



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 23rd March 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

3rd Sunday of Lent



Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them-do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

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

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Electoral Roll Renewal in 2025 - A Message from the Electoral Roll Officer and the PCC

The Electoral Roll (ER) is the register of our Parish's electors. Being on the Church ER is a way of demonstrating your willingness to help shape the future of our Church and the wider Church not just locally, but nationally and even internationally through the election of Deanery or General Synod members. It also enables you to participate and vote in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Every Parochial Church Council (PCC) is required to maintain an ER and once in every six years, the preparation of new church ER takes place, which means that everyone must come off the roll and re-apply, this is scheduled for 2025 and must take place prior to our APCM.

Jayne Firth, our Electoral Roll Officer will be contacting everyone on the ER with the necessary forms for completion. If you are not already on the ER, please speak to Jayne or one of the churchwardens, Sue or Roubina.

The deadline for submitting completed ER forms is the **20th April 2025**.

APCM Meeting Date

St Augustine's Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Sunday 11th May immediately following our 10am service. If you would like to find out about the PCC and its function within our church or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to Sue Thornton PCC Lay Chair or Pauline Churchman PCC Secretary.

Bishops Lent Appeal and Our Retiring Collection for March and April is ALMA (Angola London Mozambique Association)

Since 1998 the Diocese of London has been linked with the Anglican churches in Angola and Mozambique. Our link parish of St Augustine is Mecanhelas sede, in the district of Niassa Province in northern Mozambique. The ALMA partnership – and the fundraising and support provided by parishes in the Diocese of London – has delivered real benefits for communities in Angola and Mozambique. For more information visit almalink.org.

Whitton Woollies Next Meet in the Church Hall - Wednesdays on 26th March

Whitton Woollies meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Church Hall and the 2nd Thursday of each month from 3.00pm – 5.00pm at the Community Centre. Forthcoming dates are on: Wednesdays March 26th, April 23rd, May 28th and Thursdays on March 13th, April 10th, May 8th. For more information about Whitton Woollies check out their Face book page and if you are able to knit or crochet poppies for our cascade please speak to Gill Gooding.

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

Movement and Meditation will be returning 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 Rachel Michael at rmmichael2010@gmail.com or phone: 07773 298426.

Walsingham Mass and Pilgrimage to Walsingham 29th March @9:30am

The next monthly Mass of Our Lady is on 29th March at St Mary's Sunbury followed by breakfast at the Flower Pot. The following services will be as follows, 26th April and 31st May at St Augustine's, 28th June at St Mary's Sunbury, 26th July at St Augustine's. Mass of our Lady will not be held in August and resume on 27th September at St Augustine's, 25th October at St Mary's, 29th November at St Augustine's.

Whitton Choral – Saturday 29th March @ 8:00pm at Whitton Baptist Church

Whitton Choral presents **All Creatures Great and Small**. Including Rejoice in the Lamb – Benjamin Britten, Sparrow Mass – Mozart, The Silver Swan – Gibbons and more. Tickets are £15 including refreshments. Call Sue Thornton 07939 129293 for tickets.

Mothering Sunday – 30th March

On Mothering Sunday we at St Augustine's have a tradition of distributing posies of daffodils to Grandmas, Mums, Aunties etc in the congregation. We would like your help to make up the posies on Saturday morning 29th March. Please come along at 10:00am and bring some small leaf greenery (if you can).

Messy Church and Sunday School Future Dates

The future dates for Sunday Schools are 6th April and 4th May

The future dates for the Messy Church are 20th April and 27th April.

St Augustine's Art Group Next Session – 26th April at 10:00 am

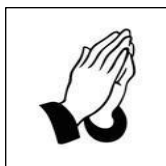
The next class is on 26th April and thereafter 31st May and 28th June. The dates for the rest of the year will be announced soon. Classes are £10 per session or £80 for a year. Please speak to Sue Thornton if interested.

The Dorcas Group

The group has been going for some years making many of the banners hanging in church. They meet every Wednesday, if you are interested, please speak to Jane Derry, Sue Thornton or Roubina

Our Prayers

We ask for peace in Ukraine and pray that the negotiations bring fair and just outcome to the people of Ukraine. We pray for the release of the hostages held in Gaza and hope that a peaceful solution can be found for all in the Middle East. In Jesus Name, Amen.



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

Recently departed:

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(23) Ronald King, Ronald Digby, Philip Strong (16)

(24) Graham Gibb, Kenneth Barton, Phyllis Okell (73), Walter Chapman, Francis Brown, Lee De Lima (08)

(25) Eluned Williams (77,) Nellie Keeley

(26) Olive Linfield (92), Christina Crompton (02), Lily Gardiner (02), Alfred Mearing (05), Harold Hutchinson (05), Gabrielle Teader (08), Anthony Jackson (11), Andrew Slaughter (18), Joan Pike (18)

(27) Edward Gittings, Stephen Hood.

(28) Ethel Heppenstall, Annie Lees (01) Pam Cummins, Elsie Osborne (18) Vera Muir (19)

(29) Llewellyn Davies, Marjorie Symonds (13)

Diary Dates – At a Glance

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| Sun 16 th March | 10:00am | Parish Eucharist - Fr Jonathan Rust |
| Sun 16 th March | | Notice of Renewal of Electoral Roll |
| Tues 18 th March | 7:00pm | PCC Meeting |
| Fri 21 st March | 10:00am | Said Eucharist – Revd Helen Calner |
| Sat 22 nd March | 10:00am | St Augustine’s Art Group |
| Sat 22 nd March | 9:40 am | Strollers Walk |
| Sun 23 rd March | 10:00am | Parish Eucharist - Fr Julian Reindorp |
| Sun 23 rd March | 10:00am | Messy Church |
| Wed 26 th March | 7:00pm | Whitton Woollies – Meet at Church Hall |
| Thurs 27 th March | 10am – 11am | Movement and Meditation |
| Fri 28 th March | 10:00am | Said Eucharist – Fr Gary Piper |
| Sat 29 th March | 9:30am | Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham (at St Mary’s Sunbury) |
| Sun 30 th March | 10:00am | Mothering Sunday -Parish Eucharist - Fr Gary Piper |