

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
Monthly Edition – Sunday 3rd September 2023

CHURCH NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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September 2023: Monthly Edition



Moses at the Burning Bush

“There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’”

– Exodus 3:2-3

13th Sunday of Trinity

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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September 2023 Readings

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
03/09/23	Exodus 3.1-15	Romans 12.9-end	Matthew 16.21-end
10/09/23	Exodus 12.1-14	Romans 13.8-end	Matthew 18.15-20
17/09/23	Exodus 14.19-end	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18.21-35
24/09/23	Exodus 16.2-15	Philippians 1.21-end	Matthew 20.1-16

A Word from the Vicar

September marks the beginning of a new school academic year, with everyone moving up the grade and for some it's a complete beginning of a new experience in Reception, Year 7 Secondary, A Levels and even University.

I want to congratulate those that received their GCSE results and moving on to college or remain in the same school to do Six Form. I wish all our people the very best in this new academic year.

September reminds us of the Harvest Season, we will be marking ours on Sunday 1st October with Harvest Lunch. I encourage everyone to sign up for that.

In September we shall also have an evening of fun and fellowship as we watch our next Film Night movie, Sister Act II, on Saturday 16th. Do put the date in your diaries.

It's my prayer that all those who had an opportunity to take a break this summer enjoyed their holidays, and feel recharged for the weeks and months ahead.

With my good wishes and prayers for you all.

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 5th September @ 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 10th September @ 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.*

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 12th September @ 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 14th 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.*

Messy Church – Saturday 16th September 2023 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm

Messy Church brings together children and their parents 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!

Funeral Notice – Mrs Dorothy Turton

Dorothy Turton is known to some of us in the church as she used to worship here some years back.

Dorothy passed on at her daughter's home in Sunbury and the Thanksgiving Service will be held here on Tuesday 12th September at 12.30pm. *Please speak to Fr John for further details.*

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 be on 6th September.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11.00am) will meet next in September on the 8th and 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 are scheduled on the following dates:

- September – Saturday 23rd @ 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

Let us pray for the following clergy to be licensed in our deanery as follows:

- Installation of Fr David Cloake as Vicar of St Mary with St Alban's, Teddington on the 11th of September.
 - Installation of Rev'd Simon Couper as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Twickenham Green on 17th of October.
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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.

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.

Recently Departed: Linda Wills and Dorothy Turton

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Dulcie Hole, Thomas Clarke, Peggie Watson, Marvon Forde, Gwesyn George, Peter Acres, Ellen Bowen, Peter Greening, Wendy Salisbury, Louise O'Connell, Terry Hannam, Ron Dale, Anne Greenfield, Mary Vincent, Len Oliver, Derek Clark, Jessie Blay, Vera Smyth and H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

Diary Dates – September 2023		
Tue 5 th Sept	10am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 10 th Sept	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 14 th Sunday of Trinity YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 12 th Sept	12.30 pm 2.30 pm	Dorothy Turton – Thanksgiving Service Cornerstone (in church)
Thu 14 th Sept	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 16 th Sept	10am - 12pm 7.00 pm	Messy Church Film Night (Sister Act II)
Sun 17 th Sept	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 15 th Sunday of Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
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 2023				
	<u>03/09/23</u>	<u>10/09/23</u>	<u>17/09/23</u>	<u>24/09/23</u>
Sidespersons	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda, Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie, Frances
First Reading	Pauline	Rob	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	John
Second Reading	Martha	Gill		Sue
Intercessions	Dianne	Vicki		Kathy
Screen & sound	Limbani	Gill	Alwyn	Pauline
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare, Barbara & Hilda	Kathy, Frances & Sue