

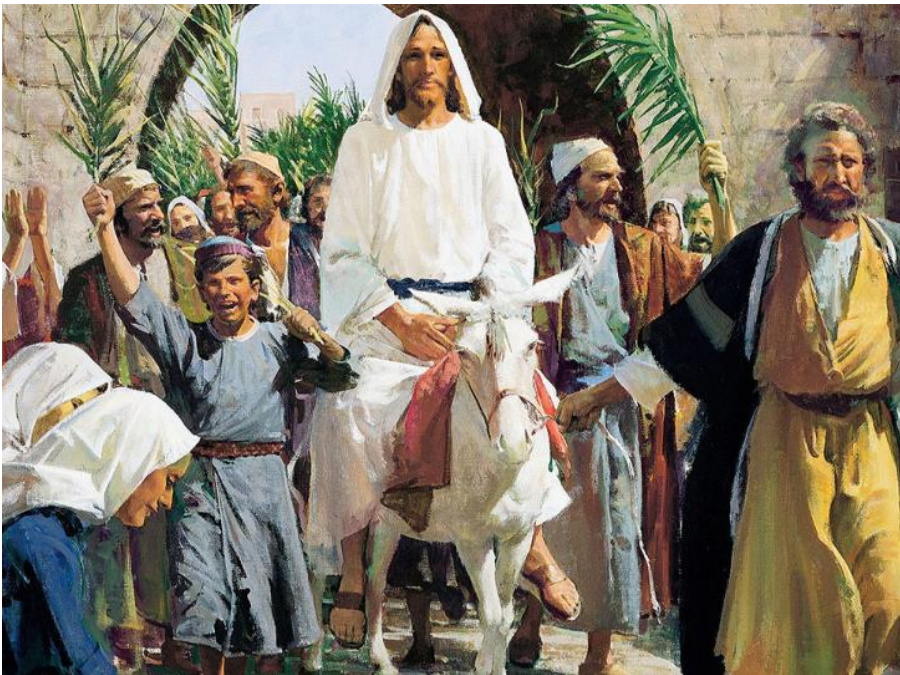
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 24th March 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The feast day is a week before Easter and commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Week is a very central part of the 40-day Lenten Season as it allows us to enter into the inner experience of Jesus Christ during what ordinarily would be the darkest period of Jesus' ministry and yet a very important part of human redemption. While we are all looking forward to Easter, but we must first take time to experience Holy Week and the challenging message that comes with it, then we can appreciate Easter even more.

This Holy week, you are all invited to the various worship events being held, details can be found in Diary Dates on Page 4.



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First Reading – Isaiah 50.4-9a



The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Second Reading – Philippians 2.5-11

Gospel Reading – Mark 11.1-11

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.

Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 16th April

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, as we aim for fellowship combined with mild exercise in pleasant surroundings. *For further information, please contact pdewinton@aol.com.*

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.

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)

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, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter and Ann Cadogen.

Recently Departed: Amy Maddocks

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Graham Gibb, Kenneth Barton, Phyllis Okell, Walter Chapman, Francis Brown, Lee De Lima, Eluned Williams, Nellie Keeley, Olive Linfield, Christina Crompton, Lily Gardiner, Alfred Mearing, Harold Hutchinson, Gabrielle Teader, Anthony Jackson, Andrew Slaughter, Joan Pilke, Edward Gittings, Stephen Hood, Ethel Heppenstall, Annie Lees, Pam Cummings, Elsie Osborne, Vera Muir, Llewellyn Davies, Marjorie Symonds, Winifred Perrin, Angela Threshie and Roy Loader.

Diary Dates – April 2024		
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)
Sat 27 th Apr	TBC 2.30 pm	Strollers Group Outing Afternoon Teas with Craft
Sun 28 th Apr	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Easter
Diary Dates – Lent & Easter 2024		
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>24/03/24</u>	<u>31/03/24</u> <i>(Easter Dawn @ 6am)</i>	<u>31/03/24</u> <i>(Easter @ 10am)</i>
Sidespersons	Rob, Connie & Frances	TBC	Gill & Beryl
First Reading	—	Fiona	Joseph
Second Reading	—	John	Connie
Intercessions	Vicki	Dianne	Graham
Screen & sound	Alwyn	Sue	Pauline
Tea & Coffee	Jack, Clare & Louise	—	Kathy, Frances & Sue