

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 26th February 2023

Church NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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1st Sunday of Lent



The season of Lent is a period of 40 days when we prepare for Easter and reflect on the example of Jesus. It is associated with the time Jesus spent in the wilderness when he fasted for 40 days and nights and was tempted by the Devil.

The themes of Lent include self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, almsgiving, and preparation for Easter.

Ash Wednesday services set the tone for Lent, with a focus on penitence (saying sorry for and turning away from sin).

During Lent, we are encouraged to fast or give up certain foods/activities (e.g., sweet treats, smoking) – whatever sacrifice practised that reflects Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness. We are also encouraged to give to charities (or/and Lent Appeal), set aside time to study the Bible and meet with other Christians to reflect on Jesus' life and prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter.



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First Reading – Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'



Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 12th March @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 14th March @ 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.

Strollers – Next Walk on Thursday 16th March

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 for further information.*

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

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 at £2.50 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:

- Kay Alldridge: Thursday at 7.30pm (beginning on 9th March 2023)
- Fiona & John Wolsoncroft: Wednesday at 7.30pm (beginning on 1st March 2023)
- Alwyn Williams: Friday at 11.00am; except 3rd March when it's at 2.00pm
- Online Lent Study: Tuesday at 7.00pm from 28th February. *Zoom details – Meeting ID: 825 2830 0221 Passcode: 945273 ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))*

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

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 for more information about the charity.

World Day of Prayer 2023: A Service for Everyone – Friday 3rd March @ 11:00am; Ss Michael and Martin Church, Hounslow, TW3 3EH

The World Day of Prayer is a global movement of informal worship and prayerful action, organised and led by Christian women. This year the service has been written by the women of Taiwan and they provide an opportunity to come and learn more about them.

Everyone is welcome and we hope that you will join us in celebrating the World Day of Prayer. *Leaflets and posters with further information can be found in church.*

Embracing Age: Poetry Competition – Closing Date: Sunday 30th 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.

So, 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.*

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, Stella Cheng, Aiden Littrell, Jeremy Short, Rosemary Styles, Anne Hickmott, Sister Eileen Caple, Willem Cheng, Rebecca, Richard, and Theresa Scriven.

Recently Departed: John Edser

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: John Ash, Norman Trimbee, Karen Dack, Mary Hepworth, Roddy Lang, Mavis Hammond, Eric Hopkins, Joyce Thurbon, Mary Raymond, Fr. Paul Topham, Sally Derry, BEM, George Hards, Leslie Boyes, Marcus Barrett, Janet Mouny, Theresa Hood, and Cara Douglas Lane.

Diary Dates – March 2023		
Sun 5 th Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Lent
Sun 12 th Mar	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Lent YGT – Youth Get Together (@ Church Hall)
Tue 14 th Mar	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Thu 16 th Mar	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 19 th Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 th Sunday of Lent
Sat 25 th Mar	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 26 th Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Lent
Tue 11 th April	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 16 th April	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Easter (All Age/Family Service)
Diary Dates – Lent & Easter 2023		
Sun 2 nd April	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 3 rd April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Tue 4 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Wed 5 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Thu 6 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (includes washing of feet)
Fri 7 th April	11.00 am 2.00 pm	CTiW Walk of Witness Good Friday Liturgy (includes the Veneration of the cross)
Sun 9 th April	6.00 am 10.00 am	Easter Vigil – Service of Light @ Dawn with breakfast Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday

10.00 am Service Duties for March 2023			
	<u>05/03/23</u>	<u>12/03/23</u>	<u>19/03/23</u>
Sidespersons	Gill G & Beryl L	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B
First Reading	Sue T	Dina B	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church
Second Reading	Gill G	Joan G	
Intercessions	Kay A	Patricia H	
Screen & sound	Alwyn W	Pauline C	Roubina d W
MC	Jane D	Jane D	Jane D
Crucifer	Michael B	Christine H	Charles D
Acolyte 1	Christine H	Michael B	Michael B
Acolyte 2	Charles D	Roubina d W	Christine H
Tea & Coffee	Denzil D & Maria D	Rene K, Marie C & Pauline C	Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S