

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 16th February 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

3rd Sunday Before Lent



Luke 6.17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



St Augustine's Church,
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Electoral Roll Renewal in 2025 - A Message from the Electoral Roll Officer and the PCC

The Electoral Roll is our parish's register of electors who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC. The number of people on the roll can determine the number of lay people allowed to be on the PCC but makes no difference to the amount we pay the Diocese. Additionally, the number of electors determines how many representatives a parish can return to the Deanery Synod. The Church Electoral Roll must be kept accurately, to achieve accuracy the Roll is revised annually and the new Roll is reported at the APCM.

Every sixth year, instead of a revision, a completely new Roll has to be prepared. In 2025 it will be necessary to prepare a new Roll.

To complete this process everyone currently on the Roll will be contacted in due course.

Messy Church and Sunday School

Our next Messy Church will be on Sunday 23rd February and the next Sunday School will be on 9th March. The future dates for the Messy Church are 23rd March, 20th April and 27th April.

Parents feel that it would be better to hold the Messy Church on the 4th Sunday in the month as the current arrangement always coincides with the half term and end of term holidays.

Whilst we are short of resources, we aim to have Messy Church and Sunday School as often as possible.

Please check the website and the Church News for future announcements.

Walsingham Mass and Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The next Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is on 22nd of February at St Augustine's at 9:30 followed by breakfast at the Winning post, all are welcome. Future dates of the monthly Mass of Our Lady are as follows: 29th March at St Mary's Sunbury, 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.

Pilgrims from St Augustine and St Mary's Sunbury will be visiting the Shrine from the 18th to 20th July. The deadline to apply is 28th February. If you are interested to join the pilgrims, please speak to Jane Derry, Roubina de Winton or Fiona Wolsoncroft

Stroller Next Outing is on Saturday 22nd February

Weather permitting, the outing will be to the Greenwich/Blackheath area. The Strollers shall take a train to Blackheath, stop at a coffee shop there, then cross the heath and visit Greenwich Park, where they'll have a picnic lunch, and hopefully see some spring flowers. The walk is likely to be about 5 miles, and mainly on paths or tracks, return will be either via the River Thames Foot Tunnel/ DLR or by train from Greenwich.

Please come to Whitton Station at 9.40 to catch the 9.50 to Waterloo Station, thence to London Bridge Station for the Blackheath connection. All are welcome. John and Peter

Whitton Woollies Wednesdays on 26th February

We are a friendly group of knitters and crocheters who meet to chat, share ideas, and produce post box toppers and decorations for the local area. You may have noticed our yarn bombing of the High Street for Christmas! All ages and levels of skills are welcome to come along. We 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. Our first evening meeting last week was a great success, and we welcomed six new members.

For more information, speak to Gill or have a look at the Whitton Woollies Facebook page.

Forthcoming dates are: Wednesdays on February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd, May 28th and Thursdays on February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th

February Retiring Collection - British Epilepsy Association

Sponsored by Graham Dale

Some of you will know that my wife, Jo, suffers from epilepsy. She has done since she was 10 years old. She has what is known as petit mal epilepsy which is very well controlled with medication. Her seizures are few and far between, the most recent one occurring some four years ago. Others are not so fortunate, some suffering multiple seizures every day.



Seizures are caused by abnormal activity in the brain which can be due to many possible causes such as genetic factors, brain damage, even drug or alcohol abuse. And there are in the UK over 630,000 people suffering from epilepsy, roughly 1 in 100, and over 50m worldwide.

The British Epilepsy Association, working name – Epilepsy Action, fund research into causes of epilepsy and provide on-line support to those caring for sufferers. They provide advice for parents, employers, carers and school staff. They also run a helpline and a befriending service. Research aims to more understand the causes of epilepsy and develop new treatments. Research is ongoing in many areas including brain development, genetics and brain activity. So hopefully you can see that donations to British Epilepsy Association / Epilepsy Action can help to make a significant difference to people that suffer from epilepsy. Thank you

Day of Prayer 2025 Friday 7th March @ 11:30

Prayer Focus “I made you Wonderful” based on Psalm 139:14, prepared by the women of the Cook Islands

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" and is celebrated annually in over 120 countries . On the first Friday in March the Day of Prayer begins on the international dateline, in Samoa. Early in the morning, Christian women begin praying for our world. As the earth rotates, a great wave of prayer begins to build. It sweeps across the Pacific, touching Fiji and New Zealand, rolling on through Asia: Japan, the Philippines, Korea and Bangladesh. The countries of Africa, and the Middle East are next. The wave reaches the shores of Europe as the day dawns there. Across the Atlantic, it moves onwards, the Caribbean, the Americas and on to the Pacific again until the sun finally sets over American Samoa where the final service takes place. A worldwide circle of prayer is complete.

St Augustine’s Art Group – 22nd March at 10:00 am

Once a month on a Saturday come and join our friendly, long standing, Art Group at St Augustine’s Church Hall to learn to paint and draw in all mediums with a qualified teacher, no experience is necessary. Classes are £10 per session or £80 for a year. The next class is on 22nd March and thereafter 26th April, 31st May and 28th June. The dates for the rest of the year will be announced soon. Please speak to Sue Thornton if interested.

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

Movement and Mediation 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.

Kensington Area Youth Weekend - 20-22 June 2025 at Oakwood Youth Challenge Wokingham

The weekend runs from supper on Friday evening through to just after lunch on the Sunday. As in previous years, it is a mix of adventurous activities run by Oakwood instructors, our own craft/games/challenge activities and times of worship, teaching and discussion.

Different leaders are involved in leading the sessions and the teaching/worship. We’re mindful that different churches are represented and endeavour to reflect this in our worship, celebrating our unity as the family of God whilst using varied styles of worship during the weekend. Please speak to The churchwarden, Sue or Roubina if interested to participate.



For our Prayers Please pray that the Holy spirit will open the heart of the right person and guide them to serve us and St Augustine's as our new vicar and for peace and end of war in Syria, Israel-Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Ukraine, Sudan, and other places of conflict around the world. In Jesus Name.

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, and Cheryl.

Recently departed:

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

- (16) Ivor Brooks (90)
- (17) Daisy Piercey, Florence Gough (07) Bernie Stott (18)
- (19) Molly Lang (77), Charles Jarvis (82) Raymond Goodey, John Woodwood (01) Yvonne Edwards (05)
- (20) Victor Johnson, Vivien Vallis (06) David Henderson (99)
- (21) Nicola Pratt (06) Mary Cain (09)
- (22) John Wilson, Andrew Antoniadis, Liberty Palmer, Danno Barrs, Jamie Barrs, Mark Dilly (92)
Joachim Schulz (96), Peter Groom, Joan Langley-Smith, Stuart Johnson (13), Kenneth Bush (16)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Fri 21 st Feb	10:00am	Said Eucharist service
Sat 22 nd Feb	9:30am	Walsingham Mass followed by Breakfast at the Winning Post
Sat 22 nd Feb	9:40am	Strollers Walk
Sun 23 rd Feb	10:00am	Parish Eucharist Service taken by Fr Ben Lovell (Area Dean)
Tues 25 th Feb	9:15am	Bishop Perrin Year 2, School visit
Wed 26 th Feb	7:00pm	Whitton Woollies – Meet at Church Hall
Fri 28 th Feb	10:00am	Said Eucharist service
Sun 2 nd March	10:00am	Parish Eucharist Service taken by Fr Gary Piper
Tues 4 th March	9:15am	Bishop Perrin Year 1, School visit
Tues 4 th March	11.00am	Pray and Reflection
Fri 7 th March	10:00am	Said Eucharist service
Fri 7 th March	11:30am	World Day of Prayer held at St Augustine’s