

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 17th November 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

Safeguarding Sunday



Mark 13.1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?'

Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ



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A word from the Churchwardens

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the year and will soon be preparing for the season of Advent. At the beginning of the school year Sue and Roubina received requests from Bishop Perrin (BP) and Heathfield (infant and Junior) schools to continue with Fr John's work and hold assemblies in church as well as visiting the schools. Working with Joanna Jones, Kensington Area Bishop's Schools' Chaplain, so far we have organised and held 7 assemblies for BP year 1 to year 6 children on topics such as friendship and reverence, welcoming some 150 children and their teachers. We also visited Heathfield schools on two occasions talking about Harvest and discussing our favourite parables and hearing about theirs. We have also welcomed 120 Heathfield year 4 children and their teachers to a treasure hunt in church.

The Tic Toc Nursery in Staines Road visited us with their harvest gifts for the food bank and heard from us about harvest and why it is celebrated

Further school visits are planned for the rest of the year and for the Spring term. Additionally we will be welcoming Waldegrave and BP to St Augustine's for their annual Christmas concerts.

A message from The Head of Safeguarding of Diocese of London



15th November 2024

Dear Friend,

As we reflect on this day, Safeguarding Sunday, we recognise this has been a hugely traumatic week for survivors of abuse as well as many of you. The publication of the Makin Review exposed abhorrent abuse and the Church's wholly inadequate response, and it was followed by the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Those victims and survivors of abuse are foremost in our prayers. Over recent years, together we have been working to make our parishes a safer place for all, and to learn the lessons from past failures.

As we look ahead and recognise the significant practice improvements made, we should do so without complacency and remain alert to the risk of any form of abuse. Let us continue to respond well to safeguarding concerns and ensure our preventative arrangements are the best they can be.

Let us continue to love and support each other as we continue to strive for an even safer Church.

Best wishes,

Martin Goodwin, Head of Safeguarding

November Retiring Collection – Homelink

Homelink has again been successful in its application to participate in the Big Give Christmas campaign, allowing donations received through our retiring collection and their other fundraising efforts to be doubled up enabling them to continue their amazing work in our community.

Fireworks

The Firework's on 8th November generated a net profit of £1,225 including gift aid. Once again, this event was a great success bringing together the community and raising much needed funds for our church. Special thanks to Graham and Richard for organising and doing the display, Fiona, John, Frances and Alwyn who prepared and served the soup and hotdogs and to the Guides who went around collecting donations.

Update on Sunday School

With the Sunday School leaders, from the New Year, we are looking at different ways to help the youngsters enjoy their Sunday worship. We are exploring the possibility of Messy Church taking place on the 3rd Sunday of the month, instead of Saturday.

Movement and Meditation – Begins on Thursday 28th November @ 10.00am -11.00am

Movement and Meditation is a new event, coming soon 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. Please see the poster (page 8) for more details.

To enquire, please email rmmichael2010@gmail.com or phone: 07773 298426

Walsingham Mass – Saturday 23rd November @ 9.30 am

The Walsingham Cell at St Augustine's has been reinstated. All are welcome to the Mass which will be held monthly on the last Saturday of the month followed by breakfast. The next Mass of Our Lady will be held on 30th November at St Mary's Sunbury followed by breakfast in The Flower Pot. Future dates to be announced soon.

Winter Fair – Saturday 7th December from 2pm

We need your help !

We need your donations for the Bottle Tombola, Raffle, Cakes, Books, Vintage Pre-loved, Toys and Games, Christmas Decorations and Christmas Gifts.

If everyone in the congregation brought in an item for the gift stall wouldn't that be amazing. It can anything Christmassy small or large. Don't leave it to the faithful few, you can all get involved. We urgently need stall holders and helpers, the list is at the back of church where you can see where the gaps are.

There will be Guess the Weight of the Christmas cake. There will be guess the number of sweets in the jar, however, we need someone to organise on the day.

The Fair is always a fun afternoon and it's lovely to see people who probably haven't been inside the church before. If we get half as many adults and children that we had at the Fireworks to the Fair it would be amazing. Spread the word to your friends and neighbours and let's make it a bumper year. Thank you one and all

Sue and Roubina

CTiW Christmas Lunch - 25th December 2024

Churches Together in Whitton (CTiW) have started preparations for the annual Christmas Day Lunch. If you are alone on Christmas Day or know of someone who will be on their own and lives in the Whitton, Twickenham or Hampton area please talk to Roubina de Winton or email CTiW Christmas@gmail.com. If you know someone who is interested, please ask their permission and pass their details as above.

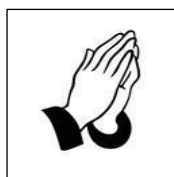
Home Groups

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.

Home Group with Fiona & John will start again in October. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Fiona or one of the Churchwardens.

If you are interested in hosting a Home Group, please inform the Churchwardens.

For our Prayers



Peace and end of war in Israel-Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Ukraine, Sudan, and other places of conflict around the world.

For the safety and wellbeing of people affected by natural disasters; particularly the recent floods, hurricanes and typhoons affecting various countries around the world.

Those who are sick and struggling: Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Richard and Theresa Scriven, Anne Newman, Emily Adams, Lucy Brooks, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter, Ann Cadogan, John Jones, Lyn Watts, Boyce & Millicent, Paul Murphy, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Kay Alldridge, Jane Derry, Jenny Jones and Wyn Morris

Recently departed: Janet Raynor, Robert McGinnis

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of William Hawtin, Hilda Clark, Joe Hobbs, Helen Davies, Kathleen Bidwell, Laurence Hale, Vernon Brown, Victor Austin, Dorothy Davies, Margaret Ling, Jessie Heppenstall, Madge White, Hilda Christopher, Baby Joe Penney, Phyllis Bond, Ada Williams, Lawrence Kunkel, Mavis Scrase, Lance Forde, Mary Kirby Pr, Lee Harbird and Terry Lyons.

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Tues 19 th Nov	7pm	PCC Meeting
Fri 22 nd Nov	10am	Said Eucharist service
Sat 23 rd Nov	9:30am	Walsingham Mass held at St Mary's Sunbury
Sun 24 th Nov	10am	Parish Eucharist – Christ the King
Thurs 28 th Nov	11 am – 11 am	Movement and Meditation (see Flyer)
Advent & Christmas 2024		
Sat 7 th Dec	2.00 pm	Winter Fair
Sun 15 th Dec	6.30 pm	Christmas Carols by Candlelight Followed by mince pies and mulled wine
Sat 21 st Dec	4.00pm	Children’s Crip Service
Tue 24 th Dec	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Wed 25 th Dec	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service