

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Monthly Edition – Sunday 3rd March 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

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Jesus Cleanses the Temple

“He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’”

– John 2:16

3rd Sunday of Lent

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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March 2024 Readings

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
03/03/24	Exodus 20.1-17	1 Corinthians 1.18-25	John 2.13-22
10/03/24	Exodus 2.1-10	2 Corinthians 1.3-7	Luke 2. 33-35
17/03/24	Jeremiah 31.31-34	Hebrews 5.5-10	John 12.20-33
24/03/24	Isaiah 50.4-9a	Philippians 2.5- 11	Mark 14.1-15.47 or Mark 15.1-39, (40-47)
31/03/24	Isaiah 25.6-9	Acts 10.34-43	Mark 16.1-8

A Word from the Vicar

Many will have received the news of my election to become the next Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Zambia.

As well as kind compliments many have expressed sadness at the prospect of my family and I's impending departure from the parish and people we have come to love and live with. We feel the same way as a family.

There are many unknowns both for this parish, ourselves and for the people in the Diocese of Northern Zambia, but one thing we must be sure of is that God is in absolute control of our situations.

My prayer is that as we all face the implications of this season of endings and beginnings, may God grant us grace and peace to stand in the knowledge that God will provide the best for us all so that the Gospel of His love is lived out in and through us all and to the glory of His name.

Archdeacon Richard will be at hand to be with us throughout the period of vacancy until a new incumbent is appointed.

For now, let us celebrate our life together in honouring God for time we are left with until we leave.

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.

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 meet next on 15th March.

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:

www.london.anglican.org/articles/episcopal-appointment-for-the-diocese-of-northern-zambia/

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

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Marcus Barrett, Janet Mouny, Theresa Hood, Celia Bainbridge, Cara Douglas Lane, Alice Bush, Hector Clark, Rosie Gregory, Gloria Deborah, Janie McClellan, Alice Elder, Mabel Bengé, David Parsons, Paul Hawkins, Ian McGinnis, Stella Cheng, Kathleen Mearing, Emily Stone, Peter Richardson, Edward Knudson, Dorothy Howell and Roger Hills. Stone, Peter Richardson, Edward Knudson, Dorothy Howell and Roger Hills.

Diary Dates – March 2024		
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
Thu 14 th Mar	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
	6.30 pm	Lent Study (in the Vicarage)
Sat 16 th Mar	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 17 th Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Lent (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	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 March 2024				
	<u>03/03/24</u>	<u>10/03/24</u>	<u>17/03/24</u>	<u>24/03/24</u>
Sidespersons	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie & Frances
First Reading	Frances	Pauline	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	—————
Second Reading	Sue	Graham		—————
Intercessions	Dina	Dianne		Vicki
Screen & sound	Pauline	Mwila	Denzil	Alwyn
Tea & Coffee	Harriet, Hilda & Barbara	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare & Louise