

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 26th March 2023

CHURCH NEWS

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

5th Sunday of Lent



Jesus Raises Lazarus from the dead:

“Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.” (John 11:43-44)

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. The themes of Lent include self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, almsgiving, and preparation for Easter. Ash Wednesday services set the tone for Lent, with a focus on penitence (saying sorry for and turning away from sin).

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 (or/and Lent Appeal), 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 – Ezekiel 37.1-14



The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Second Reading – Romans 8.6-11

Gospel Reading – John 11.1-45

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 9th April @2.00pm

On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Youth (students from Year 6 to 13) meet at 2.00pm 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 11th 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.

Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 18th April

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. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

Kensington Area Youth Event - Friday 21st April @7.00pm - 9.00pm at St Alban's Acton Green, W4 5LG

This event will feature well known comedian and 'Jesus dude' Paul Kerensa, who will perform a set and also take some Q&A. There will be an opportunity for young people and their leaders to meet Bishop Emma. And there will be plenty of food...

Tickets are £5 and to book please contact Martha on msakala07@yahoo.co.uk

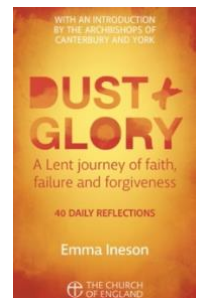
Kensington Area Youth Weekend – Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June, Oakwood Youth Challenge, Wokingham

This weekend, packed full of outdoor activities, fun, worship and exploring our faith, is for churches who don't run their own youth residentials. Cost is £130pp, some bursary funding will be available to those who may require financial assistance.

For further details and bursary application contact Fr John on: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com or call/WhatsApp: [07407 246686](tel:07407246686)

Lent Study 2023

During Lent study this year we shall use 'Dusty & Glory', a Lent resource written by the new Bishop of Kensington Episcopal Area, Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson. Copies are available in church for use in Home Groups as well as by individuals.



Home Groups

We have three homes that will host home groups starting shortly after Ash Wednesday (22nd February 2023). 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.

Details of the hosts the days are as follows:

- Fiona & John Wolsoncroft: Wednesday at 7.30pm
- Kay Alldridge: Thursday at 7.30pm
- Alwyn Williams: Friday at 11.00am
- Online Lent Study: Tuesday at 7.00pm. Zoom details – Meeting ID: 825 2830 0221 Passcode: 945273 ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))
- Youth Lent Study is every Sunday immediately after worship.

To sign up send your preference to WhatsApp Number [+44 7407 246686](tel:+447407246686) or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com

Lent Appeal 2023 – MANNA/ALMA

The Diocese of London is partnering with MANNA (Mozambique Angola Anglican Association) to raise money to train leaders in Mozambique who can provide pastoral care and support for those with trauma.



Our link parish of St Augustine, Mecanhelas sede, in Mozambique had their church partly destroyed and roof blown off by a storm, therefore need to rebuild and put a new roof. So, the collection will be shared between MANNA and ALMA (Angola London & Mozambique Association) to support these two causes.

To find out more or donate to the appeal visit: london.anglican.org/lentappeal2023

Revision of the Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll for our parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council beginning on Monday 27th March and ending on Friday 5th May.

The final Roll will be published on 7th May 2023, with a copy of the names only (data protection) displayed in the Narthex and church website. A full copy (with contact details) will be kept by the Electoral Roll Officer, Vicar, and Church Wardens. A copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Funeral Notices

Mrs Stella Cheng (Willem's mum)

Stella passed away recently, and she a crucial figure in Willem's life. Willem is a long-standing member of the church, and until recently (due to ill health) he was regularly attending Cornerstone and the Tuesday Communion service.

Stella's funeral is on 3rd April at 11.00 at the South West Middlesex Crematorium on Hanworth Road. Those wishing to attend should contact the Vicar by Tuesday 28th March.

Fr John Wheeler

Fr John had a long life of service in parishes, and he was widely known through his work in Interregna, as well as St P's & St J's, he was also active in our parish. In the last few years, he lived at the Convent in Chiswick.

His funeral service will take place on Wed 5 April at 2pm at St Philip & St James, Whitton.

Mrs Iris Mary Osborne (30th January 2023)

Iris taught at bishop Perrin School for many years and was active in the Community Centre and local Guides and Brownies. Iris' daughter Linda would value if the funeral arrangements are passed on to Iris' former pupils.

The funeral takes place on Friday 14th April 2023, 12.40pm at South West Middlesex Crematorium - Ogden Chapel, on Hanworth Road.

Mrs Rosemary Styles (19th March 2023)

Rosemary was a loved and long standing member of St Augustine Church who contributed a lot to it's mission and ministry, and will be dearly missed.

Thanksgiving Service will take place in the church on 20th April 2023 at 11.45am followed by Committal at 1.00pm at the South West Middlesex Crematorium - Jamieson Chapel, on Hanworth Road.

Homelink Cake Sale Fundraiser – Wednesday 29th March – Saturday 1st April

Cakes and sweet treats will be available for sale at the following times:

- Wednesday 29th March (Lunch Club) – 12:00-3:45pm
- Thursday 30th & Friday 31st March – 9:45-10:30am and 2:45-3:45pm
- Friday 1st April (Carers Coffee Morning) – 10:30 – 12:30pm

If you are a baker and you would like to contribute cakes or sweet treats, please note that they need to be wrapped and all ingredients listed on the cake.

Health & Wellbeing Fair – Friday 31st March @ 12.30pm – 3.30pm; Whitton Community Centre, Percy Road, TW2 6JL

At this free community 'Health and Wellbeing Fair' there will be free food and refreshments, live music, a children's activity area and more. The focus of this event is - signposting and encouraging residents to take up vaccinations they are entitled to, pre-mental health support, using community pharmacies and cost of living support.

Music for Lenten Season Concert – Sunday 2nd April @ 7.00pm – 9.15pm; St Mark's Church Teddington, TW11 9DE

St Mark's Church Teddington is hosting a concert of Music for the Lenten Season. The Teddington Churches' Singers & Teddington Consort will be performing Choral and Orchestral pieces by Tallis, Byrd, Bach, Handel, Haydn, Faure & Tchaikovsky.

Tickets (£15, under 16s free) can be purchased by following this link:

stmarywithstalbanchurch.churchsuite.com/events/3ebbvagg

Embracing Age: Poetry Competition – Closing Date: Sunday 30th April

As a Christian charity working towards a world where older people are valued, connected and full of hope.

Embracing Age is running a poetry competition with the theme of "Hope in Ageing". The competition is open to anyone over the age of 50, the shortlisted poems will be published in an anthology and the winning poems will be read by Pam Rhodes on Premier Radio. *This is a national competition, and all the details are on the website embracingage.org.uk/poetry.*

Homelink: Warm Spaces Lunch – Every Wednesday @12.00-3.00pm



Homelink provides Warm Spaces Lunch each Wednesday from 12-3 pm. The lunch is free and will consist of a two-course meal and a hot drink for the older residents of the Borough of Richmond. The places are limited and can be booked through a dedicated phone line. Visit homelinkdaycare.co.uk for more information about the charity.

Whitton Playdays Group recruiting Help/Relief Staff

Whitton Playdays playgroup situated in St Augustine's Church Hall are looking for occasional help /relief staff to support existing team members. Preferably a candidate should have experience, an Early Years Qualification or equivalent and a current DBS. *For further information please contact the Manager, Julie Wild.*
Email: julieatplaydays1@hotmail.co.uk or Telephone [07956550726](tel:07956550726).

Social Housing Disrepairs Campaign

Multicultural Richmond and Ruils have teamed up to launch a powerful social housing disrepairs campaign. The campaign's main goals are:

- To work together with organisations that have tackled social housing disrepairs in the borough before
- To gather feedback from local residents – especially those who might not have had a chance to speak up yet, like people with long-term health conditions or where English is not their first language.

If you have been directly affected by a disrepair you can help shape the conversation by taking the survey linked here: surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VGXTHFL.

Or if you know someone who has been affected by a disrepair, please share this message with them.

Weekday Services

We have Morning Prayers every Friday at 10.00 and Holy Communion on the last Friday of each month.

The Tuesday worship service remains suspended until further notice.

Compline Service – Every Sunday @ 6.00pm

Join us for evening prayers in Church or via Zoom with the following details:

Meeting ID: 897 3613 1720 Passcode: 702310 ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))

For our Prayers



The many people perished and affected by the earthquake devastation in Turkey and Syria, for rescue efforts and safety of the survivors.

Peace and end of war in Ukraine and other places of conflict around the world.

Those who are sick and struggling: Jo Dale, Aiden Littrell, Jeremy Short, Anne Hickmott, Sister Eileen Caple, Willem Cheng, Richard, and Theresa Scriven and Anne Newman.

Recently Departed: Stella Cheng and Rosemary Styles

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Olive Linfield, Christina Crompton, Lily Gardiner, Alfred Mearing, Harold Hutchinson, Gabrielle Teader, Anthony Jackson, Andrew Slaughter, Joan Pike, Edward Gittings, Stephen Hood, Ethel Heppenstall, Annie Lees, Pam Cummins, Elsie Osborne, Vera Muir, Llewelyn Davies, Marjorie Symonds, Winifred Perrin, Angela Threshie, Roy Loader, Irene Ockendon, Winifred Puddick, Graham Mill and Elsie Owen.

Diary Dates – April 2023		
Tue 11 th April	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 16 th April	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Easter (All Age/Family Service)
Tue 18 th April	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Thu 20 th April	11.45 am	Rosemary Styles – Thanksgiving Service
Sun 23 rd April	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Easter
Sat 29 th April	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 30 th April	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 th Sunday of Easter
Sun 7 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Easter
Tue 9 th May	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Diary Dates – Lent & Easter 2023		
Sun 2 nd April	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 3 rd April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Tue 4 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Wed 5 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Thu 6 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (includes washing of feet)
Fri 7 th April	11.00 am 2.00 pm	CTiW Walk of Witness Good Friday Liturgy (includes the Veneration of the cross)
Sun 9 th April	6.00 am 10.00 am 2.00 pm	Easter Vigil – Service of Light @ Dawn with breakfast Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday YGT – Youth Get Together (@ Church Hall)

10.00 am Service Duties for March & April 2023			
	<u>26/03/23</u>	<u>02/04/23</u>	<u>09/04/23</u>
Sidespersons	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T	Gill G & Beryl L	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P
First Reading	Sue A	Francis T	Graham D
Second Reading	Jane D	Chris F	Pauline C
Intercessions	Rob D	Dina B	Dianne R
Screen & sound	Limbani K	Pauline C	Sue T
MC	Jane D	Jane D	Jane D
Crucifer	Roubina d W	Christine H	Roubina d W
Acolyte 1	Christine H	Michael B	_____
Acolyte 2	Michael B	Roubina d W	_____
Tea & Coffee	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T	Denzil D & Maria D