

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 12th January 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

Baptism of Christ



Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'



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

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A Message from the PCC and the Churchwardens

The Parish Profile has been reviewed by the Diocese and we have incorporated their comments in our final version, It is now ready to be finalised by the Diocese next week. Hence, we will be able to adhere to the following timetable:

Advert in Church Times:	31 January 7 February 14 February 21 February
Deadline for Applications:	Monday 24 February, Midday
Shortlisting Meeting:	Wednesday 26 February, 3pm
Interviews:	Wednesday 12 March

Cornerstone Café – Meets 14th January from 2:30 (and Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month)

Join our warm space and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and Cake (sometimes homemade). Engage in exchange of views, play games and exercise the grey cells playing scrabble or doing crosswords. All are welcome.

Strollers Walk – Wednesday 15th January @ 9:40am

Weather permitting, (currently the forecast is good) the next outing will be on Wednesday 15th January, to walk in Richmond Park. We shall meet at Whitton Station at 0940. Then take the train to Richmond, followed by a 371 bus into the Park, and head down to Roehampton Gate for the coffee stop. Then we'll head over to Robin Hood Gate and then do as much further walking as people want to do. Please bring a picnic lunch to give us flexibility (although it might be a bit chilly eating it!). Any question, please speak to Peter de Winton or John Woodley.

Messy Church 19th January 10 am

Next Messy Church will take place on Sunday 19th January from 10am to 12 (and every 3rd Sunday of the month). We are exploring the possibility of holding future Messy Church Services on Sundays at the same time as the Family Service rather than Saturdays on the day before the Family Service. We are hoping this would be more suitable for the younger children. The Family Service will continue to be led by our Youth.

Sunday School 26th January at 10 am

The next Sunday School will take place on 26th January.

Walsingham Mass - 25th January at 9:30

The next Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham is on 25th January 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: 22 February at St Augustine's, 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. Walsingham Mass will not be held in December.

Foundation Governor Vacancy at Bishop Perrin

Mrs Doggett one of our Foundation Governors, nominated by the PCC, will end her term of office at the end of February. The PCC would like to invite interested parties wishing to serve as Foundation Governor to submit their written application providing a precis of their reason for wishing to serve in this role to Mrs Pauline Churchman, PCC Secretary, no later than 31 January. The PCC will consider the applications received and will put forward their nominee.

You can find out more about The Key role for a Foundation Governor and the Eligibility Conditions [here](#) or see the document provided with the Newsletter.

For further information Please speak to Mrs Alwyn Williams, Chair of Governors

Retiring Collections During 2024

Thanks to your generosity we have been able to donate funds to the following Charities

Bishops Lent Appeal / ALMA/Mecanhelas	694.68
Richmond Young Carers	177.51
Whitton Network	200.00
Open Doors	260.89
Fabric Fund	275.10
Smile Train	340.73
RNLI	180.02
Homelink	117.00
Crisis	319.54
Total	£2,565.47

January Retiring Collection – UNICEF

On 6th January we celebrate 12th Night, with the coming of the three wise men who brought gifts for the baby child Jesus.



This month our retiring charity is UNICEF, an international charity that provides support for children in all parts of the world. Working in over 190 countries they respond to emergencies, such as that seen in Gaza, Haiti, the Sudan and Ukraine; to poverty and hunger as seen in Yemen and Syria. UNICEF report that 2024 has been very difficult and there are now around 1 billion children living in poverty, which means they lack basic necessities such as food, water, shelter and education – all things that we take for granted.

Of these children, 333 million live in extreme poverty surviving on less than £1.75 per day. We know that most of these children live in parts of Africa, but please don't let this hide the fact that we also have children in wealthy countries, such as England, who live in extreme poverty.

This month I hope that you will follow the Christmas story and help the children in greatest need by donating as generously as you are able to UNICEF.

Home Groups

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.

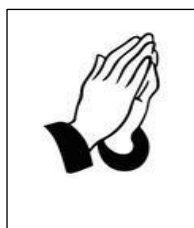
If you are interested in joining, please speak to Fiona or one of the Churchwardens. *If you are interested in hosting a Home Group, please inform the Churchwardens.*

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>

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. In Jesus Name.



Peace and end of war in Syria, Israel-Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Ukraine, Sudan, and other places of conflict around the world.

For the safety and wellbeing of people affected by natural disasters; particularly the recent fires in Los Angeles.

Those who are sick and struggling: Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Richard and Theresa Scriven, Anne Newman, Emily Adams, Lucy Brooks, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter, Ann Cadogan, Lyn Watts, Boyce & Millicent, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Kay Alldridge, Jenny Jones, Wyn Morris and Cheryl

Recently departed: John Jones

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(12) William Ashford (71), Sechaba Chingwaru Jr (07)

(13) Alfred Grant (07), Fred Seddon (07)

(14) Henry Brown, Beatrice Taylor (63), Charles Godfrey (88), Vladislaf Tarnopolski, Jim Wild (95), Betty Wild (98)

(15) Frederick Jenn (58), Doreen Davis (85)

(17) Claire Pine (67), Bob Parker, Eric Farlie (92)

(18) Ann Boulden (75), Bill Charlton (82), Florence Ocock (02)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Tues 14 th Jan	2:30 pm	Cornerstone Cafe
Tues 14 th Jan	7 pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Fri 17 th Jan	10 am	Said Eucharist service
Sat 18 th Jan	10 am	Art Class
Sun 19 th Jan	10 am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 19 th Jan	10 am	Messy Church
Tues 21 st Jan	7 pm	PCC Meeting
Fri 24 th Jan	10 am	Said Eucharist service
Sat 25 th Jan	9:30 am	Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham
Sun 26 th Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
February		
Sat 15 th Feb	6pm	Quiz Night