

**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON**  
**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

# Church NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,  
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## Sunday next before Lent



The period between Christmas and Lent is known as Ordinary Time.

During this period, we are encouraged to deepen our prayer life, read the Scriptures, unite more deeply with the Lord in the Eucharist, and grow in our daily discipleship. It is in some way a time of preparation for the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, this year on 22<sup>nd</sup> February



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## First Reading – Exodus 24.12-end

## Second Reading – 2 Peter 1.16-end

## Gospel Reading – Matthew 17.1-9



Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

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## Strollers – Next Walk on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. We walk between 4 and 6 miles, aiming to include stops for coffee and lunch. 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.*

## 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.*

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

## 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.

## Lent Study 2023

During Lent study this year we shall use 'Dusty & Glory', a Lent resource written by the new Bishop of Kensington Episcopal Area, Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson. Copies are available at £2.50 for use in Home Groups as well as by individuals.

## 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.

Details of the hosts the days are as follows:

- Kay Alldridge: 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)
- Online Lent Study: Tuesday at 7.00pm from 28<sup>th</sup> February. *Zoom details – Meeting ID: 825 2830 0221 Passcode: 945273* ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))

*Please sign up as soon as possible at the back of the church or send your preference to WhatsApp Number [+44 7407 246686](tel:+447407246686) or email: [vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com](mailto:vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com)*

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## **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.*

## **Embracing Age: Poetry Competition – Closing Date: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April**



As a Christian charity working towards a world where older people are valued, connected and full of hope, Embracing Age believe there is hope, joy and fulfilment in ageing: that life in all its fullness extends into our later years.

So, Embracing Age is running a poetry competition with the theme of "Hope in Ageing". The competition is open to anyone over the age of 50, the shortlisted poems will be published in an anthology and the winning poems will be read by Pam Rhodes on Premier Radio. *This is a national competition, and all the details are on the website [embracingage.org.uk/poetry](http://embracingage.org.uk/poetry).*

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

## **Mozambique Conflict Trauma Support: Healing the memories**

The Diocese of London's 2023 Lent Appeal will raise money to train leaders in Mozambique who can provide pastoral care and support for those with trauma.

What has been happening? – Since 2017, over a million people living in northern Mozambique have been displaced by a violent insurgency and 4,000 have been killed. This is a population now who are deeply traumatised. Many professionals have said that their need for trauma counselling and support is as great as their need for food, but agencies and organisations do not have funds for this.

To find out more or donate to the appeal visit: [london.anglican.org/lentappeal2023](http://london.anglican.org/lentappeal2023)

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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, Rebecca, Richard and Theresa Scriven.

Recently Departed: John Edser and Gwilym Jones.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Molly Lang, Charles Jarvis, Raymond Goodey, John Woodward, Yvonne Edwards, Victor Johnson, Vivien Vallis, David Henderson, Nicola Pratt, Mary Cain, John Wilson, Andrew Antoniadis, Liberty Palmer, Danno Barrs, Jamie Barrs, Mark Dilly, Joachim Schulz, Peter Groom, Joan Langley-Smith, Stuart Johnson, Kenneth Bush, Leonard Cooper, Beryl Ashton, Marjorie Payne, Dolly Markham, Ronald Reakes, Evelyn Nash, William Robins, Leonard Roe, Kenneth Saunders, Elsie Clabon and Irene Riddlesworth.

<b>Diary Dates – February &amp; March 2023</b>		
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)
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
<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 &amp; March 2023</b>			
	<b><u>22/02/23</u></b> (Ash Wednesday)	<b><u>26/02/23</u></b>	<b><u>05/03/23</u></b>
<b>Sidespersons</b>	—————	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T	Gill G & Beryl L
<b>First Reading</b>	Peter d W Sue A Alwyn W	Bob W	Sue T
<b>Second Reading</b>		Roubina d W	Gill G
<b>Intercessions</b>		Kathy B	Kay A
<b>Screen &amp; sound</b>	Limbani K	Gill G	Alwyn W
<b>MC</b>	Jane D	Jane D	Jane D
<b>Crucifer</b>	Roubina d W	Michael B	Michael B
<b>Acolyte 1</b>	Christine H	Roubina d W	Christine H
<b>Acolyte 2</b>	Charles D	Christine H	Charles D
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	—————	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T	Denzil D & Maria D