

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 11th June 2023

CHURCH NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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1st Sunday after Trinity



Jesus the True Vine

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” – (John 15.12-14)

The Season of Trinity celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The trinity expresses the way we relate to, experience and worship God: Father the Creator, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church celebrates and gives thanks for what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done in creating and accomplishing salvation for humanity and the whole creation. 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 – Acts 11.19 – end

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Second Reading – Galatians 2.1-10

Gospel Reading – John 15.12 – 17

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 13th June @ 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 Thursday 15th June, meet @ 09.40am at Whitton Station

This outing, weather permitting, will be to Bushy Park. The walk will be through the park to the Pheasantry, followed by a coffee break, and then the walk will continue through the park to explore other areas. Please bring a packed lunch and come to Whitton Station for the 09:54 am service to Twickenham, then a train to Teddington.

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 for further information.*

Kensington Area Youth Weekend – Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June, Oakwood Youth Challenge, Wokingham

This weekend, packed full of outdoor activities, fun, worship and exploring our faith, is for churches who don't run their own youth residentials. Cost is £130pp, some bursary funding will be available to those who may require financial assistance.

*For further details and bursary application contact Fr John on:
vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com or call/WhatsApp: 07407 246686*

Children's Concert – Saturday 17th June @ 3.00pm

Join us for an afternoon of music by choirs from our local schools, Bishop Perrin, Nelson and Heathfield, followed by refreshments. Admission is free.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 9th July @ 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.*

65th Anniversary Celebrations (1958 - 2023)

We are committing the month of June to celebrating the 65th Anniversary of our church building. There are various activities running throughout this month, including a Quiz night, Garden Party/Summer Fair, Children's concert, and a Celebration Service.

On Wednesdays and the last Saturday in June the church will be open from 2pm - 4pm to welcome members, visitors and those interested to find out more about our church, activities, and our history. *Details of the event dates and times can be found in Diary Dates on Page 5.*

Confirmation Preparations

Two candidates have registered for Confirmation and First Communion preparations will begin on 1st July @3.00pm. Confirmation will take place on 1st October 2023 at All Saints Church Hampton at 4.00pm. If you or your child (minimum 11 Years old) wishes to be confirmed or you have questions for on this, please speak to Fr John, or drop him a line by email or phone.

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.

Friday Home Group with Alwyn W (@ 11.00am) will meet on the following dates:

- June: 16th & 30th
- July: 14th & 28th

For details of the hosts and the days available, and to sign up, contact Fr John on:
WhatsApp Number +44 7407 246686 or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com



CONCERT

Saturday 17th June at 3pm
Join us for an afternoon of music,

by Choirs from our local schools
followed by refreshments



Free Admission

May & June Retiring Collection – Otakar Kraus Music Trust (OKMT)

The Otakar Kraus Music Trust is a London-based organisation established in 1991 to offer music therapy to individuals of all ages who are struggling with physical, psychological, learning, behavioural, or emotional challenges.



OKMT's mission is to ensure that every child and adult has access to affordable music therapy in the community, help improve their well-being and quality of life through creative and participatory music making. They aim to build partnerships to increase the provision of music therapy in the community, improve awareness of disability and the benefits of music therapy, improve quality of life and well-being, and provide lasting benefits to hundreds of children and adults who are marginalised.

For more information visit okmtrust.org.uk.

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



Homelink provides Warm Spaces Lunch each Wednesday from 12-3 pm. 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 for more information about the charity.

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 and Simon Derry.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: John McLean, Sybil Formankiewicz, Roy Scuffins, Hillary Rimmington, Alfred Jenner, Gordon Boyce, Don McLennan, Mick Danieri, Harry Tolson, George Newman and Fr. Arthur Royall.

Diary Dates – June 2023		
Tue 13 th June	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Thu 15 th June	09.40 am	Strollers Group Outing (meet at Whitton Train Station)
Fri 16 th – Sun 18 th June	————	Youth Weekend Away
Sun 18 th June	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Trinity (All Age/Family Service) Theme: Engaging/ Present & Future
Sun 25 th June	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Trinity Theme: Gratitude, Celebrate & Engage
Sun 2 nd July	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 th Sunday of Trinity
Sun 9 th July	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Trinity YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 11 th July	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Diary Dates – 65th Anniversary celebrations June 2023		
Wed 14 th June	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Church Open Day*
Sat 17 th June	3.00 pm	Children's concert
Wed 21 st June	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Church Open Day*
Sat 24 th June	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Church Open Day*
Sun 25 th June	Following Sunday worship service	Anniversary Celebratory Lunch
*Note – there will be on display historical & current activities of the church life		

10.00 am Service Duties for June 2023			
	<u>11/06/23</u>	<u>18/06/23</u>	<u>25/06/23</u>
Sidespersons	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T
First Reading	Patricia H	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Michael B
Second Reading	Graham D		Peter d W
Intercessions	Kathy B		Kay A
Screen & sound	Limbani K	Roubina d W	Gill G
MC	————	————	————
Crucifer	————	————	————
Acolyte 1	————	————	————
Acolyte 2	————	————	————
Tea & Coffee	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T	Denzil D & Maria D	Rene K, Marie C & Pauline C