

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 10th March 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

Mothering Sunday – 4th Sunday of Lent



Mothering Sunday falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday. Celebrated (since the Middle Ages) in the United Kingdom, Ireland and some Commonwealth countries, Mothering Sunday marked a day when Christians visited their mother church — the church in which they were baptised, and thus became "a child of the church".

Today, Mothering Sunday has largely become a Sunday we honour Mothers and Women generally for their role in being pillars of families and communities. We wish mothers and all women a very happy and blessed Mothering Sunday.



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First Reading – Exodus 2.1-10



Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Gospel Reading – Luke 2. 33-35

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

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; Meet @ 9.50am at Whitton Train Station

Weather and train strikes permitting, this outing will be to Laleham. The walk will begin in Staines and continue along the river to Laleham then back. Please bring a picnic lunch and come to Whitton Station for the 10.00am service to Staines.

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.

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.

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.

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](#).*

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

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Harvey Springfield, Betty England, Fred Jacob, William Davis, Frank Crabtree, Les Stock, Ronald Chick, Beryl Templeman, Malcolm Simpson, Percival Page, Geoffrey Ledger, Irene Westwood, Elaine Austin, Renate Warburg, Joyce Glassops, Penny Wild, Win Ives, George Huffer, Albert Perry, Edith Davidson, Brenda Farmer, Arthur Spikings, Mary Kessack, Dorothy Coombs, Dorothy Kerlake and David Dunk.

Diary Dates – March & April 2024		
Tue 12 th Mar	2.30 pm 7.00 pm	Cornerstone (in church) Standing Committee Meeting
Thu 14 th Mar	9.50 am 6.30 pm	Strollers Group Outing 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)
Tue 19 th Mar	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting
Thu 21 st Feb	6.30 pm	Lent Study (in the Vicarage)
Sat 23 rd Mar	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
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
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 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>10/03/24</u>	<u>17/03/24</u>	<u>24/03/24</u>	<u>31/03/24</u> (Easter @ 10am)
Sidespersons	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie & Frances	Gill & Beryl
First Reading	Pauline	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	—	Joseph
Second Reading	Graham		—	Connie
Intercessions	Dianne		Vicki	Graham
Screen & sound	Mwila	Denzil	Alwyn	Pauline
Tea & Coffee	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare & Louise	Kathy, Frances & Sue