

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 21st May 2023

CHURCH NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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7th Sunday of Easter



The Ascension of Jesus

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” (Acts 1:8-9)

**Alleluia Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed Alleluia.**

We celebrate Easter as the triumph of light over darkness, life over death, peace over violence, hope over fear, and love over hatred.

On the 40th day after Easter, we celebrate Jesus Christ’s ascension into Heaven. On this day Jesus commissioned his disciples to continue his work and promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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First Reading – Acts 1.6 - 14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Second Reading – 1 Peter 2.12 - 14, 5.6 - 11

Gospel Reading – John 17.1 - 17



St Augustine of Canterbury Day – Friday 26th May

Our Patronal Saint Day falls on 26th May each year, but because of our planned Anniversary celebrations, we will not be marking the Patronal day this year.

However, St Paul's Cathedral is offering special prayers for us on Friday 26th May, and we are invited to the service at 5.00pm. A group will be going, do speak to the Vicar if you wish to go.

Strollers – Next Walk on Saturday 27th May; meet @ 09.40am at Whitton Train Station

This outing, weather permitting, will be to Brookwood Cemetery and the Basingstoke Canal. The walk will mostly be on paved paths through the extensive and varied burial grounds and will allow for the opportunity to soak up the history of both civil and military areas. Please bring a picnic lunch and come to Whitton station for the 09.50am service to Clapham Junction then the 10:19am to Basingstoke.

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 for further information.*

Quiz Night – Saturday 3rd June @ 7.00pm (Doors open at 6:45pm)

As part of our 65th Anniversary Celebrations, we are hosting a Quiz night. Tickets are £10 per person and teams should be made up of 6 people or less. The ticket price includes a Ploughman's and Pudding. Doors will open at 6:45pm.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 11th June @ 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 13th June @ 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.

Kensington Area Youth Weekend – Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June, Oakwood Youth Challenge, Wokingham

This weekend, packed full of outdoor activities, fun, worship and exploring our faith, is for churches who don't run their own youth residential. Cost is £130pp, some bursary funding will be available to those who may require financial assistance.

*For further details and bursary application contact Fr John on:
vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com or call/WhatsApp: 07407 246686*

65th Anniversary Celebrations (1958 - 2023)

We are committing the month of June to celebrating the 65th Anniversary of our church building. There will be various activities running throughout the month, including a Quiz night, Garden Party/Summer Fair, Children's concert, and a Celebration Service.

On Wednesdays and the last Saturday in June the church will be open from 2pm - 4pm to welcome members, visitors and those interested to find out more about our church, activities, and our history.

Details of the event dates and times can be found in [Diary Dates](#) on [Page 5](#).

Confirmation Preparations

Two candidates have registered for confirmation lessons, which begin in July. Confirmation itself will take place on 1st October 2023 at All Saints Church Hampton at 4.00pm. If you or your child (minimum 11 Years old) wishes to be confirmed or you have any questions, *please speak to Fr John, or drop him a line by email or phone.*

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 W (@ 11.00am) will meet on the following dates:

- June: 2nd, 16th & 30th
- July: 14th & 28th

For details of the hosts and the days available, and to sign up, contact Fr John on:
WhatsApp Number [+44 7407 246686](tel:+447407246686) or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com

May & June Retiring Collection – Otakar Kraus Music Trust (OKMT)

The Otakar Kraus Music Trust is a London-based organisation established in 1991 to offer music therapy to individuals of all ages who are struggling with physical, psychological, learning, behavioural, or emotional challenges.



OKMT's mission is to ensure that every child and adult has access to affordable music therapy in the community, help improve their well-being and quality of life through creative and participatory music making. They aim to build partnerships to increase the provision of music therapy in the community, improve awareness of disability and the benefits of music therapy, improve quality of life and well-being, and provide lasting benefits to hundreds of children and adults who are marginalised.

For more information visit okmtrust.org.uk.

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



Homelink provides Warm Spaces Lunch each Wednesday from 12-3 pm. 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 for more information about the charity.

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 and Greta Martin.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Norman Brown, Derek Short, Lily Thompson, Barbara Grace, Hilda McRury, Reginald Woods, Geoffrey Waterhouse, Leonard Roberts, Carrie Collins, Edward Bailey, Baby George Vander-Merwe, Kathleen Watts and Gwendoline Myles.

| Diary Dates – May & June 2023 | | |
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| Sat 27 th May | 9.40 am | Strollers Group Outing (meet at Whitton Train Station) |
| Sun 28 th May | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – Pentecost Sunday |
| Sun 4 th June | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – Trinity Sunday 65 th Anniversary Celebration Theme: Thanksgiving / Past & Present |
| Sun 11 th June | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – 1 st Sunday after Trinity 65 th Anniversary Celebration Theme: Celebrating / Past & Present |
| | 2.00 pm | YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall) |
| Tue 13 th June | 2.30 pm | Cornerstone (in church) |
| Diary Dates – 65th Anniversary celebrations June 2023 | | |
| Sat 3 rd June | 7.00 pm | Quiz night (doors open @6.45pm) |
| Wed 7 th June | 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm | Church Open Day* |
| Sat 10 th June | 12.30 pm | Garden Party/Summer Fair |
| Wed 14 th June | 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm | Church Open Day* |
| Sat 17 th June | 3.00 pm | Children's concert |
| Wed 21 st June | 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm | Church Open Day* |
| Sat 24 th June | 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm | Church Open Day* |
| Sun 25 th June | TBC | Anniversary Celebratory Lunch (after Sunday worship service) |
| *Note – there will be on display historical & current activities of the church life | | |

| 10.00 am Service Duties for May & June 2023 | | | |
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| | <u>21/05/23</u> | <u>28/05/23</u> | <u>04/06/23</u> |
| Sidespersons | Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B | Rob D, Connie C, Frances T | Gill G & Beryl L |
| First Reading | Family Service – Junior & Youth Church | Kerry D | Limbani K |
| Second Reading | | Alwyn W | Kathy B |
| Intercessions | | Limbani K | Martha K |
| Screen & sound | Roubina d W | Pauline C | Gill G |
| MC | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Crucifer | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Acolyte 1 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Acolyte 2 | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Tea & Coffee | Rene K, Marie C & Pauline C | Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S | Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P |