



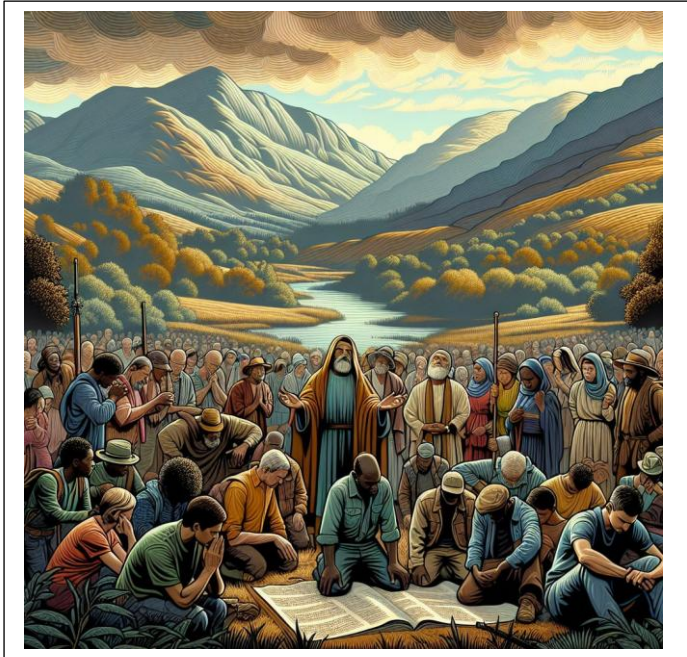
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 19th October 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

18th Sunday after Trinity



Luke 18.1–8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

He said, In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, Grant me justice against my opponent.

For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming. And the Lord said, Listen to what the unjust judge says.

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

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Thought For the Week

In the gospel of this week Jesus is teaching his followers, and us, to be persistent in our prayers and not become discouraged if we don't experience an immediate answer according to our own will and wishes. Life is not perfect even though we pray and trust in God. Life still involves disappointment, loss, and injustice, which gives us reasons to lose hope. When prayers go unanswered for a long time, it can feel as if they are pointless. But they are not!

Continuous prayer demonstrates our trust in God's willingness to hear us, even when it feels like nothing is happening. It's a way to remain in communion and relationship with God. And God does listen. Remember what the Psalmist writes: "Even before a word is on my tongue, you know it already". Persistence in prayer may not immediately change our circumstances, but it does change us. It deepens our relationship with God. God is there, already knowing what is in our hearts.

We may have our own time and economy when we come before God that we forget that God's timing is perfect. While we pray for justice according to our own schedules, the parable reminds us to trust in God's perfect and loving timing. God will grant justice from a divine perspective that may look different from our viewpoint. Keep speaking with God but don't forget to let God speak to you!



Harvest Abundance

The donations for our Harvest festival this year is far beyond what we ever could have imagined or expected. The donations have been so incredibly rich and plentiful!. A blessing of abundance that will go a long way to help our neighbours in need. A huge and massive thank you to all of you who so generously have donated gifts for our food bank, We couldn't have done this without you!

October Retiring Collection is for Missions Aviation Fellowship

Sponsored by Ben & John Wolsoncroft

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) is the world's largest humanitarian air operator. For over 75 years it has been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts. They enable more than 1,500 aid development and mission organisations to medical care, emergency relief and long term development. The pilots and personnel deliver relief workers, doctors, pastors, school books, food, medicines - everything that can only be safely delivered by air.

Strollers Walk Saturday 26th October

A message from Peter de Winton and John Woodley to Strollers Old and New.

We shall do a circular walk in the Staines, Runnymede and Egham area. We'll get the train to Staines, have coffee in the High St, then walk along the Thames out to Runnymede. We'll have lunch at the National Trust Magna Carta Tea Room where they serve, according to the website "sandwiches, pasties and sausage rolls, cakes and scones, and hot and cold drinks". Its open that day. So a packed lunch is optional - if so you may have to eat it outside. Then we'll decide whether to visit the RAF Memorial at Coopers Hill or the other Magna Carta memorials, depending on energy levels, but either way, return through the woods, thence to Egham station.

The idea is to see some autumn colour, so hopefully it'll be a nice day. It may be a little heavy underfoot on the Thames Path and in the woods so please bring stout footwear.

We'll catch the 10.00 train from Whitton, so let's meet at 9.50 at the station. Hope to see you

All Souls Day – Choral Evensong

On Sunday 2nd November at 5pm we will be holding Choral Evensong. In this service you will be able to remember all those who you no longer see but whom you still love and keep in your prayers. Names of the departed will be read out and there will be a time to light candles in their memory. The choir will be leading the singing so please do put the date in your diary.

If you would like to remember a departed relative whose name is not already in our remembrance book, please add them to the list provided at the back of the church and indicate the month in which they died.

If you need any further information speak to either Revd. Helen or the churchwardens.

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



Our Prayers

God of our tender care, we pray with those who are praying. We join the spoken and silent prayers that come to you from throughout the earth. From sanctuaries, street corners and everywhere. Hear this our common prayer and those of our hearts which we offer now. 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 and Ben & family.

Recently Departed: .

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(19) Nellie James, Alan Cooley (06)

(20) Geoff Hickey (05)

(21) Hilary Alldridge (15)

(22) Freda Earley (01), Margaret Clarke (12)

(23) Ethel Delory, William Harper (73), John Clabon (09)

(24) Sidney Westbury (92), Anna Gosnold

(25) Percy Townsend, Joyce Pease (09), Pauline Harbard (18)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 19 th Oct	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 19 th Oct	10:00am	Messy Church
Sun 19 th Oct	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Fri 24 th Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 24 th Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sat 25 th Oct	9:30am	Walsingham Mass at St Augustine followed by breakfast at Squires
Sat 25 th Oct	9:50am	Strollers Walk – Meet at Whitton Station
Sun 26 th Oct	2:00am	Clocks go back
Sun 26 th Oct	10:00am	Parish Eucharist
Sun 26 th Oct	10:00am	Sunday School
Sun 26 th Oct	4:00pm	Vigil service for persecuted Christians – Held at Sts Philip & James
Sun 26 th Oct	6:00pm	Evening Prayers online follow the link Compline Zoom Link or Church website Worship then Evening Prayer
Wed 29 th Oct	1:30pm to 4:30pm	Dorcas Group
Fri 31 st Oct	10:00am	Said Eucharist
Fri 31 st Oct	11:00am to 12:00pm	Friday Fellowship
Sun 2 nd Nov	10:00am	Parish Eucharist – All Saints
Sun 2 nd Nov	5:00pm	Evensong – All Souls