

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 9th February 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

4th Sunday Before Lent



Luke 5.1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.'

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



**St Augustine's Church,
Whitton, in Vacancy**

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A Message from the PCC and the Churchwardens

The Parish Profile has now been finalised. The advert has been placed in the Church Times on the following dates: 31st Jan, 7th Feb, 14th Feb, 21st Feb. The Deadline for Applications is on Monday 24th Feb, Midday. The Shortlisting Meeting will take place on Wed 26th Feb at 3pm. The interviews are scheduled on Wed. 12th March

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

Quiz & Pie - Saturday 15th February Doors Open at 6:15pm for 6:45 Start

Join us for an enjoyable evening of exercising your brain cells! And partake in delicious home cooked Shepherd's Pie. We kindly request that each team have no more than eight members. Tickets at £12.00 including food with drinks available at the bar.

Whitton Woollies

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

Strollers , next outing Wednesday 12th February

Weather permitting, the strollers are going to walk the Grand Union Canal in north west/west London, starting at the Kensal Green Cemetery and finishing at Little Venice. They will catch the Overground (now known as the Mildmay Line) to Willesden Junction from Richmond then walk the length of the Cemetery with a coffee stop just before joining the canal.

The strollers will then walk the Towpath via Westbourne Green (lunch stop) to Little Venice, about 4.5 miles in total. Return is via Bakerloo line from Warwick Avenue and Mildmay line. They will catch the 950 train so meet at the station at 940. Please bring a picnic lunch. All are welcome . Peter and John

St Augustine's Art Group – 15th February 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 15th February and thereafter 22nd March, 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.

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 28th 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

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.

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

Movement and Meditation is a new event, coming soon 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.

Raising Funds for our Church

If you take out new home insurance with **Ecclesiastical Insurance**, they will donate £130 to an Anglican church or cathedral of your choice (T&Cs apply). £130 may not seem like a lot of money, but a little help can go a long way. To find out more click on the link [Trust130 donations](https://www.ecclesiastical.com/home-insurance/trust130) or go to <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/home-insurance/trust130>

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, Cheryl and Jane Gater.

Recently departed:

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(9) Lucy Griffen (79), George Neather (04), Eve Ledger (06), Phyllis Williams (13)

(10) Evan and Miriam Lloyd (63), Ida Jenner (71), Maud Hurley (04), Joan Philpott (11)

(11) Mollie Walter (85), Marjorie Challis, Joan Dale (19)

(12) Katie Goetz (10)

(13) Thomas Taylor.

(14) Margaret Godfrey (85), Margaret Carter (05) John Pike

(15) Donald Hole Pr. (47) Mabel Halford, Cecil Butler, David Harber (04), Zillah Starling (13)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 9 th Feb	10:00am	Parish Eucharist Service taken by Fr Julian Reindorp
Sun 9 th Feb	10:00 am	Sunday School
Sun 9 th Feb	10:00am	YGT
Tues 11 th Feb	2:30 pm to 4:00 pm	Cornerstone Cafe
Wed 12 th Feb	9:45 am	Strollers Outing – Walk to be advised
Fri 14 th Feb	10:00 am	Said Eucharist service
Sat 15 th Feb	10:00am to 12:00 pm	Art Club
Sat 15 th Feb	6:15pm Start at 6:45pm	Quiz & Pie
Sun 16 th Feb	10:00am	Parish Eucharist Service taken by Fr Gary
Sun 16 th Feb	10:00am to 12pm	Messy Church
Fri 21 st Feb	10:00 am	Said Eucharist service
Sat 22 nd Feb	9:30 am	Walsingham Mass followed by Breakfast at the Winning Post
Tues 25 th Feb	9:15am	Bishop Perrin Year 2, School Assembly
Wed 26 th Feb	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Whitton Woollies
Fri 28 th Feb	10:00 am	Said Eucharist service
Fri 7 th March	10:00 am	Said Eucharist service
Fri 7 th March	11:30 am	World Day of Prayer