



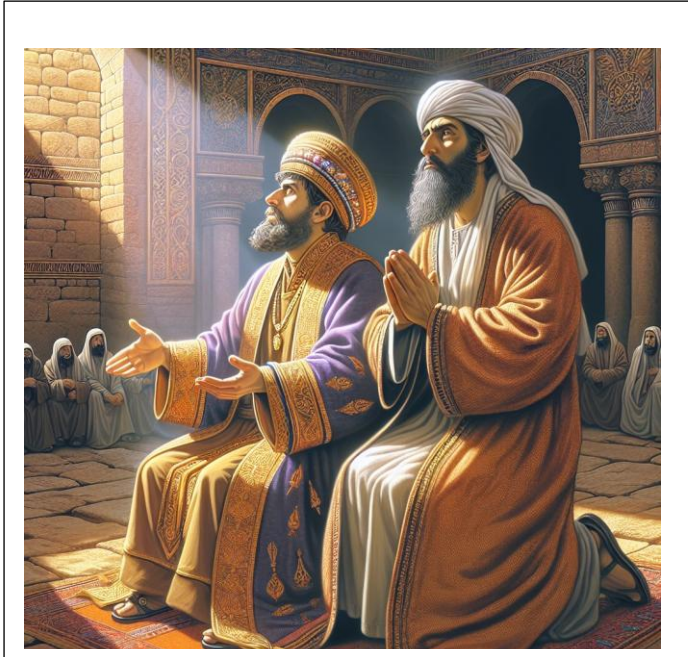
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 26th October 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

Last Sunday of Trinity



Luke 18.9–14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.”

But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”

I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

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

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Thought For the Week

From the outside the Pharisee and tax collector seem very different. They are not, however, as different as we might think. It merely on the outside. On the inside they are both lost, broken, and in need of God. The difference is not their place in society. The difference is their approach and attitude to God and themselves.

The Pharisee is keeping score. The tax collector is not. Anytime we begin keeping score of our own life or the life of another, we need to know that something deeper is going on. Score keeping is the way we either deny or try to overcome the feeling of emptiness, the loss of meaning, the brokenness of our life.

The parable challenges us to stop and reflect. It brings us face to face with the reality of our life and relationship with God. It challenges us to balance humility and pride, repentance and performance, attitude and appearance, contrition and defiance. It challenges us to see beyond the surface. To go deeper. To start again. And to be honest.

The beginning of a new story, a new life, is a choice God sets before each one of us. It is a choice we make every time we come before God with contrite and sincere hearts.

God's mercy opens the door to a new life, a new world, a new self-understanding, a new relationship with God. And we are all invited.

All Souls Day – Choral Evensong

On Sunday 2nd November at 5pm we will be holding Choral Evensong. In this service you will be able to remember all those who you no longer see but whom you still love and keep in your prayers.

Names of the departed will be read out and there will be a time to light candles in their memory.

The choir will be leading the singing so please do put the date in your diary.

If you would like to remember a departed relative whose name is not already in our remembrance book, please add them to the list provided at the back of the church and indicate the month in which they died.

If you need any further information speak to either Revd. Helen or the churchwardens.

Churches Together in Whitton Christmas Day Lunch 2025

This year CTiW will be holding its annual Christmas Day Lunch at Ss. Philip & James Parish Hall.

As well as a traditional Christmas meal, the lunch aims to provide those otherwise on their own the opportunity to meet others and enjoy one another's company; the event is open to both individuals and couples.

If you or anyone you know would like to join us on Christmas Day or you require further information, please either contact CTiWChristmas@gmail.com , or speak to Rev. Helen or Roubina de Winton.

Work Party – Saturday 1st November from 10am

We need your help please! Our next work party will need a lot of hands, so please put Saturday the 1st November in your calendar. We need to make sure our grounds and especially the Garden of Remembrance looks neat before All Souls and Remembrance. We are looking forward to gardening with you.

Poppy Appeal – The collection box and the poppies from the British Legion have been delivered as usual.

However, Whitton Woollies have also provided handmade poppies to boost our donation to the appeal.

Retiring Collection is for Missions Aviation Fellowship

Sponsored by Ben & John Wolsoncroft

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is the world's largest humanitarian air operator. For over 75 years it has been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts. They enable more than 1,500 aid development and mission organisations to medical care, emergency relief and long term development. The pilots and personnel deliver relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines - everything that can only be safely delivered by air.

Retiring collection in November is for NSPCC sponsored by Marie.

Result of Retiring collection

Your generous giving has enabled the PCC to make the following donations

Village water – June retiring collection £215.14

Shelter Box – September retiring collection £203.92

The Retiring Collection at Revered Helen’s induction enabled us to make a payment of £208 to the Bishops Discretionary Fund in July.

The Retiring Collection during July and August was £430.61 which is for St Augustine’s Fabric Fund



Our Prayers

“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me”.

The Jesus prayer is short and simple. But encourages us to be honest. To meet God where we are, with who we truly are. Invite yourself to the space of ancient prayer and make the Jesus prayer yours for the week, Use it in a quiet space like a mediation mantra, with every breath you take. God is already there waiting for you.

Those who are sick and struggling:

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

Recently Departed: .

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

October

(26) Alpheus Gopie, Charlotte Costar (04)

(27) Irene Jordan (14)

(28) Icilda Gopie, Tony Wallis (07), Winifred Doughty (10)

(29) Peter Smith (05), Peter Cain (12)

(30) Albert Bezant (27), Elizabeth Davis (05)

(31) John Hardy (04), John Butler(04), Kenneth White (13) Ivy Smith.

November

(1) Tracy Brown, Edmund Slaughter, Constance Cuthbert (74), Ipsy Warren, Arthur Rickbell (01), Michael Lock (10), Malcolm Atkins (19)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 26 th Oct	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 26 th Oct	10:00am	Sunday School – in Church Hall
Sun 26 th Oct	4:00pm	Vigil service for persecuted Christians – Held at Sts Philip & James
Sun 26 th Oct	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Wed 29 th Oct	1:30pm to 4:30pm	Dorcas Group
Fri 31 st Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 31 st Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sat 1 st Nov	10:00am	Work Party
Sun 2 nd Nov	10:00am	Parish Eucharist – All Saints
Sun 2 nd Nov	10:00am	No Sunday School – Activity Sheet in Church
Sun 2 nd Nov	5:00pm	Evensong – All Souls
Tues 4 th Nov	11:00am to 12:00pm	Quite Space – “Grief & Compassion – in the season of All Souls and Remembrance”
Fri 7 th Nov	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 7 th Nov	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Fri 7 th Nov	From 5:30pm onwards	Fireworks display at 6:30pm Soup and Hotdogs
Sun 9 th Nov	10:00am	Parish Eucharist – Remembrance Sunday