|  |
| --- |
| **ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON**  **Sunday 2nd March 2025** |
| **CHURCH NEWS** |
| **St. Augustine’s Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham, TW2 6DE** |

***Sunday Next Before Lent***



|  |
| --- |
|  |
| **St Augustine’s Church, Whitton, in Vacancy** |
| **Churchwardens** |
| **Roubina de Winton**  07932 526 946  [roubinadewinton@gmail.com](mailto:roubinadewinton@gmail.com) |
| **Sue Thornton**  07939 129293  [suethornton101@gmail.com](mailto:suethornton101@gmail.com) |
| **Junior & Youth Ministry Leaders** |
| Patricia S, Hildah and Sian |
| **Safeguarding Officer** |
| **Gill Gooding**  07743 708379 [staugustine.whitton.safeguarding@hotmail.com](mailto:staugustine.whitton.safeguarding@hotmail.com) |
| **General Details** |
| 07440 597718  [staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com](mailto:staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com)  [www.st-augustine-of-canterbury-](http://www.st-augustine-of-canterbury-whitton.org/) [whitton.org](http://www.st-augustine-of-canterbury-whitton.org/) |
| Hiring of Church Hall contact Sue Thornton  07939 129293 |
| Charity number  1134957 |

**Luke 9.28-36**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’-not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’

When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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**

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.

**Retiring Collection in February for British Epilepsy Association** raised £150.

**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.

**Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 4th March @ 11.00am – 12.00pm**

This is a monthly meeting which takes place in the 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.

**Ash Wednesday Service – 5th March at 7pm**

**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.

**Messy Church and Sunday School – Next Sunday School is 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.

**Strollers , next outing Thursday 13th March**

Weather permitting, the Strollers will be going to walk the Grand Union Canal in north west/west London, starting at the Kensal Green Cemetery and finishing at Little Venice.

They will catch the Overground (now known as the Mildmay Line) to Willesden Junction from Richmond then walk the length of the Cemetery with a coffee stop just before joining the canal. We'll then walk the Towpath via Westbourne Green (lunch stop) to Little Venice, about 4.5 miles in total. Return is via Bakerloo line from Warwick Avenue and Mildmay line.

The Strollers will catch the 950 train so let’s meet at the station at 940. Please bring a picnic lunch

**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.

**Whitton Woollies in the Church Hall is on Wednesdays on 26th March**

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 March 26th, April 23rd, May 28th and Thursdays on March 13th,April 10th,May 8th.

**Movement and Meditation – Returns on Thursday 27th March @10.00am -11.00am**Movement and Mediation 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](mailto: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, 26thApril 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.

**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, Cheryl and Pope Francis

**Recently departed:**

Chris Fraser and Hazel Foster

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

**(1)** Joyce Thurbon, Mary Raymond, Fr. Paul Topham (12), Sally Derry B.E.M. (14)

**(2)** Norah Cockerill (74), George Hards (04), Leslie Boyes (08)

**(3)** Marcus Barrett (04), Janet Mounty (10), Theresa Hood (22)

**(4)** Celia Bainbridge (19), Cara Douglas Lane

**(5)** Alice Bush (47), Hector Clark, Rosie Gregory (01), Gloria Deborah (07)

**(6)** Janie McClellan (93), Alice Elder (14)

**(7)** Mabel Benge (68), David Parsons, Paul Hawkins, Ian McGinnis (20), Stella Cheng (23)

**(8)** Kathleen Mearing (09) Emily Stone (09) Peter Richardson (15)

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