

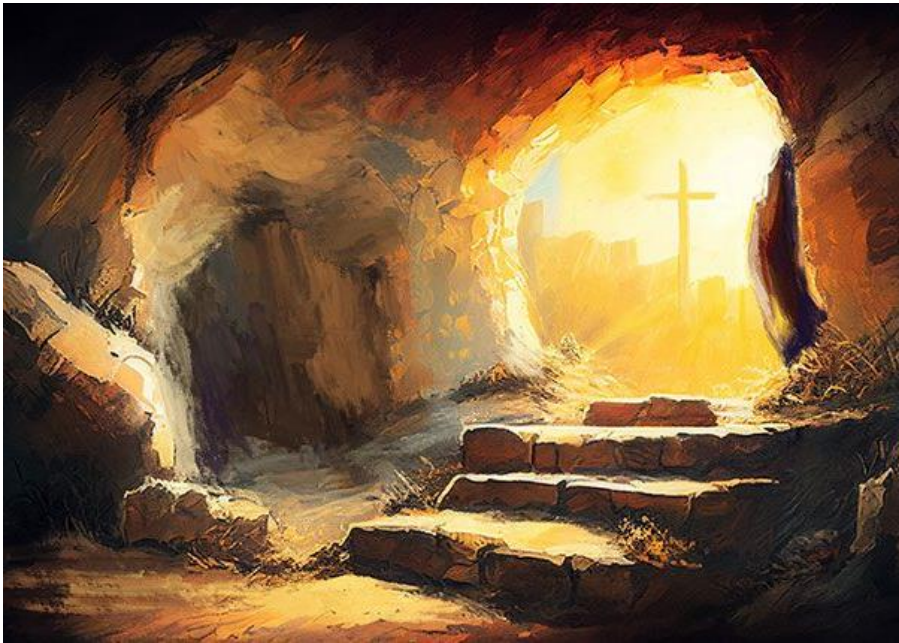
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 31st March 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

Easter Sunday



The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

"As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.'" – Mark 16.5-6

Alleluia Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed Alleluia. Easter emerged from the shadows of anguish, fear, violence, pain, suffering and death but none of these had the final say. So, we celebrate Easter as the triumph of light over darkness, life over death, peace over violence, hope over fear, and love over hatred. Easter is the Good News (in fact the best news) for the world. Let us therefore celebrate Easter in the knowledge that Jesus guarantees forgiveness, reconciliation, peace, hope, and love. Happy blessed Easter to all.



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First Reading – Isaiah 25.6-9



Second Reading – Acts 10.34-43

Gospel Reading – Mark 16.1-8

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).

Vicar on Leave

The vicar will be on leave from 1st to 9th of April and expected back for the Sunday service on 14th April. *For any pastoral needs please contact the Church Wardens (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. 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.

Recently Departed: Amy Maddocks

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Irene Ockendon, Winifred Puddick, Graham Mill, Elsie Owen, Dora Page, Nina Derrington, Barbara Gregory, George Butcher, Paul Turner, Richard Parker, Siriol Williams, Irene Dawe, Betty Cridge, Doris Trimble, Matilda John, Ronald Hesling, Fernande Clayton, Grace Hawkins, Leslie Roberts, John Wye, Gertrude Smith, Leslie Turland, William Lloyd, David Tew, Vera Williamson and Peter Buckmaster.

Diary Dates – April & May 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	Cornerstone
	7.00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Sun 14 th Apr	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Easter
	12.00 pm	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	Strollers Group Outing
	2.30 pm	Afternoon Tea with Craft
Sun 28 th Apr	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Easter
Sun 5 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 6 th Sunday of Easter
Tue 7 th May	10am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Thu 9 th May	7.00 pm	Ascension Day Service
Sun 12 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 7 th Sunday of Easter
	12.00 pm	YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 14 th May	2.30 pm	Cornerstone
Wed 15 th May	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 18 th May	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 19 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Pentecost Sunday (All Age/Family Service)
	11.15 am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APMC)

Service Duties for March & April 2024				
	<u>31/03/24</u> (Easter Dawn @ 6am)	<u>31/03/24</u> (Easter @ 10am)	<u>07/04/24</u>	<u>14/04/24</u>
Sidespersons	—————	Gill & Beryl	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald
First Reading	Fiona	Joseph	John	Kathy
Second Reading	John	Connie	Fiona	Patricia
Intercessions	Dianne	Graham	Kathy	Alwyn
Screen & sound	Sue	Pauline	Mwila	Gill
Tea & Coffee	—————	Kathy, Frances & Sue	Harriet, Hilda & Barbara	Denzil & Maria