



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 21st September 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

Matthew the Apostle



Matthew 9.9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.'

Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Thought For the Week

"What kind of person would drop everything and take up with an uneducated, reactionary, itinerant religious leader?" (Sam Portado)
We may not know who Matthew really was and what made him let go of his life as a tax collector. Ungrateful position and job, but for sure a position of personal financial security.
Who of us today would willingly give up comfort and security for the

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sake of an unknown future? Even if we may not be completely happy with our current life situation? Few of us would.

When Jesus called the disciples he did not literally ask them to give up all what they had or who they were. He simply said: "Come and follow me." They chose to follow him. And by doing so, the lives of the disciples changed and they were transformed. In the process they let go of layers of themselves. To become more themselves and the one God created them to be.

It is the journey and the relationship that is central and transforming. It is the commitment and love for God and following in the footsteps of Christ that makes the difference. To be open to be touched by the love that transgresses all common sense. God's unconditional and perpetual love.

"Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me".

September Retiring collection is for ShelterBox Charity No 1096479 - Sponsored by Irene Read

Since 2000 ShelterBox has supported more than 2.5 million people across 100 different countries and regions after flooding, drought and other natural disasters, also working in areas of conflict.

Please donate to help them provide even more help and support to people who have lost everything.

Children and their families are fleeing disaster zones all over the world and have risked everything to find safety leaving everything behind. They urgently need shelter, blankets, water filtration kits and cooking sets to help them survive. Shelterbox's emergency container can give people in crowded camps a more private space which helps preserve their dignity and also helps prevent the spread of disease in the midst of a disaster.

A ShelterBox container is an emergency response with tools to provide a practical solution and a miracle in the midst of disaster.

To find out more about this charity you can visit their website at <https://shelterbox.org/>

Result of Retiring Collection

The PCC would like to thank you for your generous giving which has resulted in the following amounts remitted to our chosen charities so far during 2025 .

Crisis £319.54, UNICEF £150, Epilepsy Action £150, DEC £127, Alzheimer's Society £167.65, Village Water £215.14, Bishop of Kensington Discretionary Fund £208, Christian Aid £100, Fabric Fund £337.53

Since the beginning of January 2016 to date St Augustine has contributed £18,250 to good causes.

If you would like to nominate a charity that you support, please write to Pauline Churchman giving a brief description of the charity.

Fundraising Ideas

Thank you to everyone raising donations for St. Augustine's Church - Whitton through #easyfundraising!

We have recently received a donation of £8.42 and in total your donations so far have amounted to **£139.49.**

Not joined yet? Sign up to easyfundraising and when you shop online with your favourite brands, they'll donate to us. It's free and your shopping won't cost you any extra - the brands you shop with will donate, not you! To sign up follow the link below:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/staugustineswhitton/SS7MN9/at/tyxnhf3e/facebook/>

Walsingham Mass - 27th September at 9:30am

The next Walsingham Mass will be held on 27th September at St Mary's Sunbury followed by breakfast at the Flower Pot.

Work Party of the Garden of Memorial 4th October at 10:00am

Our next work party will need a lot of hands, so please put Saturday the 4th of October in your calendar. This day is St Francis day and we need to make sure our grounds and especially the Garden of Memorial looks neat before All Souls and Remembrance. We are looking forward to gardening with you.

Animal Blessing – Sunday 5th October at 3:00pm at St Augustine's Whitton

We are having a joint service with St Philip and St James for the Blessing of your Pets on Sunday 5th October at 3:00pm. All pets can bring their Humans with them!

Harvest Festival followed by Bring and Share Parish Lunch - Sunday 12th October at 10:00am

Celebration of Harvest Festival will be followed by bring and share Parish Lunch, bring your favourite food for you and your family and a little bit more to share with others. Donation of Harvest Gifts as usual will be taken to Whitton Food Bank

The items the Food Bank currently need the most are:

Tinned veg & meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, fruit juice, long-life milk, rice, rice pudding, jam, coffee, cereal, razors (disposable), shaving foam, deodorant and washing up liquid

Tuesday Prayer Reflection becomes Quiet Space

You know this forum as simply "Prayer & Reflection" and it is very much still an ongoing monthly gathering in our church. It is just changing name and will also provide you with a theme for each gathering. This is a way for us to make it more clear and hopefully interesting for more people to discover. If you haven't joined yet, do come along and see for yourself.

Quiet Space

On the first Tuesday of the month we offer you an opportunity to meet for a quiet space of reflection and prayer. This offers a peaceful environment to deepen our spiritual life together with others in a contemplative, relaxed and friendly setting. All are welcome and each of us has something to contribute. Different people take turns in leading us through varying themes.

Tuesday the 7th of October: "Autumn – sprinkled with gratitude and thankfulness"

Tuesday the 4th of November: "Grief and Compassion - in the season of All Souls and Remembrance

Time 11.00-12.00

For more information contact: vicar@staugustinewhitton.com

Friday Eucharis and Fellowship

Every Friday morning we gather for a short said Eucharist at 10 am followed by simple refreshments. This is a long tradition and very much ongoing.

From Friday the 12th of September we will start a reflection group in connection to the Eucharist. Every Friday between 11 am and 12 noon anyone interested can come and join us for reflective fellowship. As a first theme series we will be exploring life and faith through day to day objects; like doors, mobile phones, vacuum cleaners or curtains as mentioning a few objects.

You are of course welcome to join both the Eucharist and the Friday Fellowship every Friday or whenever you have time for a breather.

For more information contact: vicar@staugustinewhitton.com

The Dorcas Group

In 2026 the Dorcas Group will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary. To mark the occasion they have started a new banner depicting Tabitha also known as Dorcas, a disciple in the Book of Acts in the New Testament. She was known for her charitable works and acts of kindness including sewing clothes for the poor, which solidified the name's association with virtue and compassion. If you like needlework or enjoy creating artwork similar to our banners, then please speak to Jane to find out more...



Our Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you have called us into life and to love you.
You have called us to proclaim your love and power in all the world. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, that we may tell of you and your abiding presence. Amen

Those who are sick and struggling:

Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Richard and Theresa Scriven, Anne Newman, Lucy Brooks, Emily Adams, Ann Cadogan, Lyn Watts, Boyce & Millicent, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Wyn Morris, Cheryl, Heather Woodworth and Connie Chingwaru.

Recently Departed: .

Rev Canon Julian Reindorp and Gerald Pratt

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(21) Les Tanner (04)

(22) Darcy Hamilton (78), Walter Frewin (04), Sylvie Robinson (18)

(23) Mary Saxon-Snell, David McKenzie (05), Reginald Hills (06), Joan Maylor (13)

(24) Janet and Johnson Hoffner, Dorothy Laird (02)

(25) Ivy Stark, William Llewellyn Jones (80), John Gibson (05)

(26) Alex Johnstone, Hilda Roskilly (04), Stefanie Sugden (10), Gladys Branch (13)

(27) Sunny Somner, Isobella Rolfe (01)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sat 20 th Sept	10:00am	Art Group in the Church Hall
Sun 21 st Sept	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 21 st Sept	10:00am	Messy Church in the Church Hall
Sun 21 st Sept	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section or follow the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776749724?pwd=VHFacW1wQTFWL1p1d2FCTkVKbEs0QT09
Fri 26 th Sept	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 26 th Sept	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sat 27 th Sept	9:30am	Walsingham Mass – at St Mary’s Sunbury followed by breakfast at the Flower Pot
Sat 27 th Sept	9:50am	Strollers Walk – Route TBC for information contact Peter de Winton or John Woodley
Sun 28 th Sept	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 28 th Sept	6:00 pm	Evening Prayers via Zoom See Church website Worship Service section or follow the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83776749724?pwd=VHFacW1wQTFWL1p1d2FCTkVKbEs0QT09
Fri 3 rd Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 3 rd Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sun 5 th Oct	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 5 th Oct	3:00pm	Animal Blessing Service at St Augustine in partnership with Sts Philip & James
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