

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 23rd February 2025

CHURCH NEWS

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

2nd Sunday Before Lent



Luke 8.22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.

They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm.

He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



St Augustine's Church,
Whitton, in Vacancy

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Electoral Roll Renewal in 2025 - A Message from the Electoral Roll Officer and the PCC

The Electoral Roll is our parish's register of electors who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC. The number of people on the roll can determine the number of lay people allowed to be on the PCC but makes no difference to the amount we pay the Diocese. Additionally, the number of electors determines how many representatives a parish can return to the Deanery Synod. The Church Electoral Roll must be kept accurately, to achieve accuracy the Roll is revised annually and the new Roll is reported at the APCM.

Every sixth year, instead of a revision, a completely new Roll has to be prepared. In 2025 it will be necessary to prepare a new Roll.

To complete this process everyone currently on the Roll will be contacted in due course.

APCM Meeting Date

St Augustine's Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Sunday 11th May immediately following our 10am service.

Messy Church and Sunday School

The next Sunday School will be on 9th March.

The future dates for the Messy Church are 23rd March, 20th April and 27th April.

Parents feel that it would be better to hold the Messy Church on the 4th Sunday in the month as the current arrangement always coincides with the half term and end of term holidays. Whilst we are short of resources, we aim to have Messy Church and Sunday School as often is possible. Please check the website and the Church News for future announcements.

Whitton Woollies Wednesdays on 26th February

We are a friendly group of knitters and crocheters who meet to chat, share ideas, and produce post box toppers and decorations for the local area. You may have noticed our yarn bombing of the High Street for Christmas! All ages and levels of skills are welcome to come along. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Church Hall and the 2nd Thursday of each month from 3.00pm – 5.00pm at the Community Centre. Our first evening meeting last week was a great success, and we welcomed six new members. For more information, speak to Gill or have a look at the Whitton Woollies Facebook page. Forthcoming dates are: Wednesdays on February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd, May 28th and Thursdays on February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th

Day of Prayer 2025 Friday 7th March @ 11:30

Prayer Focus "I made you Wonderful" based on Psalm 139:14, prepared by the women of the Cook Islands

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" and is celebrated annually in over 120 countries. On the first Friday in March the Day of Prayer begins on the international dateline, in Samoa. Early in the morning, Christian women begin praying for our world. As the earth rotates, a great wave of prayer begins to build. It sweeps across the Pacific, touching Fiji and New Zealand, rolling on through Asia: Japan, the Philippines, Korea and Bangladesh. The countries of Africa, and the Middle East are next. The wave reaches the shores of Europe as the day dawns there. Across the Atlantic, it moves onwards, the Caribbean, the Americas and on to the Pacific again until the sun finally sets over American Samoa where the final service takes place. A worldwide circle of prayer is complete.

St Augustine's Art Group – 22nd March at 10:00 am

Once a month on a Saturday come and join our friendly, long standing, Art Group at St Augustine's Church Hall to learn to paint and draw in all mediums with a qualified teacher, no experience is necessary. Classes are £10 per session or £80 for a year. The next class is on 22nd March and thereafter 26th April, 31st May and 28th June. The dates for the rest of the year will be announced soon. Please speak to Sue Thornton if interested.

Movement and Meditation – Returns on Thursday 27th March @10.00am -11.00am

Movement and Meditation will be returning to St Augustine's, with the goal of giving support for wellbeing

and nourishment for spiritual life. Sessions will include guided mindfulness meditation, gentle exercise, creative reflection through words and movement, and time to rest.

To enquire, please email Rachel Michael at rmmichael2010@gmail.com or phone: 07773 298426.

Walsingham Mass and Pilgrimage to Walsingham 29th March @9:30am

The next monthly Mass of Our Lady is on 29th March at St Mary's Sunbury followed by breakfast at the Flower Pot. The following services will be as follows, 26th April and 31st May at St Augustine's, 28th June at St Mary's Sunbury, 26th July at St Augustine's. Mass of our Lady will not be held in August and resume on 27th September at St Augustine's, 25th October at St Mary's, 29th November at St Augustine's.

Pilgrims from St Augustine and St Mary's Sunbury will be visiting the Shrine from the 18th to 20th July. The deadline to apply is 28th February. If you are interested to join the pilgrims, please speak to Jane Derry, Roubina de Winton or Fiona Wolsoncroft

February Retiring Collection - British Epilepsy Association

Sponsored by Graham Dale - Epileptic seizures are caused by abnormal activity in the brain which can be due to many possible causes such as genetic factors, brain damage, even drug or alcohol abuse. And there are in the UK over 630,000 people suffering from epilepsy, roughly 1 in 100, and over 50m worldwide. The British Epilepsy Association, working name – Epilepsy Action, fund research into causes of epilepsy and provide on-line support to those caring for sufferers. They provide advice for parents, employers, carers and school staff. They also run a helpline and a befriending service. Research aims to more understand the causes of epilepsy and develop new treatments. Research is ongoing in many areas including brain development, genetics and brain activity. So hopefully you can see that donations to British Epilepsy Association / Epilepsy Action can help to make a significant difference to people that suffer from epilepsy. Thank you

Bishops Lent Appeal and Our Retiring Collection for March and April is 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.

Kensington Area Youth Weekend - 20-22 June 2025 at Oakwood Youth Challenge Wokingham

The weekend runs from supper on Friday evening through to just after lunch on the Sunday. As in previous years, it is a mix of adventurous activities run by Oakwood instructors, our own craft/games/challenge activities and times of worship, teaching and discussion.

Different leaders are involved in leading the sessions and the teaching/worship. We're mindful that different churches are represented and endeavour to reflect this in our worship, celebrating our unity as the family of God whilst using varied styles of worship during the weekend. Please speak to The churchwarden, Sue or Roubina if interested to participate.



For our Prayers Please pray that the Holy spirit will open the heart of the right person and guide them to serve us and St Augustine's as our new vicar and for peace and end of war in Syria, Israel-Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Ukraine, Sudan, and other places of conflict around the world. In Jesus Name.

Those who are sick and struggling :Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Richard and Theresa Scriven, Anne Newman, Lucy Brooks, Emily Adams, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter, Ann Cadogan, Lyn Watts, Boyce and Millicent, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Kay Alldridge, Jenny Jones, Wyn, and Cheryl.

Recently departed:

Chris Fraser and Hazel Foster

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of**(23)** Leonard Cooper (02), Beryl Ashton (05), Marjorie Payne (07), Dolly Markham (07), Ronald Reakes (16)**(24)** Evelyn Nash (11)**(25)** William Robins (76), Leonard Roe, Kenneth Saunders (07), Elsie Clabon (08), Irene Riddlesworth (12)**(26)** Arthur Mander (62), John Ash (15), Norman Trimbee (17)**(27)** Vilien Vallis (06), Karen Dack (11)**(28)** Nancy May, Mary Hepworth (01), Roddy Lang (03), Mavis Hammond (22)**(29)** Eric Hopkins (04)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Tues 25 th Feb	9:15am	Bishop Perrin Year 2, School visit
Wed 26 th Feb	7:00pm	Whitton Woollies – Meet at Church Hall
Fri 28 th Feb	10:00am	Said Eucharist service
Sun 2 nd March	10:00am	Parish Eucharist Service taken by Fr Gary Piper
Tues 4 th March	9:15am	Bishop Perrin Year 1, School visit
Tues 4 th March	11.00am	Pray and Reflection
Wed 5 th March	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service taken by Revd Canon Miles Baker
Fri 7 th March	10:00am	Said Eucharist service
Fri 7 th March	11:30am	World Day of Prayer held at St Augustine’s
Sun 9 th March	10:00am	Parish Eucharist Service taken by Fr Julian Reindorp
Sun 9 th March	10:00am	Sunday School
Tues 11 th March	2:30pm	Cornerstone Cafe
Tues 11 th March	7:00pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Fri 14 th March	10:00am	Said Eucharist service
Sun 16 th March	10:00am	Parish Eucharist Service taken by Fr Jonathan Rust
Tues 18 th March	7:00pm	PCC Meeting
Sat 22 nd March	9:30am	Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham (at St Mary’s Sunbury)
Sat 22 nd March	10:00am	St Augustine’s Art Group
Sun 23 rd March	10am	Parish Eucharist Service taken by Fr Julian Reindorp
Sun 23 rd March	10am	Messy Church
Wed 26 th March	7:00pm	Whitton Woollies – Meet at Church Hall
Thurs 27 th March	10am – 11am	Movement and Meditation
Fri 28 th March	10:00am	Said Eucharist service
Sun 30 th March	10:00am	Mothering Sunday -Parish Eucharist Service taken by Fr Gary Piper