

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 8th October 2023

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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18th Sunday of Trinity



The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

(The Parable of the Wicked Tenants – by Marten Van Valckenborch)

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.” – Matthew 21:43

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 – Exodus 20.1-4,7-9, 12-22

Second Reading – Philippians 3.4b-14



Gospel Reading – Matthew 21.33-end

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 10th October @ 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.

Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 17th October; meet @ 09.45am at Whitton Train Station

This outing, weather and train strikes permitting, will be in Windsor Great Park. This was originally scheduled for 30th Sept. Please bring a picnic lunch and meet at Whitton Station for the 10.00 am service to Windsor and Eton Riverside.

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

Messy Church – Saturday 21st October 2023 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm

Messy Church brings together children (age 0-8) and their parents every 3rd Saturday of the month 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!

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 7th November @ 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.

Kensington Area Youth Event – Friday 10th November @ 7.00pm – 8.30pm; St Saviour's Sunbury, TW16 7TP

This evening event for young people in Years 7-13 will include food, games, worship led by a youth band, a short talk and creative prayer stations. All for Free! The theme for the evening will be 'Who you are made to be' Psalm 139:14.

To book please contact Fr John on WhatsApp Number +44 7407 246686 or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 11th November @ 12.00pm

Please note that this monthly event on the 2nd Sunday has now changed to 12.00 noon from 2.00pm. Youth and young people (students from Year 5 to 13) are invited to meet 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

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.

- Wednesday Home Group with Fiona & John (@7.00pm) will meet next in October on the 25th.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11.00am) will meet next in October on the 20th.

For further details and to sign up, contact Fr John on:

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Hampton Deanery Clergy Licensing

Please pray for the Rev'd Simon Couper to be installed as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Twickenham Green on 17th of October.

Age UK Richmond – Dementia Support



Age UK Richmond have made available a new **Dementia Support webpage**. The aim of this page is to gather together some of the specific information and support that is available for local people living with dementia, their families and carers.

There are various dementia friendly activities available in Richmond e.g., a Dementia friendly Golf session, Creative workshops and more. *For more details visit the new webpage at ageuk.org.uk/richmonduponthames/get-involved/dementia-support/.*

October Retiring Collection – Homelink Day Respite Centre

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. All donations will be put towards the running of their crucial services.



With Homelink, carers can have a well-earned break and time to themselves whilst the person that they care for enjoys a day of stimulating activities, company, and a nutritious meal. Homelink also offers direct practical, social and emotional support to carers, both individually and in groups. In addition to the staff team, Homelink has a dedicated team of volunteers who give up their time each week to help in the centre.

*For more information visit homelinkdaycare.co.uk. For all service enquiries, please call **Julie or Rachel** on 0208 255 1992. For those interested in volunteering, please call and ask for **Julie**.*

Worship Services

- Sunday @ 10am – Holy Communion Service, includes Junior and Youth Church
- Sunday @ 6pm – Evening Prayers (Compline via Zoom)
Meeting ID: 897 3613 1720 Passcode: 702310 ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))
- 3rd Sunday of the month @ 10am – Family and All Age Holy Communion Service
- Friday @10am – Holy Communion Service

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, Chris Frazer, John Burbidge, Sylvia, Sian Davies, Charles Deakin.

Recently Departed: Valerie Irwin

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Gladys Harrison, Sidney Skinner, Sidney Tapper, Phyllis Ball, Colin Francis, Jean Woolgar, Ivy Irish, Rose Mary Hawker, Joan Jeffries, Fred Brown, Michael Lucas, Barney Larkin, Evelyn Larkin, Joyce Herbert, Len New and Sue White.

Diary Dates – October 2023		
Tue 10 th Oct	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 15 th Oct	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 19 th Sunday of Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Tue 17 th Oct	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 21 st Oct	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 22 nd Oct	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 20 th Sunday of Trinity
Sat 28 th Oct	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 29 th Oct	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Last Sunday after Trinity (Dedication Sunday)
Diary Dates – Advent & Christmas 2023		
Sat 2 nd Dec	2.00 pm	Winter Fair
Sun 3 rd Dec	10.00 am	Advent Sunday Service
	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 October 2023				
	<u>08/10/23</u>	<u>15/10/23</u>	<u>22/10/23</u>	<u>29/10/23</u>
Sidespersons	Vicki, Hilda, Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie, Frances	Rob, Connie, Frances
First Reading	Frances	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Gerald	Ben
Second Reading	Graham		Jay	Kathy
Intercessions	Patricia		Rob	Graham
Screen & sound	Gill	Alwyn	Pauline	Limbani
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare, Barbara & Hilda	Kathy, Frances & Sue