

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 10th November 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

Remembrance Sunday



Mark 1.14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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



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November Retiring Collection – Homelink; A message from the Chair of Trustees

Dear Members of St. Augustine's Church

Thank you for choosing Homelink, once again, as your charity of the month for the retiring collection. We are so grateful for all donations that we receive towards the running of our crucial services for older people and the unpaid carers who look after them. Many of you have been involved with Homelink over the years, and so you will already understand just how important the service is to those who need it. Every donation, however small, helps to enhance our offer. Thank you!



If you know of a carer of an older person who might benefit from some additional support, please do let them know about Homelink. We can help by providing a day of respite support in our lovely, purpose-built centre. The carer can have a well-earned break and time to themselves whilst the person that they care for enjoys a day of stimulating activities, company, and a nutritious meal. We also offer direct practical, social and emotional support to carers, both individually and in groups. For all service enquiries, please call Julie or Rachel on 0208 255 1992.

In addition to our staff team, we are fortunate to have a dedicated team of volunteers who give up their time each week to help in the centre. Our centre volunteers provide support with specific tasks like serving meals and refreshments and helping with the client activities. We also have Volunteer Drivers who help with our transport needs, and volunteers who help at fundraising events. We are urgently in need of more volunteer drivers so if you know of any one or are interested in helping in this way, do let us know.

If you are looking for a new challenge, please do consider joining our dynamic team. As a volunteer you can really make a difference in your community and help to improve the lives of the people we support. We have different opportunities to suit your available time, skills and experience. For all volunteering enquiries, please call 0208 255 1992 and ask for Julie.

Wishing you all the best, Rita Harris, Chair Board of Trustees, Homelink.

Hot off the Press –

Saturday night's Fireworks as usual was a great success! Many people enjoyed the display and the refreshments. A 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. At this stage the donations amount to £1,160.

Update on Sunday School

Due to shortage of Leaders and Volunteers we have reluctantly decided to reduce the Sunday School to once a month only. The Messy Church and the Family Service will continue as normal. We are looking to recruit more Leaders and Volunteers, if you are interested, please speak to Sue Thornton, Roubina de Winton or Pat Sharp

Cornerstone Café – Meets 12th November (and Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month from 2:30pm)

As winter draws near, join our warm space and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and Cake (sometimes homemade). Engage in exchange of views, play games and exercise the grey cells playing scrabble or doing crosswords. All are welcome.

Strollers Walk – Wednesday 13th November @ 9:45am

Weather permitting, and the current forecast is good, on Wednesday 13th November we will do a walk in Central London that is themed around Remembrance, visiting some notable war memorials and Forces' shrines.

We'll start at the Central Church of the RAF, St Clement Danes in the Strand, then after spending some time there, progress along the Embankment taking in some of the other memorials such as the Royal Air Force and Battle of Britain Memorials, then going up into Green Park to the Bomber Command Memorial. We may detour in Whitehall via the Cenotaph. We shall take the 950 train to Waterloo then walk over Waterloo Bridge to the Strand. Please bring a picnic lunch.

All are welcome and hope to see you. Peter and John

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 30th 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 the Squares to win a 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 probable haven't been inside the church before. If we get half as many adults and children that we had at the Fireworks on Friday 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

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Ellen Fiskett, Keith Stott, Paula Mullins, Ethel Price, Ethel Edgar, Susan Blay, Margaret Warden Brian Alldridge, Emily Sida, Brian Long, Terry Dooley, Harry Martin, Marjorie Pugh, John Vail, Dennis Teader, Norman Watkins. Peter Watson, Florence Johnson, Hilary Eliot, Anne Tanner, Kenneth Richardson, Keith Duncan

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 10 th Nov	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Remembrance Sunday
	12.00 pm	Youth Get Together (YGT)
Tues 12 th Nov		BP Yr 1 visit
Tues 12 th Nov	2.30 pm – 4pm	Cornerstone Cafe
Tues 12 th Nov	7pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Wed 13 th Nov	9:45am	Strollers Walk
Sat 16 th Nov	10 am – 12 pm	Messy Church
Tues 19 th Nov	7pm	PCC Meeting
Thu 28 th Nov	11 am – 11 am	Movement and Meditation (see Flyer)
Sat 30 th Nov	9:30am	Walsingham Mass held at St Mary's Sunbury
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 Minced pies and Minced pies
Sat 21 st Dec		Children's Nativity Time to be Confirmed
Tue 24 th Dec	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Wed 25 th Dec	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service