

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 18th December 2022

Church NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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4th Sunday of Advent



Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time.

The Advent wreath is a centuries-old Christian tradition that holds four candles representing the four Sundays of Advent. Each Sunday symbolises one of the four Advent themes: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. The wreath's circular shape and evergreen colour represent God's infinite and everlasting love for us.



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First Reading – Isaiah 7.10-16

Second Reading – Romans 1.1-7

Gospel Reading – Matthew 1.18-end



Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 10th January @ 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.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 12th February @2.00pm

There will be no meeting during January as YGT has taken a break.

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.*

The Strollers

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. We 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. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

Churches Together in Whitton

The preparations for the Christmas Day lunch are underway and, once again, we need to ask for your help. Volunteers are needed on Christmas Eve at Ss Philip & James to prepare the hall. We will meet at 11.30am for about 1 hour (the more people that help the shorter the time required). On Christmas Day, we require people to help greet our guests and serve lunch. We also require drivers to transport the guests to and from the hall.

If you think you can help, please sign up on the lists at the back of the church or contact Roubina de Winton (roubinadewinton@gmail.com).

December Retiring Collection



Next month's retiring collection is for Crisis. Crisis is the nation's largest homeless charity dedicated to helping people experiencing homelessness. They work directly with thousands of homeless people every year and provide vital help so that people can rebuild their lives and are supported out of homelessness for good.

Every year Crisis at Christmas opens its doors to people who are homeless. Right now, thousands of people at the sharp end of poverty are at risk of being pushed into homelessness. As a national charity, Crisis offer much-needed warmth, healthcare, food and company to people experiencing homelessness across the UK.

Junior and Youth Church Nativity Play

We had a fantastic and reasonably attended Nativity play on Saturday, and a huge thank you to our young people and the leaders.



Schools visit St Augustine's Church

In the last week, St Augustine Church hosted the following events:

- 14th December - Heathfield (Infant) School – Years 1 & 2 and the Reception classes had their beautifully performed Christmas Carols with a total attendance of 260 pupils and 170 adults.
- 15th December - Bishop Perrin School – We had 200 pupils and 130 adults for this year's Christmas Carol service, which was beautifully performed.

The New Bishop of Kensington Episcopal Area

Finally, our next bishop has been announced by Downing Street, it is the Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson (pictured here on the right). We look forward to seeing her here in the coming year.



Weekday Services

As from 9th December we now have Morning Prayers every Friday at 10.00 and Holy Communion on the last Friday of the month from January 2023. The Tuesday worship service remains suspended until further notice.

Compline Service – Every Sunday @ 6pm

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



Peace and end of war in Ukraine and other places of conflict around the world.

Those who are sick and struggling: Jo Dale, Stella Cheng, Aiden Littrell, Jeremy Short, Rosemary Styles, Anne Hickmott, Sister Eileen Caple, Willem Cheng and Gwilym Jones.

Recently Departed: Sheila Jones

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Jack Munday, Alice Wheatley, Annie Robbins, George and Vera Stevens, Kevin King, Annie Hankey, Percy Tisdall, William Woodcock, Jacqueline McGirr, Frank Bailey, Rosa Forby, John Gilbert, Gladys Finch, Fred Bengé, Edmund Gibbs, George Lynham, Beryl Dowler and Maureen Ledger.

Diary Dates – January to March 2023		
Sun 1 st Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
Sun 8 th Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Epiphany
Tue 10 th Jan	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 15 th Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany (All Age/Family Service)
Sun 22 nd Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany
Sun 29 th Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
Sun 5 th Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday before Lent
Sun 12 th Feb	10.00am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday before Lent YGT – Youth Get Together (@ Church Hall)
Tue 14 th Feb	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 19 th Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Sunday before Lent (All Age/Family Service)
Wed 22 nd Feb	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sun 26 th Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 1 st Sunday of Lent
Sun 5 th Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Lent
Sun 12 th Mar	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Lent YGT – Youth Get Together (@ Church Hall)
Tue 14 th Mar	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 19 th Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 th Sunday of Lent
Diary Dates – Advent & Christmas 2022		
Sat 24 th Dec	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Sun 25 th Dec	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service

10.00 am Service Duties for December 2022

Date	Sidespersons	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessions	Tea & Coffee
24/12/22	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
25/12/22	Rob D, Connie C & Frances T	Rob D	Alwyn W	Limbani K	_____
Date	Screen & sound	MC	Crucifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
24/12/22	Gill G	Jane D	Charles D	Michael B	Roubina d W
25/12/22	Limbani K	Jane D	Michael B	_____	_____