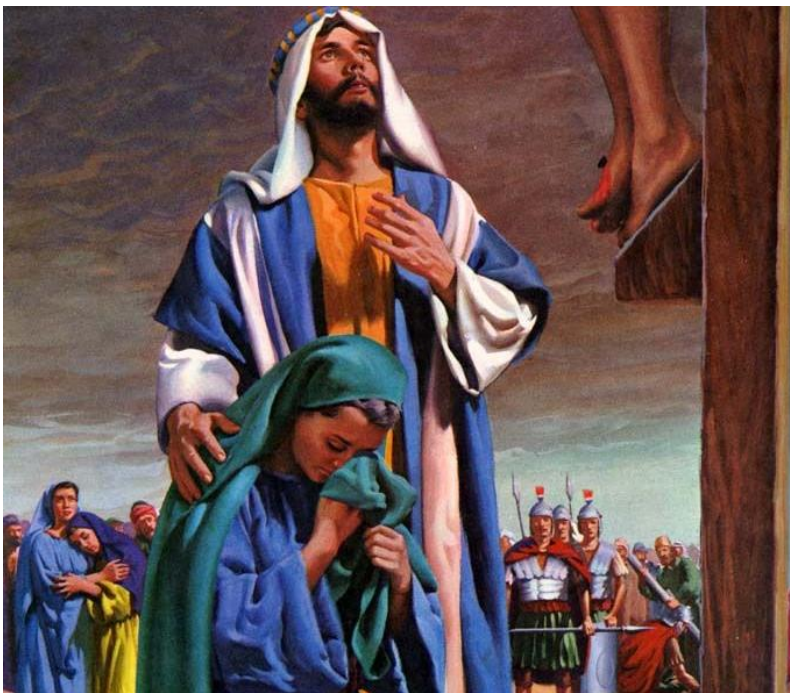


**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON**  
**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**CHURCH NEWS**

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,  
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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering  
Sunday**



Jesus on the Cross:

“He said to his mother, ‘Woman, here is your son.’ And to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’” (John 19:26-27)

Mothering Sunday falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday. Celebrated (since the Middle Ages) in the United Kingdom, Ireland and some Commonwealth countries, Mothering Sunday marked a day when Christians visited their mother church — the church in which they were baptised, and thus became "a child of the church".

Today, Mothering Sunday has largely become a Sunday we honour Mothers and Women generally for their role in being pillars of families and communities. We wish mothers and all women a very happy and blessed Mothering Sunday.



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## First Reading – Exodus 2.1-10



Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

## Second Reading – Colossians 3.12-17

### Gospel Reading – John 19.25b-27

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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### **Strollers** – Next Walk on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March; meet @ 9:40am at Whitton Station

Peter and John are unable to lead a walk on this date due to other commitments but suggest that anyone who would like an outing comes to Whitton Station at 9.40am to meet up and discuss where to go.

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. We have members of differing ages and abilities, all of whom are welcome. *Please contact [pdewinton@aol.com](mailto:pdewinton@aol.com) for further information.*

### **Youth Get Together (YGT)** – Next meeting on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April @2.00pm

On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Youth (students from Year 6 to 13) meet at 2.00pm in the Church Hall for a time of fun, games, food (pizza!) and Prayer & Reflection. *For more information, please contact the vicar by email or phone.*

### **Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April @ 2.30pm**

Cornerstone is an informal opportunity to meet together in our beautiful church over a cup of tea or coffee, to share experiences and to support each other. We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:30pm, and everyone is welcome to join.

### **Kensington Area Youth Event - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April @7.00pm - 9.00pm at St Alban's Acton Green, W4 5LG**

This event will feature well known comedian and 'Jesus dude' Paul Kerensa, who will perform a set and also take some Q&A. There will be an opportunity for young people and their leaders to meet Bishop Emma. And there will be plenty of food...

*Tickets are £5 and to book please contact Martha on [msakala07@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msakala07@yahoo.co.uk)*

### **Kensington Area Youth Weekend – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June, Oakwood Youth Challenge, Wokingham**

This weekend, packed full of outdoor activities, fun, worship and exploring our faith, is for churches who don't run their own youth residentials. Cost is £130pp, some bursary funding will be available to those who may require financial assistance.

*For further details and bursary application contact Fr John on:*

*[vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com](mailto:vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com) or call/WhatsApp: [07407 246686](tel:07407246686)*

### **Revision of the Electoral Roll**

The Church Electoral Roll for our parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council beginning on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March and ending on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

The final Roll will be published on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023, with a copy of the names only (data protection) displayed in the Narthex and church website. A full copy (with contact details) will be kept by the Electoral Roll Officer, Vicar, and Church Wardens. A copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

### **Lent Appeal 2023 – MANNA/ALMA**

The Diocese of London is partnering with MANNA (Mozambique Angola Anglican Association) to raise money to train leaders in Mozambique who can provide pastoral care and support for those with trauma.

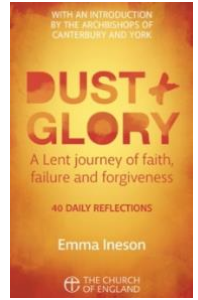


Our link parish of St Augustine, Mecanhelas sede, in Mozambique had their church partly destroyed and roof blown off by a storm, therefore need to rebuild and put a new roof. So, the collection will be shared between MANNA and ALMA (Angola London & Mozambique Association) to support these two causes.

*To find out more or donate to the appeal visit: [london.anglican.org/lentappeal2023](http://london.anglican.org/lentappeal2023)*

## Lent Study 2023

During Lent study this year we shall use 'Dusty & Glory', a Lent resource written by the new Bishop of Kensington Episcopal Area, Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson. Copies are available in church for use in Home Groups as well as by individuals.



## Home Groups

We have three homes that will host home groups starting shortly after Ash Wednesday (22nd February 2023). Home Groups provide an opportunity and a safe space to; explore the Bible and other issues together, explore those questions of faith we wanted to ask, grow in our faith journey and understanding of God's purpose for the world, get to know other people, and invite friends and anyone who may be seeking to know more about Christian faith.

Details of the hosts the days are as follows:

- Fiona & John Wolsoncroft: Wednesday at 7.30pm
- Kay Alldridge: Thursday at 7.30pm
- Alwyn Williams: Friday at 11.00am
- Online Lent Study: Tuesday at 7.00pm. *Zoom details – Meeting ID: 825 2830 0221 Passcode: 945273* ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))
- Youth Lent Study is every Sunday immediately after worship.

*Please sign up as soon as possible at the back of the church or send your preference to WhatsApp Number [+44 7407 246686](tel:+447407246686) or email: [vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com](mailto:vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com)*

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## Whitton Playdays Group recruiting Help/Relief Staff

Whitton Playdays playgroup situated in St Augustine's Church Hall are looking for occasional help /relief staff to support existing team members. Preferably a candidate should have experience, an Early Years Qualification or equivalent and a current DBS. *For further information please contact the Manager, Julie Wild. Email: [julieatplaydays1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:julieatplaydays1@hotmail.co.uk) or Telephone [07956550726](tel:07956550726).*

## Social Housing Disrepairs Campaign

Multicultural Richmond and Ruils have teamed up to launch a powerful social housing disrepairs campaign. The campaign's main goals are:

- To work together with organisations that have tackled social housing disrepairs in the borough before
- To gather feedback from local residents – especially those who might not have had a chance to speak up yet, like people with long-term health conditions or where English is not their first language.

*If you have been directly affected by a disrepair you can help shape the conversation by taking the survey linked here: [surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VGXTHFL](https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VGXTHFL). Or if you know someone who has been affected by a disrepair, please share this message with them.*

**Embracing Age: Poetry Competition – Closing Date:**  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

As a Christian charity working towards a world where older people are valued, connected and full of hope, Embracing Age believe there is hope, joy and fulfilment in ageing: that life in all its fullness extends into our later years.

Embracing Age is running a poetry competition with the theme of “Hope in Ageing”. The competition is open to anyone over the age of 50, the shortlisted poems will be published in an anthology and the winning poems will be read by Pam Rhodes on Premier Radio. *This is a national competition, and all the details are on the website [embracingage.org.uk/poetry](http://embracingage.org.uk/poetry).*

**Homelink: Warm Spaces Lunch – Every Wednesday @12.00-3.00pm**



Homelink provides Warm Spaces Lunch each Wednesday from 12-3 pm. The lunch is free and will consist of a two-course meal and a hot drink for the older residents of the Borough of Richmond. The places are limited and can be booked through a dedicated phone line. *Visit [homelinkdaycare.co.uk](http://homelinkdaycare.co.uk) for more information about the charity.*

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### **Weekday Services**

We have Morning Prayers every Friday at 10.00 and Holy Communion on the last Friday of each month.

The Tuesday worship service remains suspended until further notice.

**Compline Service – Every Sunday @ 6.00pm**

Join us for evening prayers in Church or via Zoom with the following details:

*Meeting ID: 897 3613 1720 Passcode: 702310 ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))*

### **For our Prayers**



The many people perished and affected by the earthquake devastation in Turkey and Syria, for rescue efforts and safety of the survivors.

Peace and end of war in Ukraine and other places of conflict around the world.

Those who are sick and struggling: Jo Dale, Aiden Littrell, Jeremy Short, Rosemary Styles, Anne Hickmott, Sister Eileen Caple, Willem Cheng, Richard, and Theresa Scriven and Anne Newman.

Recently Departed: Stella Cheng

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Elizabeth Stubbs, Ronald Harbard, Stella Blackwell, Grace Harris, Catherine Farlie, Tom Salmons, Ronald King, Ronald Digby, Philip Strong, Graham Gibb, Kenneth Barton, Phyllis O'Kall, Walter Chapman, Francis Brown, Lee De Lima, Eluned Williams and Nellie Keeley.

<b>Diary Dates – March &amp; April 2023</b>		
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	7.00 pm	Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	09.40 am	Strollers Group Outing – (meet @ Whitton Train Station)
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> April	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (All Age/Family Service)
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> April	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> April	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
<b>Diary Dates – Lent &amp; Easter 2023</b>		
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (includes washing of feet)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00 am 2.00 pm	CTiW Walk of Witness Good Friday Liturgy (includes the Veneration of the cross)
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00 am 10.00 am	Easter Vigil – Service of Light @ Dawn with breakfast Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday

<b>10.00 am Service Duties for March &amp; April 2023</b>			
	<b><u>19/03/23</u></b>	<b><u>26/03/23</u></b>	<b><u>02/04/23</u></b>
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T	Gill G & Beryl L
<b>First Reading</b>	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Sue A	Francis T
<b>Second Reading</b>		Jane D	Chris F
<b>Intercessions</b>		Rob D	Dina B
<b>Screen &amp; sound</b>	Roubina d W	Limbani K	Pauline C
<b>MC</b>	Jane D	Jane D	_____
<b>Crucifer</b>	Charles D	Roubina d W	_____
<b>Acolyte 1</b>	Michael B	Christine H	_____
<b>Acolyte 2</b>	Christine H	Michael B	_____
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T