



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 17th May 2026

CHURCH NEWS

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

7th Sunday of Easter



1 Peter 4.12-14 and 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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Thought for the Week

What does it mean to be humble under God and to cast all your anxiety on him?

I think the first part isn't too difficult. At least in theory. To be humble under, or before, God is simply to recognise that God is God and we are not. And yet we so often forget we are human and very often forget to be humble in also confessing our own touch of hubris putting ourselves before our Creator.

It is easy to look at some of the world leaders and other people in power how their words and action speak of a desire and perception of being on the top of everyone and everything. But what about myself? When do I let myself before God? Sometimes we diminish the meaning of the word into something less worthy and proud, as if being humble makes us less worthy or capable. It is rather the opposite. Being humble is not a weakness, it is a strength. Maybe this week can be a week of reflection on this.

Cast all your anxiety on God. I think most of us are really good at this already. To cast everything that is uncomfortable and hurting, all that stirs our inside. But what happens when we have done that? Can we be strong and humble enough to recognise that we also have part of our own healing and reconciliation? I believe the word we are looking for is responsibility. Maybe this week can be a week of reflection on what I cast on God and why.

You are blessed because the spirit of glory, is resting on you. What does this mean to you?

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.

Evensong - Sunday 17th May 2026

St Augustine's choir is joining the choir of St Mary with St Alban Teddington, Ferry Road TW11 9NN, for Choral Evensong this Sunday at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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



God of love and life, your love is constant and never fails. Thank you for the ways you show me your faithfulness and care. Help me to trust in your unfailing love and fill me with your love so completely that it overflows into the lives of others. Amen

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

We are revising how to manage our prayer list.

Those who are sick and struggling:

Emily Adams, Emma Piper, Heather Woodworth, Connie Chingwaru Pat, Paul Murphy and Sylvia.

Recently Departed

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(17) George Lambert (82)

(18) Frederick Climpson, Bernard Dalrymple, Joan Trimbee (10)

(19) May Burke, Edward Thorogood

(20) William Every, Peggy Turner (10), Marjorie Beck (13)

(21) Norman Brown (14)

(22) Derek Short (18)

(23) Lily Thompson (64), Barbara Grace (05)

Diary Dates – At a Glance

Sun 17 th May	10:00am	All Age Eucharist Sunday after Ascension
Sun 17 th May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Sun 17 th May	6:30pm	Choral Evensong at St Mary with St Alban Teddington
Fri 22 nd May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 23 rd May	9:40am	Stroller Walk – Route to be confirmed
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 – Meet in the church hall
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
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