

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 17th March 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

5th Sunday of Lent



Jesus Speaks about His Death

Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' – John 12.30-31

The season of Lent is a period of 40 days when we prepare for Easter and reflect on the example of Jesus. It is associated with the time Jesus spent in the wilderness when he fasted for 40 days and nights and was tempted by the Devil.

During Lent, we are encouraged to fast or give up certain foods/activities (e.g., sweet treats, smoking) – whatever sacrifice practised that reflects Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness. We are also encouraged to give to charities, set aside time to study the Bible and meet with other Christians to reflect on Jesus' life and prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter.



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First Reading – Jeremiah 31.31-34



The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Second Reading – Hebrews 5.5-10

Gospel Reading – John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Strollers – Next Walk on Saturday 23rd March; meet @ 09.40am at Whitton Station

Weather permitting this outing will be to the Greenwich/Blackheath area. Following a coffee stop, the walk will begin by crossing the heath and then visiting Greenwich Park. The return route will either be by Foot tunnel or by train from Greenwich. Please bring a picnic lunch and come to Whitton Station for the 9.50 am train to Waterloo station thence London Bridge Station for the Blackheath connection.

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. We have members of differing ages and abilities, all of whom are welcome. *For further information, please contact pdewinton@aol.com.*

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 2nd April @ 11.00am – 12.00pm

This is a monthly meeting which takes place in church on the first Tuesday of every month at 11.00am, for an hour. People take turns to lead in quiet reflections to deepen our spiritual life and Christian journey. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact the vicar by email or phone.

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 9th April @ 2.30pm

Cornerstone is an informal opportunity to meet together in our beautiful church over a cup of tea or coffee, to share experiences and to support each other. We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm, and everyone is welcome to join.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 14th April @ 12.00pm

Youth and young people (students from Year 5 to 13) are invited to meet in the Church Hall for a time of fun, games, food (pizza!) and Prayer & Reflection.

For more information, please contact the vicar by email or phone.

Messy Church – Saturday 20th April @ 10.00am – 12.00pm

Messy Church brings together children (age 0-8) and their parents every 3rd Saturday of the month for a time of fun, art, games, bible stories, sing-along, and food. It affords opportunity for both children and adults to interact with other families.

Lent Study 2024

This year's Lent study will be based on Dr Paula Gooder's book, *Lentwise: Spiritual essentials for real life*. The weekly sessions will explore the following themes: 'Compass: Finding direction', 'Nourishment: Keeping going', 'Light: Gaining wisdom', 'Shelter: Finding security' and, 'Water: Enjoying refreshment'. This study will provide a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and connect with other members of our community.

Everyone is invited to join us for any or all sessions:

- In person – Thursdays at 6.30pm at the Vicarage – Final Session: 21st March
- Online – Sundays at 6.00pm via Zoom – Final Session: 24th March (in place of Evening Prayers / Compline, *Zoom details on page 4*)

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.

- Wednesday Home Group with Fiona & John Wolsoncroft will resume after Easter.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams dates will resume after Easter.

For further details and to sign up, contact Fr John (contact details on Page 1)

Episcopal Appointment for the Diocese of Northern Zambia

Bishop Emma writes concerning the appointment of Fr John next the Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Zambia:

“I and Archdeacon Richard are very pleased to hear this news about John, and congratulate him on his appointment. We also understand that this news will come as a surprise, and even a shock, to many of you. Please be assured of our love and prayers for you at this time. We are on hand to answer any questions and to walk with you as you prepare for John’s leaving and ultimately the appointment of a new vicar for St Augustine’s”. *For more information about Fr John’s appointment read [here](#).*

February and March Retiring Collection – ALMA (Angola London Mozambique Association)



Since 1998 the Diocese of London has been linked with the Anglican churches in Angola and Mozambique. The heart of ALMA is relationships, and links between individual parishes, schools or other organisations are an important part of ALMA’s work.

Our link parish of St Augustine is Mecanhelas sede, in the district of Niassa Province in northern Mozambique. The ALMA partnership – and the fundraising and support provided by parishes in the Diocese of London – has delivered real benefits for communities in Angola and Mozambique. *For more information visit almalink.org.*

Worship Services

- Sunday @ 10am – Holy Communion Service, includes Junior and Youth Church
- Sunday @ 6pm – Lent Study 2024 (via Zoom)
Meeting ID: 837 7674 9724 Passcode: 186213 ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))
- 3rd Sunday of the month @ 10am – Family and All Age Holy Communion Service
- Friday @10am – Holy Communion Service



For our Prayers

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

Those who are sick and struggling: Jo Dale, Jeremy Short, Anne Hickmott, Willem Cheng, Richard and Theresa Scriven, Anne Newman, Joan Greening, Emily Adams, Lucy Brooks, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter and Ann Cadogen.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Frederick Bartlett, Lesley Killick, Alan Chapman, Samuel Taylor, Ena Horton, Paul Barrowclough, Elizabeth Stubbs, Ronal Hardbard, Stella Blackwell, Grace Harris, Rosemary Styles, Catherine Farlie, Tom Salmons, Ronald King, Ronald Digby and Philip Strong.

Diary Dates – March & April 2024		
Tue 19 th Mar	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting
Thu 21 st Mar	6.30 pm	Lent Study (in the Vicarage)
Sat 23 rd Mar	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Tue 2 nd Apr	10am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 7 th Apr	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Easter
Tue 9 th Apr	2.30 pm 7.00 pm	Cornerstone (in church) Standing Committee Meeting
Sun 14 th Apr	10.00 am 12.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Easter YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tues 16 th Apr	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 20 th Apr	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 21 st Apr	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 th Sunday of Easter (All Age/Family Service)

Diary Dates – Lent & Easter 2024		
Sun 24 th Mar	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 25 th Mar – Wed 27 th Mar	6.30 pm	Holy Week – Stations of the Cross
Tue 26 th Mar – Wed 27 th Mar	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Thu 28 th Mar	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (incl. washing of feet)
Fri 29 th Mar	11.00 am 2.00 pm	CTiW Walk of Witness Good Friday Liturgy (incl. Veneration of the cross)
Sun 31 st Mar	6.00 am 10.00 am	Easter Vigil – Service of Light at Dawn w/ breakfast Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday

Service Duties for March 2024				
	<u>17/03/24</u>	<u>24/03/24</u>	<u>31/03/24</u> (Easter Dawn @ 6am)	<u>31/03/24</u> (Easter @ 10am)
Sidespersons	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie & Frances	TBC	Gill & Beryl
First Reading	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	————	Fiona	Joseph
Second Reading		————	John	Connie
Intercessions		Vicki	Dianne	Graham
Screen & sound	Denzil	Alwyn	Sue	Pauline
Tea & Coffee	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare & Louise	————	Kathy, Frances & Sue