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| **ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON**    **Sunday 30th March 2025** |
| **CHURCH NEWS** |
| **St. Augustine’s Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham, TW2 6DE** |

***4th Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday***

Luke 2:34 - "And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;"

Please depict a biblical scene from Luke 2:34: Simeon, an elderly man, is blessing a newborn baby, conveying the idea that this child will bring about the downfall and subsequent rise of many in Israel. Simeon is speaking to the baby's mother, Mary, who is holding the infant and listening intently. There is an ominous prophecy sign present in the scene. While weaving this narrative, consider aspects of pre-1912 artwork for inspiration such as use of chiaroscuro, intense emotions, and classical compositions. The scene should be rendered in the style of digital art.

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**Luke 2.33-35**

And the childs 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

A reminder that the deadline for submitting completed ER forms is the **20th April 2025.**

**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. If you would like to find out about the PCC and its function within our church or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to Sue Thornton PCC Lay Chair or Pauline Churchman PCC Secretary.

**Foundation Governor for Bishop Perrin**

The PCC is please to announce that Clare Melia has been elected to the role of Foundation Governor at Bishop Perrin school.

**Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 1st April @11:00 am**

The prayer and reflection pre-Easter service will consist of Bible readings, hymns, clarinet duets and prayers with the theme very much based on Holy Week

**Messy Church and Sunday School Future Dates**

The future dates for Sunday Schools are 6th April and 4th May

The future dates for the Messy Church are 20th April and 27th April.

**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.

**VE Day** **Celebrations – May**

To Mark VE day we are creating a cascade of poppies to be draped from the balcony above the main door of our church to the ground level. If you are able to knit or crotchet red poppies, we would like to incorporate them in the cascade. This together with a Tommy silhouette will be used to mark future Remembrance Sundays.

We are also planning a parish celebration on **10th May**, more details to follow.

**Walsingham Mass Saturday 26thApril at 9:30**

The next monthly Mass of Our Lady is on Saturday 26thApril at St Augustine’s followed by breakfast at Squires. The services for the remainder of the year are as 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 will resume on 27th September at St Augustine’s, 25th October at St Mary’s, 29th November at St Augustine’s.

**St Augustine’s Art Group Next Session – 26th April** **at 10:00 am**

The next class is on 26th April and thereafter 31st May and 28th June. The dates for the rest of the year will be announced soon. Classes are £10 per session or £80 for a year. Please speak to Sue Thornton if interested.

**The Dorcas Group**

The group has been going for some years making many of the banners hanging in church. They meet every Wednesday, if you are interested, please speak to Jane Derry, Sue Thornton or Roubina

**Our Prayers**

We ask for peace in Ukraine and pray that the negotiations bring fair and just outcome to the people of Ukraine. We pray for the release of the hostages held in Gaza and hope that a peaceful solution can be found for all in the Middle East. In Jesus Name, Amen.



**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, Cheryl, Gretta Martin and Derek Dawson, Debbie Grohman.

**Recently departed:**

**This week we remember the anniversary of the death of**

**(30)** Winifred Perrin (08), Angela Threshie (11), Roy Loader (16)

**(31)** Irene Ockendon (75), Winifred Puddick (04), Graham Mill (06)

**April**

**(1)** Elsie Owen (70)

**(2)** Dora Page (81), Nina Derrington (79), Barbara Gregory (07), George Butcher (10)

**(3)** Paul Turner (69), Richard Parker, Siriol Williams (78), Irene Dawe (95), Betty Cridge (96),

Doris Trimble (05), Matilda John (06), Ronald Hesling (08), Fernande Clayton (11),

Grace Hawkins (17)

**(4)** Leslie Roberts (13), John Wye (18)

**(5)** Gertrude Smith, Leslie Turland (16)

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| **Diary Dates – At a Glance** | | |
| Tues 1st April | 11:00am | Prayer & Reflection |
| Thurs 3rd April | 10:30am -11:30am | Bishop Perrin Easter Service |
| Fri 4th April | 10:00am | Said Eucharist – Fr Gary Piper |
| Sun 6th April | 10:00am | Passion Sunday Parish Eucharist – Rev’d Helen Calner |
|  |  | Sunday School |
| Fri 11th April | 10:00am | Said Eucharist – Fr Gary Piper |
| Sun 13th April | 10:00am | Palm Sunday Parish Eucharist – Fr Julian Reindorp |
| Mon 14th April | 7:00pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Tues 15th April | 7:00pm | Stations of the Cross |
| Wed 16th April | 7:30pm | Said Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross |
| Thurs 17th April | 7:00pm | Maundy Thursday – Fr Julian Reindorp |
| Fri 18th April | 11:00am | Walk of Witness – Meet at the Junction of Percy Road and Montrose Avenue |
| Fri 18th April | 2:00pm | Good Friday – Fr Julian Reindorp |
| Sat 19th April | 8:00pm | Easter Vigil – Fr Jonathan Rust |
| Sun 20th April | 10:00am | Easter Sunday – Archdeacon Richard Frank |
| Fri 25th April |  | Church will be closed |
| Sun 27th April | 10:00am | Service of the Word |