

**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON**  
**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

# Church NEWS

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent



### Racial Justice Sunday

Racial Justice Sunday has been observed by churches in Britain and Ireland since 1995 and aims to take deliberate action against racism in all its forms.

As we pray, we give thanks to God for human diversity, we remember and lament all whose voices and stories are overlooked and marginalised because of race, and we encourage positive awareness and work to end racism, injustice, and ignorance.



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## First Reading – Genesis 1.1-2.3



## Second Reading – Romans 8.18-25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

## Gospel Reading – Matthew 6.25-end

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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## **Strollers** – Next Walk on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, meet @ 9.40am at Whitton Station

This walk, weather permitting, will be about 5 miles to the Greenwich/Blackheath area. The route is not yet determined as the area is subject to a recce later this week, but the walk will take place in Greenwich Park.

Please come to Whitton Station for the 9:54 am service to Waterloo Station (note the different time), thence a further train/trains to Greenwich Park. And please do not bring a picnic lunch as the plan is to eat at a cafe in Greenwich Park.

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. We have members of differing ages and abilities, all of whom are welcome. *Please contact [pdewinton@aol.com](mailto:pdewinton@aol.com) for further information.*

## **Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February @ 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 12<sup>th</sup> March @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.*

## **Home Groups**

We have three homes that will host home groups starting shortly after Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023). 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 Groups will take place on the suggested days as follows:

- Kay Alldrige: Tuesday or Thursday at 7.30pm (beginning on 9th March 2023)
- Fiona & John Wolsoncroft: Wednesday at 7.30pm (beginning on 1st March 2023)
- Alwyn Williams: Friday at 11.00am except 24th & 3rd March when it's at 2.00pm (beginning on 24th February 2023)

*Please sign up as soon as possible at the back of the church or send your preference to WhatsApp Number +44 7407 246686 or email: vicarofstauginewhitton@aol.com*

## **January & February Retiring Collection – Homelink**



Homelink, registered as St. Augustine's Community Care Trust was established in 1997 through fundraising and dedication of St Augustine's congregation. Its aim is to give carers a well-earned day's respite, secure in the knowledge that the person they look after is receiving care of the very highest standard.

Homelink provides a happy and vibrant environment where people can enjoy each other's company through stimulating activities. This is a vital support to carers in desperate need of respite, which in turn leads to reduced isolation and an overall improvement in wellbeing.

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## **Homelink: Warm Spaces Lunch – Every Wednesday @12.00-3.00pm**

Starting from 11th January Homelink will provide Warm Spaces Lunch each Wednesday from 12-3. The lunch is free and will consist of a two course meal and a hot drink for the older residents of the Borough of Richmond. The places are limited and can be booked through a dedicated phone line.

Visit [homelinkdaycare.co.uk](http://homelinkdaycare.co.uk) for more information about the charity.

**Embracing Age Job Advert: Richmond Care Home Friends co-ordinator –**  
Application Close Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Embracing Age, a Christian charity based in East Twickenham are recruiting. Do you share in their heart to see a world where older people are valued, connected and full of hope? If so, you could be the person they are looking for to co-ordinate Care Home Friends across the Borough of Richmond. It's part time, 15 hours a week, flexible working.

*For the full job description and to apply –visit [embracingage.org.uk/richmond-co-ordinator](http://embracingage.org.uk/richmond-co-ordinator).*

**World Day of Prayer 2023: A Service for Everyone – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March @**  
11:00am; Ss Michael and Martin Church, Hounslow, TW3 3EH

The World Day of Prayer is a global movement of informal worship and prayerful action, organised and led by Christian women. This year the service has been written by the women of Taiwan and they provide an opportunity to come and learn more about them.

Everyone is welcome and we hope that you will join us in celebrating the World Day of Prayer. *Leaflets and posters with further information can be found in church.*

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**Weekday Services**

We have Morning Prayers every Friday at 10.00 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, Stella Cheng, Aiden Littrell, Jeremy Short, Rosemary Styles, Anne Hickmott, Sister Eileen Caple, Willem Cheng, Gwilym Jones, Rebecca, Richard and Theresa Scriven.

Recently Departed: John Edser, Berni Goodsell and Iris Osbourne.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Katie Goetz, Thomas Taylor, Margaret Godfrey, Margaret Carter, Mabel Halford, Cecil Butler, David Harber, Zillah Starling, Ivor Brooks, Daisy Piercey, Florence Gough and Bernie Stott.

<b>Diary Dates – February/March 2023</b>		
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.40 am 2.30 pm	Strollers Group Outing (meet @ Whitton Train Station) Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Sunday before Lent (All Age/Family Service)
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent YGT – Youth Get Together (@ Church Hall)
<b>Diary Dates – Lent &amp; Easter 2023</b>		
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (includes washing of feet)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00 am 2.00 pm	CTiW Walk of Witness Good Friday Liturgy (includes the Veneration of the cross)
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00 am 10.00 am	Easter Vigil – Service of Light @ Dawn with breakfast Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday

<b>10.00 am Service Duties for February 2023</b>			
	<b><u>19/02/23</u></b>	<b><u>22/02/31</u></b> (Ash Wednesday)	<b><u>26/02/31</u></b>
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B	_____	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T
<b>First Reading</b>	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Peter d W	Bob W
<b>Second Reading</b>		Sue A	Roubina d W
<b>Intercessions</b>		Alwyn W	Kathy B
<b>Screen &amp; sound</b>	Pauline C	Limbani K	Gill G
<b>MC</b>	Jane D	Jane D	Jane D
<b>Crucifer</b>	Charles D	Roubina d W	Michael B
<b>Acolyte 1</b>	Roubina d W	Christine H	Roubina d W
<b>Acolyte 2</b>	Michael B	Charles D	Christine H
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P	_____	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T