

**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON**  
**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

# Church NEWS

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

## **Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**



The Presentation of Christ to the temple, also known as Candlemas, is celebrated on the 2nd of February, 40 days after Christmas. This commemorates the occasion when the Virgin Mary, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem for purification 40 days after the birth of her son and to present him to God as her firstborn.

On this day Jesus is celebrated as the Light to the World, and from the late 4th century in Jerusalem, people would hold lighted candles, and later candles were blessed in the church for later use, hence Candlemas.



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Hiring of Church Hall – contact  
Sue Thornton

Charity number:  
1134957

**First Reading – Malachi 3.1-5**

**Second Reading – Hebrews 2.14-end**

**Gospel Reading – Luke 2.22-40**



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**Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February @2.00pm**

On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Youth (students from Year 6 to 13) meet at 2.00pm 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.*

**Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February @ 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 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

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. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

## **Home Groups**

Home Groups are due to begin this Lent, February 2023. Home groups provide opportunity for fellowship, to study scriptures and reflect together, to support one other and can also be a springboard for church growth.

If you are happy and willing to host a 'home group' and/or want to know more contact Fr John. There will be a briefing and planning meeting with Home Group hosts on Wednesday 1st February at 7.00pm.

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## **January & February Retiring Collection – Homelink**



Homelink, registered as St. Augustine's Community Care Trust was established in 1997 through fundraising and dedication of St Augustine's congregation. Its aim is to give carers a well-earned day's respite, secure in the knowledge that the person they look after is receiving care of the very highest standard.

Homelink provides a happy and vibrant environment where people can enjoy each other's company through stimulating activities including discussion groups, music, virtual reality and creative pursuits, leaving carers free to have a break from what can be an exhausting and stressful daily routine. This is a vital support to carers in desperate need of respite, which in turn leads to reduced isolation and an overall improvement in wellbeing.

### **Homelink: Warm Spaces Lunch – Every Wednesday @12.00-3.00pm**

Starting from 11th January Homelink will provide Warm Spaces Lunch each Wednesday from 12-3. The lunch is free and will consist of a two course meal and a hot drink for the older residents of the Borough of Richmond. The places are limited and can be booked through a dedicated phone line.

Visit [homelinkdaycare.co.uk](http://homelinkdaycare.co.uk) for more information about the charity.

### **Embracing Age Job Advert: Richmond Care Home Friends co-ordinator – Application Close Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Embracing Age, a Christian charity based in East Twickenham are recruiting. Do you share in their heart to see a world where older people are valued, connected and full of hope? If so, you could be the person they are looking for to co-ordinate Care Home Friends across the Borough of Richmond. It's part time, 15 hours a week, flexible working. *For the full job description and to apply – visit [embracingage.org.uk/richmond-co-ordinator](http://embracingage.org.uk/richmond-co-ordinator).*

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### **Weekday Services**

We now have Morning Prayers every Friday at 10.00 and Holy Communion on the last Friday of the month from January 2023.

The Tuesday worship service remains suspended until further notice.

### **Compline Service – Every Sunday @ 6.00pm**

Join us for evening prayers in Church or via Zoom with the following details:

*Meeting ID: 897 3613 1720 Passcode: 702310 ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))*

### **For our Prayers**



Peace and end of war in Ukraine and other places of conflict around the world.

Those who are sick and struggling: Jo Dale, Stella Cheng, Aiden Littrell, Jeremy Short, Rosemary Styles, Anne Hickmott, Sister Eileen Caple, Willem Cheng, Gwilym Jones, James Derry, Rebecca and, Richard and Teresa Scriven.

Recently Departed: Berni Goodsell, John Edser and Kay Claxton.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Carolyn Hedworth, Marisa Wenderlish, Edwin Johnson, Nell Brunskill, Joseph Jacobs, Victoria Hayward, Carol Elliman, Mary Ponder, Mary Thorpe, Stanley Weeks, Peter Gilbert, George Bartle, Myrtle Mattis, Amy Daws, Marjorie Pentelow, Margaret Wenham, Peter Congdon, Gertrude Olding, Donald Cosh, Irene Grimes, Robert Price, Gladys Elking and Gladys Sparling.

<b>Diary Dates – February 2023</b>		
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent YGT – Youth Get Together (@ Church Hall)
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Sunday before Lent (All Age/Family Service)
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
<b>Diary Dates – Lent &amp; Easter 2023</b>		
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (includes washing of feet)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00 am 2.00 pm	CTiW Walk of Witness Good Friday Liturgy (includes the Veneration of the cross)
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00 am 10.00 am	Easter Vigil – Service of Light @ Dawn with breakfast Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday

### 10.00 am Service Duties for February 2023

	<u>05/02/23</u>	<u>12/02/23</u>	<u>19/02/23</u>
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Gill G & Beryl L	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B
<b>First Reading</b>	Fiona W	Gill G	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church
<b>Second Reading</b>	Martha K	Jo D	
<b>Intercessions</b>	Vicki P	Graham D	
<b>Screen &amp; sound</b>	Alwyn W	Roubina d W	Pauline C
<b>MC</b>	Jane D	Jane D	Jane D
<b>Crucifer</b>	Christine H	Christine H	Charles D
<b>Acolyte 1</b>	Michael B	Simon	Roubina d W
<b>Acolyte 2</b>	Roubina d W	James	Michael B
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Rene K, Marie C & Pauline C	Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P