



# ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## CHURCH NEWS

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

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



#### John 14.15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

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## **Thought for the Week**

It is so easy to misread the first sentence in this week's Gospel: "If you love me you will keep my commandments". If you love me, you will do what I say. What does this mean?

Anyone who has ever experienced any kind of abuse, bullying or teasing will say no to this. And anyone who is independent and hold their freedom high, will object.

Because if I don't love you and don't do what you say, what will happen then? Why do I have to do things your way? And if I say no, does this mean I am excluded and will not be loved?

You might not even have thought in those ways before, but flip the coins on all ends for a moment... For those who doesn't know God's love this week's Gospel can actually sound exclusive.

I don't believe this is what Jesus means at all. Nor does God. We do have the right to our own lives, that's the whole point! We do have the freedom to choose and we are entitled to love freely. And I believe you know this too.

We know and trust that God's love is for all. We know that God will never abandon us and always be with us. We know that in God we have been given a love that never expires and a life that goes beyond our human mortality. Challenge yourself this week by asking God to help you shows this to those you meet. Embody that love and share it.

Let God lead you. Remember that God also is saying: I am not leaving you, I am coming to you.

## **Electoral Roll**

Joining St Augustine's Electoral Roll is a meaningful way to say "this is my church" and to take an active part in its life. It allows you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, stand for roles such as the PCC, and help shape the future of our parish. Enrolling doesn't create extra obligations, but it does recognise that being part of a church family involves offering what we can—our **time**, our **talents**, and our **treasure**—to support worship, community life, and the mission of the church. It's a simple step that strengthens both your connection to the parish and the parish's ability to serve its community.

For more information please speak to Helen, Jayne Firth (our Electoral Roll Office) or take a leaflet from back of the church.

## **Current PCC members and position holders**

<b>Ex-Officio</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Other Role Holders</b>	<b>Name</b>
Incumbent	The Revd Helen Calner	ALMA Rep	Vacant
Churchwardens	Sue Thornton	Director of Music	Lesley Lewis
	Roubina de Winton	Electoral Roll Officer	Jayne Firth
Deanery synod reps	Constance Chingwaru Vulnerable Adult's	Lay Vice Chair	Sue Thornton
	Barbara Magona Voted by the PCC	PCC Assistant Treasurer	Peter de Winton
Elected members	Gill Gooding Safeguarding Officer	Quinquennial Inspector	Not yet appointed
	Sian Cadogan Children's Champion	Stewardship Records Officer	Roubina de Winton
	Pauline Churchman PCC Secretary	Parish Independent Examiner	James Parker
	Joseph Magona Treasurer		
	Graham Beaumont		
	Jay Cao		

## **St Augustine of Canterbury, Whitton Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Church Hall on the 10th day of May 2026 at 11:15. For the election of parochial representatives of the laity: three Deanery Synod representatives, one new PCC member, and one ALMA representative.

The official notice of this meeting is posted on the church notice board.

## **Save the Date – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Greetings from St Paul's Cathedral

Your Parish will shortly feature in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer. We will be praying for you, your colleagues and your congregations at our 8am and 12:30pm services and normally at Evensong at 5pm on that day.

We would be delighted if anyone from your church would like to join us for our services that day. If a group of you plan to come for Evensong, please let us know so that we can serve seats for you in the Quire and welcome you at the beginning of the service.

Anyone interested to attend the Evensong, please contact Rev'd Helen no later than Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Save the Date Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Confirmation of our candidates by Bishop Emma followed by a small celebration with cakes and bubbles for our candidates, all are welcome.

## **Save the Date Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Quiet day with former Archbishop of Canterbury The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams at Sts Philip and James Church, Whitton. More information to follow.

## **May Retiring Collection – Sponsored by Joan Greening**

Age UK Richmond upon Thames is an independent local charity, separate from the national Age UK organisation. While many people assume we are the same as 'Age UK', we operate independently. Our registered name is Age UK Richmond upon Thames (Charity Registered No. 1084211).

As an independent charity we are responsible for raising our own funds to deliver vital services to older people living in Richmond upon Thames. Every year our services reach more than 4,500 local older people. We know that local people can face a range of hardships as they get older. These can include financial worries, loneliness or isolation, health problems and needing extra support to live independently at home.

As the population ages, demand for our services continues to grow. Your support helps us tackle these challenges and create a local community where everyone feels they belong by continuing to provide: Social centres groups & activities, Free advice including help with money worries, Help to improve IT & digital skills, Safe and trusted practical help at home, Support after spells in hospital. Thank you for supporting Age UK Richmond. For more information about the services we offer please us on [www.ageukrichmond.org.uk](http://www.ageukrichmond.org.uk)

<b>Charity</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Sponsored by</b>
Age UK Richmond	May	Joan Greening
Child Autism UK	June	Graham Dale
Mulberry Centre	July	Lewis Read
London Air Ambulance	August	Fiona Wolsoncroft
Princess Alice Hospice	September	Pauline Churchman
RSPCA	October	Roubina de Winton
Fabric Fund in conjunction with the Poppy Appeal	November	The PCC
Crisis	December	The PCC

## **Strollers Walk – A message from Peter and John**

Weather permitting, our next walk on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May** will be around Brookwood cemetery, and will be led by Roger Furnell, who has joined many of our walks, and is also a local. It will be 5 to 6 miles, mainly on paths. We shall

also aim to visit Pirbright village and church. We shall travel by train to Brookwood via Clapham Junction, journey time just over an hour, take a coffee stop near the station, and have a late picnic lunch on Pirbright Green.

The fare is £8.25 with a railcard and Freedom Pass. Please come to Whitton Station at 0940 to catch the 0950 and bring a packed lunch. If you would like to find out more about this walk or the Strollers Group, please call Peter on 07799 000597.

### **Silent Auction**

The 2025 Paschal Candle is being offered through a silent auction.

If you would like to make a donation, please place your offer, (name and amount) in the Wooden church model at the back of the church.

The successful donor will be contacted on 7th June. Thank you for your generosity and support.

### **Our Prayer**



God of love and life, your love is constant and never fails. Thank you for the ways you show me your faithfulness and care. Help me to trust in your unfailing love and fill me with your love so completely that it overflows into the lives of others. Amen

We pray for those who prepare for Confirmation. Ellie, Caroline, David and Kaiden

### **Those who are sick and struggling:**

Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Anne Newman, Lucy Brooks, Emily Adams, Ann Cadogan, Lyn Watts, Boyce & Millicent, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Wyn Morris, Cheryl, Heather Woodworth, Connie Chingwaru, Mavis Walter, Ann-Marie, Phyllis, Pat, Gillian, and Dennis.

### **Recently Departed**

#### **This week we remember the anniversary of the death of**

**(10)** Lucy Bartlett (90), Brian Philpott (05), Victor James (05), Chloe Paynter-Smith (10), Brenda Pooley (12)  
Vera Fielding (18)

**(12)** Arthur Hunt (90), Donald Clarke (01)

**(13)** Bill Martin (86), Charlotte Elkan

**(14)** John Dixon (12)

**(15)** Phyllis Wakefield (09)

**(16)** Lily Doyle (75), Laura Eastick, Maria dela Rosa (21)

### Diary Dates – At a Glance

Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Holy Eucharist 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Sunday School - Activity sheets at the back of the church
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	11:15am	APCM – Held in the church hall
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> May	2:30pm to 4:30pm	Cornerstone Café meet in the church
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	9:40am	Stroller Walk, meet at Whitton Station - Visit to Brookwood Cemetery
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm	Ascension Eucharist
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	All Age Eucharist Sunday after Ascension
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:40am	Stroller Walk – Route to be confirmed
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10:00am	Art Group – Meet in the church hall
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Holy Eucharist - Pentecost
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Messy Church – Meet in the church hall
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> May	5:00pm	Evensong at St Pauls Cathedral St. Augustine of Canterbury's Patronal
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Whitton Woollies meet in the church
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Friday Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship at 11:00am
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May	9:30am	Morning Eucharist - Walsingham Mass at St Augustine's
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00am	Holy Eucharist - Trinity Sunday with Confirmation Service
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> May	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link <a href="#">Compline Zoom Link</a> or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer