

# ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

# CHURCH NEWS

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

# 7th Sunday after Trinity



#### Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me. But he said to him, Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you? And he said to them, Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for ones life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.

Then he told them a parable: The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?

Then he said, I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry. But God said to him, You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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# Though For the Week - 3rd of August 2025

Our readings this week invites us to reflect on how we live our lives, where we put our energy and effort. Maybe you are already in this mindset where you ask yourself: why do I do things the way I do them? And for who? At the end of the day, what really matters?

There are many things that matters and are important in our lives and we have all different priorities. In the letter to the Colossians Paul encourages his friends to put away earthly matters to focus on their being rather than their doing. Material possessions in all their glory may give us joy and some freedom, they may make things easier and other positives. But do they give life?

In Luke Jesus is challenging us with a parable that helps us reflect on identifying where we might lose perspective in the present, when we are too focused on a future we know very little about anyway. No matter how much we plan and save and store, how will we enjoy the fruits of our lives if we only live to live beyond today and tomorrow? "For life is more than food and the body more than clothing" Luke 12:23).

Invite God to walk with you in this tension this week and God surprise you in your pondering.





# Messy Church and Sunday School future dates

The next Sunday School will be held 14<sup>th</sup> September Messy Church will return in September

# New Rota for readers, intercessors, sound system and sidespersons

The new duty rota is ready and has been send out via email. As usual a copy is available in the A copy is available in the narthex. If you are unable to attend when you are on duty, please make arrangements to swap with someone on the rota and let Sue or Roubina know.

If you are interested in joining this ministry and would like to find out more, please speak to Reverend Helen, Sue or Roubina.

# **VJ Day Celebrations**

# Walsingham Mass

The next Walsingham Mass will be held on 27th September at St Mary's Sunbury

# 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

- (3) Joanna Fisher, Charles Piercey, Michael Steele (06)
- (4) Frank Cason, Joan Mitchell (05)
- (6) Adrian Hawken (74), Phyllis Hayward, Andrew Parkins (03), Marjorie Keene (17)
- (7) John Davis (84), Doris Vincer (07), Donald Hourigan (09)
- (8) Gemma Harrison (10), Patricia Shackleton (21)
- (9) John Morley (04), Shirley Guther (04)

Diary Dates – At a Glance			
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	10:00am	Parish Eucharist	
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section	
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	11:00 to 12:00am	Prayer and Reflection	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00am	Said Eucharist	
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00am	Parish Eucharist	
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2:30 to 4:00pm	Cornerstone	
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section	
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	7:00pm	Standing Committee	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00am	Said Eucharist	
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00am	Parish Eucharist	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	10:00am	Said Eucharist	
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00am	Parish Eucharist	
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section	
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:00am	Said Eucharist	
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	10:00am	Parish Eucharist	
Sun 31st Aug	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section	