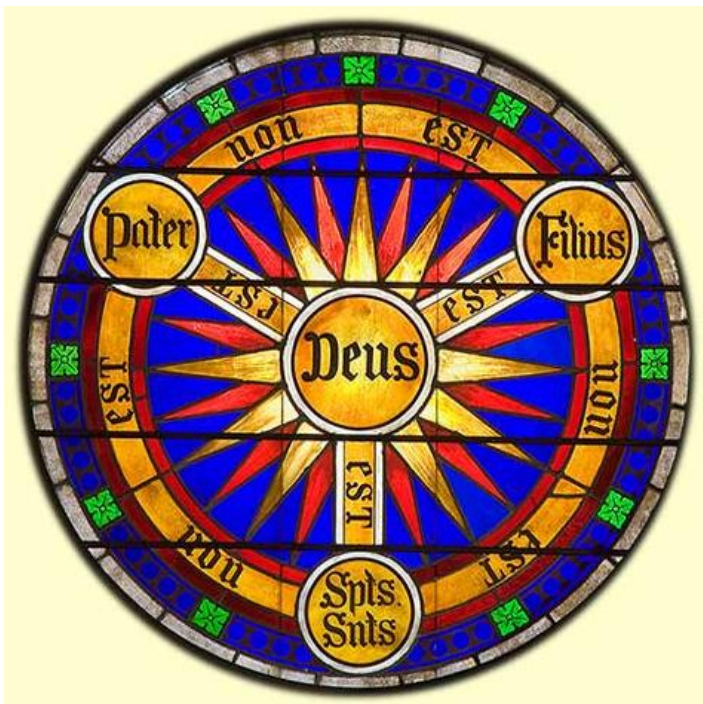


ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 25th June 2023

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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5th Sunday after Trinity



The Season of Trinity celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The trinity expresses the way we relate to, experience and worship God: Father the Creator, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church celebrates and gives thanks for what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done in creating and accomplishing salvation for humanity and the whole creation. 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 24.34-38, 42-9, 58 - end

Second Reading – Romans 7.15-25a

Gospel Reading – Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end



‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

A Word from the Vicar

International/Diversity Day

Before we go for our summer holidays, on Saturday 22nd July we are celebrating the gifts and blessings God has given to us all by coming together with a “bring and share meal” representing our diverse cultural (or/and ethnic) backgrounds and even (where possible) to wear attires that represent our respective cultural backgrounds. Please bring your families and invite your neighbours.

- When: 22 July 2023
- Time: 6.00pm
- Where: St Augustine of Canterbury church grounds

Note: for allergy reasons please do indicate ingredients in the food you bring.

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 11th July @ 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 15th July 2023 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm

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. Com and have fun!

Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 18th July, meet @ 09.50am at Whitton Station

This outing, weather and train strikes permitting, will be to Laleham and back. The walk will be along the river starting in Stains. The route will be mainly level and hard standing, with no stiles. Please bring a packed lunch and come to Whitton station for the 10:00 am service to Stains.

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.*

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 10th September @ 2.00pm

There will be no meeting during August 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.*

Confirmation Preparations

Confirmation preparations are scheduled on the following dates:

- July – Sunday 16th and 23rd @ 11.30 am
- August – Saturday 5th and 12th @ 10.00 am
- 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.

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:

- 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 or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com

ALMA Sunday – Sunday 23rd July

Since 1998 the Diocese of London has been linked with the Anglican churches in Angola and Mozambique. All are welcome to join for a celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the ALMA partnership.



- Afternoon tea before service – @ 3.30 - 5pm; St Vedast EC2V 6HH
 - To book please RSVP to Helen via email: almacomms@london.anglican.org.
- Eucharist – @ 5:30pm; St Paul's Cathedral
 - With Bishop Manuel Ernesto, Nampula Diocese, Mozambique

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. Far too many babies die without scientists, doctors, midwives, or their own parents understanding why with devastating effects.

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.*

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 Lucy Brooks.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: William Butt, John Gatfield, Brenda Mayne, William Griffiths, Lois Szigeti, John Dane, William Slatter, Sheila Sycamore, Margaret Gornall, George White, Valerie Phillips, Irene Wright, Eileen Finnis, Niall McKeever, Patricia Bird, John Brooker, Lillian Frenchum, Audrey Raine, David Weller, Eveline Bentley and Madeleine Boulden.

Diary Dates – July & August 2023		
Tue 11 th July	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sat 15 th July	10am – 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 16 th July	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 6 th Sunday of Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Tue 18 th July	09:50 am	Strollers Group Outing (meet at Whitton Train Station)
Sat 22 nd July	6.00 pm	International/Diversity Day
Sun 23 rd July	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 7 th Sunday of Trinity
Sat 29 th July	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 30 th July	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 8 th Sunday of Trinity
Sun 6 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 9 th Sunday of Trinity
Tue 8 th Aug	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Diary Dates – Advent & Christmas 2023		
Sun 3 rd Dec	6.30 pm	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 July 2023				
	<u>09/07/23</u>	<u>16/07/23</u>	<u>23/07/23</u>	<u>30/07/23</u>
Sidespersons	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B
First Reading	Roubina d W	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Dianne R	Sue A
Second Reading	Peter d W		Jay C	Roubina d W
Intercessions	Patricia H		Rob D	Limbani K
Screen & sound	Pauline C	Alwyn W	Pauline C	Gill G
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T	Denzil D & Maria D	Rene K, Marie C & Pauline C