



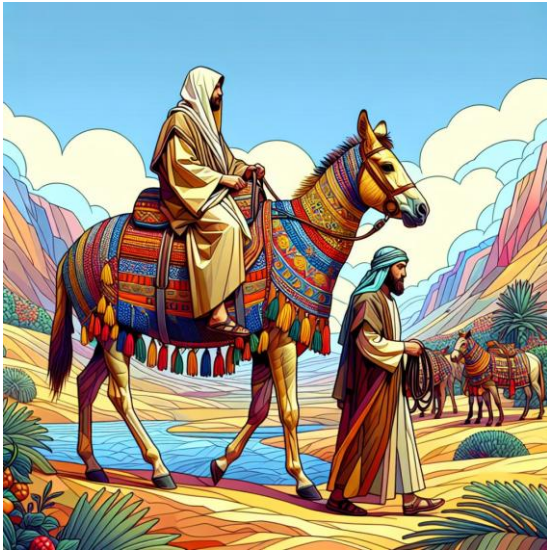
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 29th March 2026

CHURCH NEWS

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

Palm Sunday



Matthew 21.1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.'

This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Vicar
The Reverend Helen Calner 07440 597718 vicar@staugustinewhitton.com
Churchwardens
Roubina de Winton 07932 526946 roubinadewinton@gmail.com
Sue Thornton 07939 129293 suethornton101@gmail.com
Safeguarding Officer
Gill Gooding 07743 708379 staugustine.whitton.safeguarding@hotmail.com
PCC Secretary
Pauline Churchman staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com
Sacristan
Jane Derry
Junior & Youth Ministry Leaders
Pat S and Hilda- Junior Church Laura & James – Messy Church
General Details
Email : staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com Website: https://www.st-augustine-of-canterbury-whitton.org
Church Hall Hire
Sue Thornton 07939 129293
Charity Number 1134957

Thought for the Week

“If anyone says anything to you, just say this: The Lord needs them”. Can you imagine what would happen if anyone today would go straight up to a bike rack or a carpark and just saying this, taking either vehicle and just walk off?! It would probably not go as smoothly as it appears in the Gospel from the liturgy of the Palms. I actually don't believe it went without some kind of conversation and possibly arguing back then either. The thought and action is as interesting as it is provoking. The only one who can choose what angle and reaction it would have been, is you.

Picture the moment. Take in the scene properly. Where are you? Who are you? What do you hear, see, smell and think at this very moment when the disciples approach the donkey? Maybe you picture yourself as the donkey... without a clue of what is about to happen. What precious load it soon would carry. Imagine, a simple domestic animal, carrying Godself.

Now imagine that you are God's precious load and cargo. You are the one who God carries. Through the crowds and all the way up to the holiest of holy, the temple. The place where Godself dwells. It is not decorated with gold and glittering stones. It is not draped in velvet and silk. It is a simple wooden cross. That's where Christ is meeting you. By the foot of the cross, at the cross and beyond the cross.

It might not be in the church you see Him. It might not be in a cathedral you hear Him. It might not be through intense and obliged prayer you feel Him. It might happen at any time at any place through anyone.

Time, Talent and Treasure

Lent is a season for reflection. To think about how we live and how we share our God-given gifts with each other. And how we give back to God. One way of doing so is to give of our time, talent and treasure. To enable our parish to grow and flourish. To grow God's kingdom where we are.

We all have gifts and resources to share with each other and our community and every contribution, big or small, is important. We are all important building blocks in our parish. This Lent is an opportunity for you to focus your prayer and reflection on how you share your time, talent and treasure in our community. Maybe you feel called to give of your time in our worship. Maybe you feel called to engage in activities and events. Maybe you feel called to make planned and regular donations. Maybe you feel called for something else or a combination of both time, talent and treasure.

Together we can do more.

A message From Jacqui Parris CEO of Homelink

I'm delighted to share that Homelink was named Community Group of the Year at the Richmond Community Heroes Awards 2025–2026 during last night's ceremony. The award was announced as follows:

“Homelink has won this award for the extraordinary care, warmth and stability they bring to the lives of those who rely on them every day. Their compassion turns routine support into genuine human connection, giving clients confidence, dignity and a sense of belonging. They ease the burden for families and carers, providing reassurance and a trusted source of guidance. This team's dedication enriches lives far beyond the centre's walls, and this award celebrates the profound difference they make in their community. “

Furthermore, Remo Grasso was highly commended as runner-up in the Outstanding Volunteer category, in recognition of his remarkable efforts and fundraising in completing the London Marathon last year at the age of 75.

We are incredibly proud of these achievements and deeply grateful to our staff, volunteers, and trustees, whose dedication and support make Homelink the exceptional organisation it is!

Sponsor an Easter Lily?

If you would like to contribute towards lilies for Easter in memory of a loved one, please sign the sheet at the back of the church.

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.

Time to think about confirmation



Confirmation is for all who are baptised and want to learn how this can be a positive resource in your life. Confirmation is to affirm your baptism and continue exploring a life in faith in relationship with God and each other.

Adults and children in school year 5 and up are invited to join this year's confirmation course.

Please note, that if you are not baptised yet but curious about Christian faith and life, you are more than welcome to join.

Day: Thursday **Time:** 5-6 pm for children
7-8.30 pm for adults

Dates: 23rd and 30th April and 7th, 14th and 21st May

For children: All sessions in person at St Augustine's church.

For adults: First and last session in person at St Augustine's church. The session in between will be on Zoom.

For both children and adults: Rehearsal Saturday 30th May at 2pm.

Confirmation: Sunday 31st of May at 10 am.

Contact The Reverend Helen Calner for more information and to sign up vicar@staugustinewhitton.com

Retiring Collection during Lent

Due to the changes in the Diocese of London following the appointment of Bishop Sarah as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, there will not be a specific Bishop's Lent Appeal this year. However Support our Anglican partners in Mozambique as severe flooding displaces communities and damages homes, schools, and churches. Through ALMA, the Diocese of London is calling for prayer and donations to fund urgent relief and recovery, and to stand in practical solidarity with affected dioceses.

We have a long association with ALMA, our parish is twinned with St Augustine of Canterbury Mecanhelas which has also been severely affected by the recent floods. For more information please flow the link <https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/standing-with-our-brothers-and-sisters-in-mozambique/>

Our Prayer



Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Amen

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 and Ann-Marie.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(29) Llewellyn Davies, Marjorie Symonds (13)

(30) Winifred Perrin (08), Angela Threshie (11), Roy Loader (16)

(31) Irene Ockendon (75), Winifred Puddick (04), Graham Mill (06)

April

(1) Elsie Owen (70), Gretta Martin (25)

(2) Dora Page (81) Nina Derrington (79), Barbara Gregory (07), George Butcher (10)

(3) Paul Turner (69), Richard Parker, Siriol Williams (78), Irene Dawe (95), Betty Cridge (96), Doris Trimble (05)
Matilda John (06), Ronald Hesling (08), Fernande Clayton (11), Grace Hawkins (17)

(4) Leslie Roberts (13), John Wye (18)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 29 th March	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Palm Sunday
Sun 29 th March	10:00am	Sunday School in the Church Hall
Sun 29 th March	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Mon 30 th March	7:00pm	Evening Eucharist
Tues 31 st March	7:00pm	Evening Eucharist
Wed 1 st April	7:00pm	Evening Eucharist
Thu 2 nd April	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Evening Eucharist with washing of the feet
Fri 3 rd April	11:00am	CTiW Walk of Witness – Starting from the corner of Montrose Ave and Percy Road to finish at St Philip and St James Whitton Road
Fri 3 rd April	2:00pm	Good Friday Stations of the Cross
Sat 4 th April	11:00pm	Holy Eucharist Easter Vigil
Sun 5 th April	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Easter Day
Sun 5 th April	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 7 th April	11:30am to 12:30pm	Quite Space - On the way to Emmaus – walking with the risen Christ
Fri 10 th April	10:00am	Holy Eucharist
Sun 12 th April	10:00am	All Age Service 2 nd Sunday of Easter
Sun 12 th April	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tues 14 th April	2:30pm to 4:00pm	Cornerstone Cafe
Wed 15 th April	9:40am	Strollers Walk – Route to be confirmed