

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 25th February 2024

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustines Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham, TW2 6DE

2nd Sunday of Lent



Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”

– Mark 8:31-38

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 – Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16



Second Reading – Romans 4.13-25

Gospel Reading – Mark 8.31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Lent Study 2024 – Next Sessions on Thursday 29th February & Sunday 3rd March

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*)

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 5th March @ 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.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 10th March @ 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.

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 12th March @ 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.

Strollers – Next Walk on Thursday 14th March

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. We walk between 4 and 6 miles, aiming to include stops for coffee and lunch. We have members of differing ages and abilities, all of whom are welcome. *For further information, please contact pdewinton@aol.com.*

Messy Church – Saturday 16th March @ 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.

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 meet next on 15th March.

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

Richmond's Community Heroes Awards 2023 – Nominations close Monday 26th February 2024 @ 11.59 pm



The awards recognise the unsung heroes in our borough who go the extra mile to give back to their communities. Do you know a person, group or business who's helped to make Richmond upon Thames and their local community a better place, without expecting anything in return?

Help to give them the recognition they deserve. Nominate them today for the Richmond upon Thames Community Heroes Awards.

Shortlisted nominees will be announced in early spring 2024 and the awards event will be held on Thursday 16th May 2024. *For further information and to nominate visit richmond.gov.uk/community_heroes_awards.*

SEEN Job Advert: Prison Coordinator

SEEN in Twickenham is currently looking to recruit a Prison Coordinator. This role requires someone to work 10 hours a week. SEEN is a Christian charity providing unbiased health and relationship support and education, to young people and adults, and those facing any pregnancy loss or crisis.

Further information contact fay.hamilton@seen.charity or call 020 8892 8483

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 (*Cancelled on Friday 1st March*)

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, Chris Frazer, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter and Ann Cadogen.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: William Robins, Leonard Roe, Kenneth Saunders, Elsie Clabon, Irene Riddlesworth, Arthur Mander, John Ash, Norman Trimbee, Karen Dack, Nancy May, Mary Hepworth, Roddy Lang, Mavis Hammond, Eric Hopkins, Joyce Thurbon, Mary Raymond, Fr. Paul Topham, Sally Derry B.E.M., Norah Cockerill, George Hards and Leslie Boyes.

Diary Dates – February & March 2024		
Thu 29 th Feb	6.30 pm	Lent Study (at the Vicarage)
Fri 1 st Mar	10.30 am	World Day of Prayer Service (at St Mary's Church, Church Street, Twickenham)
Sat 2 nd Mar – Sun 3 rd Mar	—————	Richmond Music Festival
Sun 3 rd Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Lent
Tue 5 th Mar	10am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Thu 7 th Feb	6.30 pm	Lent Study (in the Vicarage)
Sun 10 th Mar	—————	Richmond Music Festival
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Mothering Sunday (4 th Sunday of Lent)
	12.00 pm	YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 12 th Mar	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
	7.00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting
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	CTiW Walk of Witness
	2.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy (incl. Veneration of the cross)
Sun 31 st Mar	6.00 am	Easter Vigil – Service of Light at Dawn w/ breakfast
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday

Service Duties for February & March 2024				
	<u>25/02/24</u>	<u>03/03/24</u>	<u>10/03/24</u>	<u>17/03/24</u>
Sidespersons	Rob, Connie & Frances	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham
First Reading	Dianne	Frances	Pauline	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church
Second Reading	Jay	Sue	Graham	
Intercessions	Graham	Dina	Dianne	
Screen & sound	Gill	Pauline	Mwila	Denzil
Tea & Coffee	Denzil & Maria	Harriet, Hilda & Barbara	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat