

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 3rd November 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

All Saint's Sunday



John 11.32 - 33

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

A Word from the PCC

Fr John officially vacated his position at the end of July and the process to appoint our new vicar commenced in September when the wardens held a meeting with Rev. Rust who explained what happens in a vacancy.

The following steps have already taken place. Firstly, as required by the diocese, the PCC attended an Unconscious Bias training, to ensure the incumbent's appoint is made without any prejudice. Secondly, a pre-Section 11 meeting was held, attended by the PCC members and chaired by Rev. Rust, who explained the process of appointing the next incumbent.



St Augustine's Church,
Whitton in Vacancy

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The PCC met in October for the Section 11 meeting (Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986), the purpose of which is to:

- select the representatives who would work with the Bishop to appoint our next vicar.
- decide whether to request the registered patron (in our case the Bishop) to consider advertising the vacancy;
- deciding whether (under section 12 of this Measure) to request a joint meeting of the PCC with the Bishop for the purpose of exchange views on the statement prepared under section 11.

Our next step is to complete the first draft of the Parish Profile by the end of October and finalise it by Mid-November. The PCC would keep you up to date as we progress.

If you have any question at all please speak to one of the churchwardens or a member of the PCC.

Prayer for Persecuted Christians - Sunday 3rd November @ 4.00pm

We are holding a service of Prayer and Vigil for Christians around the world who face persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Prayers will be led by Fr David Cloake (of St Mary with St Alban Church in Teddington) with guest speakers from the charities Open Doors and SAT-7.

Join us in lighting candles and praying together for our persecuted brothers and sisters.

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 – 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

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.

October Retiring Collection – Your donation added up to a total of £180 which will be sent off to RNLI shortly

Fireworks Display Night – Friday 8th November @ 6.30 pm (Refreshments available from 6.00 pm)

Come and watch our wonderful annual fireworks display and enjoy some warm food, snacks, and drinks. Don't miss out, spread the word and join us for this special event!

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.

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: George Bailey, John Montier, Rita Shenton, Margaret Chester, Roy Crouch, Rico Gopie, Pauly Holford, Jean Newham, Louise Long, Annie Mason, Roy Moon, Gordon Nelhams, Ronald Phillips, Norman Watkins, Peter Osborne, John Bentall Malcolm Wenham, Nellie Goff and Raymond Osborne.

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Sun 3 rd Nov	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – All Saint's Day
	4.00 pm	Prayer Vigil for persecuted Christian
Tue 5 th Nov	11 am – 12 pm	Prayer and Reflection
Fri 8 th Nov	6.30 pm	Fireworks Display (Refreshments avail. from 6pm)
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	9:45am	Strollers Walk
Sat 16 th Nov	10 am – 12 pm	Messy Church
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
Tue 24 th Dec	4.00 pm	Children's Nativity
Tue 24 th Dec	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Wed 25 th Dec	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service