



ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 16th November 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

Safeguarding Sunday



Matthew 25: 34-40

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me'.

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?

The king will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

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Thought For the Week

This gospel calls for our responsibility to care for each other. It calls for practical acts of compassion, showing that love for God is lived out through love for people in need. It calls for us to reflect on how we create and sustain safe and loving communities. Not only within our own church community, but locally and beyond.

As Christians we are called to love God and our neighbour, and not only in our thoughts, but in our hands and feet and in our way of life. The gospel shows that it doesn't have to be big media headline actions to save the world. Or accomplish do something making us nominees for the Nobel Peace Prize. The gospel invites us to reflect on the small actions, and their deep impact and importance of transformation they can have for someone.

To safeguard is to care, not only with your head but with your heart. But it is not only to literally bring food, drink, clothing and physical shelter. It is equally to see, listen, support, and shelter emotionally and spiritually as well. To be attentive. To recognise both strengths and vulnerabilities and to help each other safeguarding one another and creation. To check in on each other and to pray for one another. To be genuinely welcoming and inclusive.

Challenge yourself this week and invite God to guide you in one thing you can do to contribute to a safer and more loving community, both in our church and in our community of Whitton.

Evening Eucharists in Advent

Every Tuesday evening during Advent there will be a simple, contemplative evening Eucharist in our Lady chapel. An opportunity to pause in the middle of the season's business.

Time: 7pm Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December

Advent Course

During Advent you are invited to join our Advent course, to prepare for the season of Christmas and the birth of our Lord. This year we will journey together with the women in the Nativity. It is an opportunity to focus on our relationship with God and each other, drawing from Biblical women's wisdom and experiences. Welcome to join us!

Time: 7.30-8.15pm Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December

Adopt a Paschal Candle

Would you be willing to care for, and use, an outdated Paschal candle?

We have a collection of Paschal candles which we cannot use and they would be much happier being lit and used than collecting dust in a cupboard.

It is a beautiful reminder of God's presence among us.

If you are willing to adopt and at the same time, if you are able, make a voluntary donation towards a new candle, please let us know.

Bishop Perrin School - Reception Class Intake 2026

Will your child be starting school in September 2026? Are you considering Bishop Perrin School for your child?

We invite prospective parents and carers to book a school tour and meet with the Headteacher / Deputy Headteacher to find out more about our school.

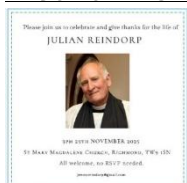
Tours are available on a Thursday morning until January 2026. Spaces are limited, so please call our school office on 020 8894 1447 to book a place.

We look forward to meeting you.

Rachael Macklearn, Headteacher

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Fr Julian Reindorp Thanksgiving Service – 29th November



Fr Julian's Thanksgiving service will take place at St Mary Magdalene Church Richmond TW9 1SN, on Saturday 29th November at 3pm.

WINTER FAIR – SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 12 – 3pm

The Winter Fair is our opportunity to welcome everyone into our church. However, we need your help to make this happen.

HOW CAN YOU DO THIS ? THIS IS HOW.....

Tell everyone you know when it's happening. Bring in your donations. Organise a stall. Help to run a stall.

There is a list at the back of the church telling you what stalls there will be.

Sign up, donate, spread the word. **There are only 5 weeks to the big day.**

Stalls: Bottle Tombola, Chocolate Tombola, Cakes, Raffle, Christmas Craft, Books, Bits and Bobs! And many more.

Also, we need help on Friday 5th after the Waldegrave School Christmas Carol Concert, to set up the church – moving all the chairs and setting up the tables. Probably be about 7.30pm and you know what they say – Many hands make light work.

If anyone needs any more info please speak with either Helen, Roubina or Sue.

Churches Together in Whitton Christmas Day Lunch 2025

This year CTiW will be holding its annual Christmas Day Lunch at Ss. Philip & James Parish Hall.

As well as a traditional Christmas meal, the lunch aims to provide those otherwise on their own the opportunity to meet others and enjoy one another's company; the event is open to both individuals and couples.

If you or anyone you know would like to join us on Christmas Day or you require further information, please either contact CTIWChristmas@gmail.com , or speak to Rev. Helen or Roubina de Winton.

November Retiring Collection is for NSPCC - Sponsored by Marie Clarke

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, NSPCC, is the UK's leading children's charity.

They have been working to stop child abuse and neglect for over 140 years, and they are the only UK children's charity with statutory powers, which means they can take action to safeguard children at risk of abuse.

Every pound donated helps to protect children and prevent abuse. NSPCC visit schools and teach children that abuse is never their fault and they can always speak out and get help. They run a helpline and Childline that any adult or child can turn to for support, they campaign for change and demand laws and rules needed to protect children, they equip parents and carers with the knowledge, support and skills they need. They run therapeutic services to help children recover from abuse and get their lives back on track. £4 pays for trained volunteers to answer a child's call to the helpline. £3 pays for "Speak and Safe" programme to reach one primary school child.

Through research NSPCC constantly strives to find the best ways to protect children and prevent abuse.

St Augustine's Strollers Diary Dates for 2026

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people.

Strolling dates for the first half of 2026 are: January Weds14th & Sat 31st, February Weds11th & Sat 28th

March Thurs12th & Sat 28th , April Weds15th & Sat 25th, May Weds13th & Sat 30th, June Thurs11th & Sat 27th



Our Prayers

Eternal light, shine into our hearts, eternal goodness, deliver us from evil, eternal power, be our support, eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance, eternal pity, have mercy upon us; that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, Connie Chingwaru, Mandy, Bob Winter and Ben & family.

Recently Departed:

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(16) Florence Johnson (72), Hilary Eliot, Anne Tanner (99), Kenneth Richardson (98), Keith Duncan (15)

- (17) William Hawtin, Hilda Clark (76), Joe Hobbs (05)
 (18) Helen Davies (06), Kathleen Bidwell (06), Laurence Hale (07)
 (19) Vernon Brown, Victor Austin, Dorothy Davies (04), Margaret Ling (09)
 (20) Jessie Heppenstall, Madge White, Hilda Christopher, Baby Joe Penney (04), Phyllis Bond (04),
 Ada Williams (05)
 (21) Lawrence Kunkel (01)
 (22) Mavis Scrase, Lance Forde (05), Mary Kirby Pr. (08)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 16 th Nov	10:00am	All Age Eucharist – Safeguarding Sunday
Sun 16 th Nov	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tue 18 th Nov	7:00pm	PCC Meeting
Fri 21 st Nov	10:00am	Said Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship
Sun 23 rd Nov	10:00am	Parish Eucharist – Christ the King
Sun 23 rd Nov	10:00am	No Sunday School – Activity Sheet in Church
Sun 23 rd Nov	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Fri 21 st Nov	10:00am	Said Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship
Wed 26 th Nov	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Whitton Woollies meet in church
Sat 29 th Nov	9:30 am	Walsingham Mass – St Augustine’s followed by breakfast at Squires
Sat 29 th Nov	9:30 am	Strollers Walk – Route to be confirmed
Sun 30 th Nov	10:00am	Parish Eucharist – 1 st Sunday of Advent
Sun 30 th Nov	10:00am	Messy Church – In the Church Hall
Sun 30 th Nov	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Tue 2 nd Dec	11:00am to 12:00pm	Quite Space – “Grief & Compassion – in the season of All Souls and Remembrance”
Tues 2 nd Dec	6:00 pm	Evening Eucharist in Advent
Tues 2 nd Dec	7.30 to 8.15pm	Advent Course
Fri 5 th Dec	10:00am	Said Eucharist followed by Friday Fellowship
Sat 6 th Dec	12:00 to 3:00pm	Christmas Fair
Sun 7 th Dec	10:00am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Advent
Sun 7 th Dec	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer