

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 13th August 2023

CHURCH NEWS

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

10th Sunday after Trinity



Jesus Walks on the Water

“And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’ – (Matthew 14:25-27)

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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First Reading – Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28



Second Reading – Romans 10.5-15

Gospel Reading – Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Strollers – Next Walk on Wednesday 16th August, meet @ 09.40am at Whitton Station

This outing, weather permitting, will be a walk in Richmond Park. The walk will start at Pembroke Lodge at 10:30am and may include a walk to Isabella Plantation for a picnic lunch and a visit to the coffee stop near Pen Ponds. Please bring a picnic lunch and come to Whitton Station for the 09:54 am service to Richmond then the 371 bus to Richmond Hill Park entrance. Those driving themselves may want to park at Pembroke Lodge.

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, as we aim for fellowship combined with mild exercise in pleasant surroundings. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

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

There will be no meeting during August as YGT will be taking 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.

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.

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

There will be no meeting during August as Messy Church will be taking a break.

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!

Vicar on Leave

The vicar will be on leave from Wednesday 16th August and expected back for the Sunday service on 3rd September 2023. *For any pastoral needs please contact the Church Wardens.*

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.

- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11.00am) will meet next on August 25th.
- Wednesday Home Group with Fiona & John (@7.00pm) will be on 6th September.

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.*

July & August Retiring Collection – Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity (Sands)

Sands is a UK registered charity, based at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London. Established 40 years ago it provides support to anyone affected by the death of a baby.



In the UK, 13 families a day suffer the heartbreak of losing their baby before, during or shortly after birth. That's around 4,500 babies a year. Far too many babies die without scientists, doctors, midwives, or their own parents understanding why with devastating effects. That's why research is vital in improving our understanding of how to save babies' lives and using that evidence to drive changes in maternity policy and practice across the UK.

Sands works in partnership with health care professionals, trusts and health boards to offer a range of training programmes and bereavement care resources to ensure that every bereaved parent and family receives the best possible care through a UK-wide network of around 100 support groups. *For more information visit sands.org.uk.*

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, Andrew Fildes and Chris Frazer.

Recently Departed: Linda Wills

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Peter Hall, Betty Coughlan, Ronnie Maclean, William Basey, Gwyneth Bartle, Dudley Berryman, Violet Langridge, Leonard Lidbury, Phyllis Larbey, Sidney Moss, Frederick and Ada Claxton, William Wand Bp., Malcolm Edwards, Peter Chirgwin, Anthony Nelhams, Jan Pollard, Gordon Pike, Robert Stopford Bp., John Hughes Bp., Christina Bull, Amanda Oliver and Pat Severs.

Diary Dates – August 2023		
Wed 16 th Aug	09.40 am	Strollers Group Outing (Meet at Whitton Station)
Sun 20 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 11 th Sunday of Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Sat 26 th Aug	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 27 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 12 th Sunday of Trinity
Sun 3 rd Sept	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 13 th Sunday of Trinity
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)
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 August & September 2023				
	<u>13/08/23</u>	<u>20/08/23</u>	<u>27/08/23</u>	<u>03/09/23</u>
Sidespersons	Vicki, Hilda, Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie, Frances	Gill & Beryl
First Reading	Vicki	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Clare	Pauline
Second Reading	Jo		Graham	Martha
Intercessions	Graham		Dina	Dianne
Screen & sound	Gill	Alwyn	Pauline	Limbani
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Jack, Clare, Barbara & Hilda	Kathy, Frances & Sue	Denzil & Maria	Rene, Marie & Pauline