

# ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## CHURCH NEWS

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

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity



The Labourers in the Vineyard

(Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard – by Johann Christian Brand)

‘Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” – Matthew 20:15-16

The Season of Trinity celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We give thanks for what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done in creating and accomplishing salvation for humanity and the whole creation.

The Trinity expresses the way we relate to, experience and worship God; we remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter and strength. Celebrating Trinity Sunday after Pentecost also allows the Church to further reflect on the mystery of God after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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**First Reading – Exodus 16.2-15**

**Second Reading – Philippians 1.21-end**

**Gospel Reading – Matthew 20.1-16**



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## **A Word from the Vicar**

“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”

On face value the landowner in the Gospel story comes across as an unfair employer who exploited the workers who worked long hours.

However, this story is about the generosity of God, the generosity of God that is beyond human fairness, and where:

- all receive the same reward, the same amount of God’s generous love,
- every person has the same value, the status we give to others or ourselves does not count,
- all are equal, both nobles and commoners have a seat at the same one table.

Here, no one is too late, no one is unworthy, and no one is on their own because God does care and wants everyone to get the same full benefits of His generous love.

This is a call to how we must treat others, with the Devine generosity that equalises, because before God we are recipients of God’s generous gift of love that none of us deserves, and yet God treats us as if we deserve. Amen.

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**Strollers – Next Walk on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September; meet @ 09.40am at Whitton Train Station**

This outing, weather and train strike permitting will be in Windsor Great Park. The current forecast is for light rain so robust footwear is recommended. Please bring a picnic lunch and meet at Whitton Station for the 09.57 am service to Windsor and Eton Riverside.

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. We have members of differing ages and abilities, all of whom are welcome. *Please contact [pdewinton@aol.com](mailto:pdewinton@aol.com) for further information.*

**Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October @ 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.

*For more information, please contact the vicar by email or phone.*

## **Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October @ 2.00pm**

On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Youth (students from Year 5 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 10<sup>th</sup> October @ 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.

## **Messy Church – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm**

Messy Church brings together children (age 0-8) and their parents every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Come and have fun!

## **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 (@7.00pm) will meet next in October on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11.00am) will meet next in October on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

*For further details and to sign up, contact Fr John on:*

*WhatsApp Number +44 7407 246686 or email: [vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com](mailto:vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com)*

## **Hampton Deanery Clergy Licensing**

Please pray for the Rev'd Simon Couper to be installed as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Twickenham Green on 17<sup>th</sup> of October.

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## **White Ribbon Walk – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September @ 2.00pm; Starting from Whitton Community Centre (Whitton Corner Pharmacy)**

The White Ribbon Charity through this event hope to raise awareness of the issue of violence against women and girls and encourage others to take a stand.

The walk will be through the Highstreet, past the Railway Station and Library and ending at Murray Park and should take no longer than an hour from start to finish including speeches.



## Age UK Richmond – Dementia Support

Age UK Richmond have made available a new **Dementia Support webpage**. The aim of this page is to gather together some of the specific information and support that is available for local people living with dementia, their families and carers.



There are various dementia friendly activities available in Richmond including Hello Hampton Coffee Morning, Dementia friendly Golf session at Strawberry Hill Golf Course, Allotment open morning with gardening tips, taster session and light refreshments, and Creative workshops.

For more details visit the new webpage at [ageuk.org.uk/richmonduponthames/get-involved/dementia-support/](https://ageuk.org.uk/richmonduponthames/get-involved/dementia-support/).

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## September Retiring Collection – The Fabric Fund

The Fabric Fund is a fund that maintains St. Augustine's Church.

The PCC is responsible for the bricks and mortar, the furniture, what's inside and what's outside of the church. As you can imagine, a building as big as St. Augustine's, needs a lot of funds to maintain it yearly.

This is our church, and we have to keep it in tip top condition for us and for future generations who will worship here. This is why the September collection is for the fabric of this church. Please give as generously as you can.

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## Worship Services

- Sunday @ 10am – Holy Communion Service, includes Junior and Youth Church
- Sunday @ 6pm – Evening Prayers (Compline via Zoom)  
*Meeting ID: 897 3613 1720 Passcode: 702310 ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 10am – Family and All Age Holy Communion Service
- Friday @10am – Holy Communion Service

## For our Prayers



The many people perished and affected by the earthquake devastation in Turkey and Syria, for rescue efforts and safety of the survivors.

Peace and end of war in Ukraine 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, Sian Davies and Sylvia.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Dorothy Laird, William Llewellyn Jones, John Gibson, Ivy Stark, Alex Johnston, Hilda Roskilly, Stefanie Sugden, Gladys Branch, Sunny Sumner, Isobell & Ross Cunningham, Arthur Osgood, Alan Walters, Mary Diton, Emily Garnham, Elsie Crockford and Andrew Myles.

<b>Diary Dates – September &amp; October 2023</b>		
Sat 30th Sept	09.40 am	Strollers Group Outing (Meet at Whitton Station)
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity / Sunday Harvest Festival with Lunch ( <i>after worship service</i> )
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity ( <i>All Age/Family Service</i> )
<b>Diary Dates – Advent &amp; Christmas 2023</b>		
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	2.00 pm	Winter Fair
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10.00 am 6.30 pm	Advent Sunday Service Advent Carols
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30 pm	Christmas Carols by Candlelight
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	4.00 pm	Nativity Play
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service

<b>10.00 am Service Duties for September &amp; October 2023</b>				
	<u><b>24/09/23</b></u>	<u><b>01/10/23</b></u>	<u><b>08/10/23</b></u>	<u><b>15/10/23</b></u>
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Rob, Connie, Frances	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda, Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham
<b>First Reading</b>	John	Dina	Frances	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church
<b>Second Reading</b>	Sue	Gill	Graham	
<b>Intercessions</b>	Kathy	Kay	Patricia	
<b>Screen &amp; sound</b>	Pauline	Limbani	Gill	Alwyn
<b>MC</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Crucifer</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Acolyte 1</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Acolyte 2</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Kathy, Frances & Sue	Denzil & Maria	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat