

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Monthly Edition – Sunday 1st October 2023

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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October 2023: Monthly Edition



“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’” – 2 Corinthians 9:8-10

17th Sunday of Trinity – Harvest Sunday

Harvest is a time when we remember God as creator and thank Him for the whole creation and the good things He provides. It is not only a time to thank God but also a time to raise awareness of the hunger that exists around the world and in communities close to us.

St Augustine of Canterbury and many churches do this annually at a Harvest Thanksgiving service where members of the congregation bring gifts of food and flowers to decorate the church. Afterwards these gifts are given to a charity (or charities) for the support of the needy in the neighbourhood.



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October 2023 Readings

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
01/10/23	Deuteronomy 8.7-18	2 Corinthians 9.6-end	Luke 12.16-30
08/10/23	Exodus 20.1-4,7-9, 12-22	Philippians 3.4b-14	Matthew 21.33-end
15/10/23	Exodus 32.1-14	Philippians 4.1-9	Matthew 22.1-14
22/10/23	Exodus 33.12-end	1 Thessalonian 1.1-10	Matthew 22.15-22
29/10/23	1 Kings 8.22-30	Hebrews 12.18-24	Matthew 21.12-16

A Word from the Vicar

“do not forget the Lord your God...But remember the Lord your God,”.

Harvest Festival is a time when we celebrate the generous love of God to humanity in creation and in giving us life on this earth and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

We are not only to celebrate God's generous love but are reminded to remember God, with thankful hearts, as the source of all that exists and all that we are and have.

One specific way we express our gratitude to God is being generous in supporting those in need.

Being generous triggers in others a chain of generous giving and enables people to honour and glorify God who is the ultimate giver.

Our harvest giving this time will go to Whitton Food Bank.

May your giving bring joy in others and in return honour one who is the source of our being. Amen

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 3rd October @ 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 8th October @ 2.00pm

On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Youth (students from Year 5 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 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

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.*

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!

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 6th and 20th.

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

WhatsApp Number +44 7407 246686 or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com

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 including Hello Hampton Coffee Morning, Dementia friendly Golf session at Strawberry Hill Golf Course, Allotment open morning with gardening tips, taster session and light refreshments, and Creative workshops.

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, Sian Davies, and Sylvia and Charles Deakin.

Recently Departed: Valerie Irwin and Samuel Lufungulo.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Norah Gibbs, Elsie Nicholas, Ida Davis, Maria Sheppard, Eleanor Grainger, George Grainger, Jean Shurvall, Jane Darling, Ray Stanbury, Edna Rose Kay, Ivy Burns and Revd. Vivien Lucas.

Diary Dates – October 2023		
Tue 3 rd Oct	10am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 8 th Oct	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 18 th Sunday of Trinity YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
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
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 October 2023				
	<u>01/10/23</u>	<u>08/10/23</u>	<u>15/10/23</u>	<u>22/10/23</u>
Sidespersons	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda, Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie, Frances
First Reading	Dina	Frances	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Gerald
Second Reading	Gill	Graham		Jay
Intercessions	Kay	Patricia		Rob
Screen & sound	Limbani	Gill	Alwyn	Pauline
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Denzil & Maria	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare, Barbara & Hilda