 st March	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 3 rd March	11:30am to 12:30pm	Quiet Space - The mystery of Darkness – Living with Lent
Tues 3 rd March	7:00pm to 7:30pm	Evening Eucharist
Tues 3 rd March	7:30pm to 8:15pm	Lent Course – Women of Holy Week
Fri 6 th March	10:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sun 8 th March	10:00am	Holy Eucharist 3 rd Sunday of Lent
Sun 8 th March	10:00am	Sunday School – Activity Sheet at the back of the Church
Sun 8 th March	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 10 th March	2:30pm to 4:00pm	Cornerstone Cafe
Tues 10 th March	7:00pm to 7:30pm	Evening Eucharist
Tues 10 th March	7:30pm to 8:15pm	Lent Course – Women of Holy Week
Fri 13 th March	10:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sun 15 th March	10:00am	Holy Eucharist All Age Eucharist - Mothering Sunday
Sun 1 st March	10:00am	Sunday School – in the church Hall
Sun 15 th March	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer