



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 14th September 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

Holy Cross Day



John 3.13-17

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Thought For the Week

This week is a week in the sign of the cross, starting with Holy Cross Sunday. You might wonder why we have a special Sunday and week for the something we acknowledge in the church in general. The cross. We might also think it has more to do with Lent, Holy Week and Easter, where the passion is centred around the cross. Jesus Christ carrying our sins for our salvation. The commemoration of the holy Cross, or

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the True Cross, is an old tradition in both the Orthodox and Roman Catholic church, also picked up in our Anglican church. It is believed that the cross from the crucifixion was found and then brought to the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem in September in the 4th century, hence the season.

It is always good to remind ourselves of the significance and meaning of a symbol that we might not ponder very much but take for granted. The cross. The symbol of hope and redemption. The sign of the empty cross reminding us that Christ did die for us so that we can live for ever in union with Him. It is also the symbol of spiritual strength. How often do we not touch the cross if wearing a necklace, when we feel in need of support, help or guidance? The cross is there to remind us of a life in humility, love and prayer. Of healing and hope. And of a God that loves us beyond what we can understand. That's always worth celebrating!

September Retiring collection is for ShelterBox Charity No 1096479 - Sponsored by Irene Read

Since 2000 ShelterBox has supported more than 2.5 million people across 100 different countries and regions after flooding, drought and other natural disasters, also working in areas of conflict. Please donate to help them provide even more help and support to people who have lost everything. Children and their families are fleeing disaster zones all over the world and have risked everything to find safety leaving everything behind. They urgently need shelter, blankets, water filtration kits and cooking sets to help them survive. Shelterbox's emergency container can give people in crowded camps a more private space which helps preserve their dignity and also helps prevent the spread of disease in the midst of a disaster.

A ShelterBox container is an emergency response with tools to provide a practical solution and a miracle in the midst of disaster. To find out more about this charity you can visit their website at <https://shelterbox.org/>

Messy Church and Sunday School future dates

The next Sunday School will be held 14th September. Messy Church will return on 21st September.

Strollers' Walk Thursday 18th September at 9:40am

Weather permitting, (the forecast for the day is currently favourable) the outing on Thursday the 18th will be to Putney Vale then back towards Richmond Park, with public transport to get the strollers there and back. The strollers aim to stop for coffee at the Windmill Cafe on Putney Vale, then have lunch in either Richmond Park or Wimbledon Common, depending on their energy levels and other considerations! So please bring a picnic lunch. Please come to Whitton station at 940 on the 18th to catch the 950 to Putney station, thence the 85 bus for a few stops towards Roehampton. Hope to see you there John Woodley and Peter de Winton

Walsingham Mass - 27th September at 9:30am

The next Walsingham Mass will be held on 27th September at St Mary's Sunbury followed by breakfast at the Flower Pot.

Vicarage Work Party and the Garden of Memorial 4th October at 10:00am

A huge thank you to you who so generously joined in the massive project of clearing the vicarage garden. It was a day of great joy and a lot of garden waste. There will be other opportunities for you who missed it this time.

Our next work party will need a lot of hands, so please put Saturday the 4th of October in your calendar. This day is St Francis day and we need to make sure our grounds and especially the Garden of Memorial looks neat before All Souls and Remembrance. We are looking forward to gardening with you.

Tuesday Prayer Reflection becomes Quiet Space

You know this forum as simply "Prayer & Reflection" and it is very much still an ongoing monthly gathering in our church. It is just changing name and will also provide you with a theme for each gathering. This is a

way for us to make it more clear and hopefully interesting for more people to discover. If you haven't joined yet, do come along and see for yourself.

Quiet Space

On the first Tuesday of the month we offer you an opportunity to meet for a quiet space of reflection and prayer. This offers a peaceful environment to deepen our spiritual life together with others in a contemplative, relaxed and friendly setting. All are welcome and each of us has something to contribute. Different people take turns in leading us through varying themes.

Tuesday the 7th of October: "Autumn – sprinkled with gratitude and thankfulness"

Tuesday the 4th of November: "Grief and Compassion - in the season of All Souls and Remembrance
Time 11.00-12.00

For more information contact: vicar@staugustinewhitton.com

Friday Eucharis and Fellowship

Every Friday morning we gather for a short said Eucharist at 10 am followed by simple refreshments. This is a long tradition and very much ongoing.

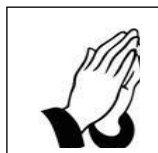
From Friday the 12th of September we will start a reflection group in connection to the Eucharist. Every Friday between 11 am and 12 noon anyone interested can come and join us for reflective fellowship. As a first theme series we will be exploring life and faith through day to day objects; like doors, mobile phones, vacuum cleaners or curtains as mentioning a few objects.

You are of course welcome to join both the Eucharist and the Friday Fellowship every Friday or whenever you have time for a breather.

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Animal Blessing – Sunday 5th October at 3:00pm at St Augustine's Whitton

We are having a joint service with St Philip and St James for the Blessing of your Pets on Sunday 5th October at 3:00pm. All pets can bring their Humans with them!



Our Prayers

O God, you have made me and you have redeemed me.
You are there with me and you help me.
Teach me to know you, love you and work with you.
This day and every day. Amen

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 and Connie Chingwaru.

Recently Departed: .

Gerald Pratt

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(14) Winifred Bishop.

(15) Phoebe Hawtin (58), Geoffrey Fisher (72), Pamela Evans (06), Patricia Steele (08), Leslie Powell (16)

(16) Margaret Cruise (73)

(17) Evelyn Lambert (40), Peter Davies (17)

(18) Elizabeth Blackwell (04), Elizabeth Waite (18)

(19) Robin Rogers (Pr). Charles Watkins (02), Guy Hobley (05), Maureen King (07), Grace Cole.

(20) Jack Cridge, Frances Hines (01), Benda Jervis (05), Jeremy Short (24)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 14 th Sept	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 14 th Sept	10:00am	Sunday School in the Church Hall
Sun 14 th Sept	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section or follow the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776749724?pwd=VHFacW1wQTFWL1p1d2FCTkVKbEs0QT09
Tue 16 th Sept	7:00pm	PCC Meeting
Thurs 18 th Sept	9:40am	Strollers Walk – Putney Vale then back towards Richmond Park
Fri 19 th Sept	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 19 th Sept	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sat 20 th Sept	10:00am	Art Group in the Church Hall
Sun 21 st Sept	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 21 st Sept	10:00am	Messy Church in the Church Hall
Sun 21 st Sept	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section or follow the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776749724?pwd=VHFacW1wQTFWL1p1d2FCTkVKbEs0QT09
Fri 26 th Sept	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 26 th Sept	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sat 27 th Sept	9:30am	Walsingham Mass – at St Mary’s Sunbury
Sat 27 th Sept	9:50am	Strollers Walk – Route TBC
Sun 28 th Sept	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 28 th Sept	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section or follow the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776749724?pwd=VHFacW1wQTFWL1p1d2FCTkVKbEs0QT09
Fri 3 rd Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 3 rd Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sun 5 th Oct	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 5 th Oct	3:00pm	Animal Service at St Augustine in partnership with Sts Philip & James
Sun 5 th Oct	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section or follow the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776749724?pwd=VHFacW1wQTFWL1p1d2FCTkVKbEs0QT09