

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 17th September 2023

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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15th Sunday of Trinity



The Crossing of the Red Sea

“Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.” – Exodus 14:21-22

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 14.19-end

Second Reading – Romans 14.1-12

Gospel Reading – Matthew 18.21-35



Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

A Word from the Vicar

““I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?”

We learn from the Bible that by the mercy and grace of God in Jesus we are all forgiven, that we have all been made clean, and that we are all accepted and loved as God’s children in spite of our mistakes.

God has given us the gift of forgiveness in Christ, and we are to forgive others and ourselves, even though we sometimes find hard to do so.

Jesus invites us to receive his forgiveness and use the same to forgive others.

May God give grace to be forgiving people even as we have been forgiven. Amen

Strollers – Next Walk on Saturday 30th September

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. We usually 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, as we aim for fellowship combined with mild exercise in pleasant surroundings. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 3rd 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 8th 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 10th 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 21st October 2023 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm

Messy Church brings together children (age 0-8) and their parents every 3rd 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 on 20th September.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11.00am) will meet next in September on the 22nd.

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

WhatsApp Number +44 7407 246686 or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com

Confirmation Preparations

Confirmation preparations will meet next on Saturday 23rd September @ 10.00 am. Confirmation will take place on 1st October 2023 at All Saints Church Hampton at 4.00pm. *If you have any questions, please speak to Fr John, or drop him a line by email or phone.*

Hampton Deanery Clergy Licensing

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

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.

Weekday Services

We have Morning Prayers every Friday at 10.00am and Holy Communion on the last Friday of each month.

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



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: Evelyn Lambert, Peter Davies, Elizabeth Blackwell, Elizabeth Waite, Robin Rogers Pr., Charles Watkins, Guy Hoble, Maureen King, Grace Cole, Jack Cridge, Frances Hines, Brenda Jervis, Les Tanner, Darcy Hamilton, Walter Frewin, Sylvie Robinson, Mary Saxon-Snell, David McKenzie, Reginald Hills and Joan Maylor.

Diary Dates – September & October 2023		
Sun 17 th Sept	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 15 th Sunday of Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Sun 24 th Sept	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 16 th Sunday of Trinity
Sat 30 th Sept	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 1 st Oct	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 17 th Sunday of Trinity / Sunday Harvest Festival with Lunch (after worship service)
Tue 3 rd Oct	10am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 8 th Oct	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 18 th Sunday of Trinity YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Diary Dates – Advent & Christmas 2023		
Sat 2 nd Dec	2.00 pm	Winter Fair
Sun 3 rd Dec	10.00 am 6.30 pm	Advent Sunday Service Advent Carols
Sun 17 th Dec	6.30 pm	Christmas Carols by Candlelight
Sat 23 rd Dec	4.00 pm	Nativity Play
Sun 24 th Dec	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Mon 25 th Dec	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service

10.00 am Service Duties for September & October 2023				
	<u>17/09/23</u>	<u>24/09/23</u>	<u>01/10/23</u>	<u>08/10/23</u>
Sidespersons	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie, Frances	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda, Gerald
First Reading	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	John	Dina	Frances
Second Reading		Sue	Gill	Graham
Intercessions		Kathy	Kay	Patricia
Screen & sound	Alwyn	Pauline	Limbani	Gill
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Jack, Clare, Barbara & Hilda	Kathy, Frances & Sue	Denzil & Maria	Rene, Marie & Pauline