

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 23rd July 2023

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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7th Sunday after Trinity



The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

“The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.” – (Mathew 13:37 - 40)

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 – Genesis 28.10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Second Reading – Romans 8.12-25

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!



A Word from the Vicar

We give thanks to God for the gift of diversity which enriches our humanity and our faith in God, “who is a diversity of persons” and yet exists “in ineffable unity.” We have just celebrated the gift of diversity at St Augustine’s and I very grateful to all who made it.

I trust that several of us will attend the ALMA service on Sunday 23rd July @5.30pm at St Paul’s Cathedral.

My prayers for you all.



Strollers – Next Walk on Friday 28th July, meet @ 09.50am at Whitton Train Station

Due to RMT strikes scheduled for Saturday 29th July, the date of this outing has been changed to Friday 28th July.

This outing, weather permitting, will begin from Wraysbury station where there will be a coffee stop followed by a walk through the village and across the fields to the Ankerwycke Yew tree where lunch will take place. Please bring a packed lunch and come to Whitton station for the 10.00am service to Wraysbury.

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.*

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 8th August @ 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.

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

There will be no meeting during August as YGT will be taking 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.*

Messy Church – Saturday 16th September 2023 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm

There will be no meeting during August as Messy Church will be taking a break. 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. Come and have fun!

Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (14th – 17th July)

Five members of the St Augustine's congregation joined a group from St Mary's Sunbury on the annual weekend pilgrimage to Walsingham in Norfolk led by Fr Simon Lane.

The trip to Walsingham began with a short service of Blessing at St Augustine's. Each morning began with Mass at 8am. On Saturday morning St Augustine's group opted to go to Wells-next-the-Sea for lunch and in the evening attended the pilgrims mass followed by the candle lit procession of Our Lady in the grounds. Benediction followed, and a service of laying on of hands and healing for those who wish it.

On Sunday morning the pilgrims attended mass at the beautiful Parish Church of St Mary's, and in the afternoon were all sprinkled with holy water from the well and joined the procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds. This was later followed by Benediction and the Stations of the Cross in the evening in the peaceful grounds. After a final prayer of farewell on Monday, we set off for home around 10am

Besides all the shrine services and processions there is plenty of time to sit or wander and admire the beautiful gardens or join fellow pilgrims in the well-stocked bar. Everyone was well fed (almost too well fed) in the refectory.

If you think you might be interested in finding out more or joining next year pilgrimage please do speak to Fiona, Jane or Roubina.

By Roubina de Winton

Confirmation Preparations

Confirmation preparations are scheduled on the following dates:

- August – Saturday 5th @ 5.00 pm 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 next on July 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

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](https://www.sands.org.uk).*

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 Lucy Brooks and Andrew Fildes.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Dorothy Foster, Tom Sorbie, Vera Barry, Geoffrey Wells, Wendy Field, Chris Elliott, Frederick Hodgkinson, Lavinia Davidson, William King, Doreen Bates, Alison Hutchins, Frank Ridler, William Welsh, Eileen Chitson, Richard Noris, Norman Tattersley and Nathaniel Ohuimumwen.

Diary Dates – July & August 2023		
Fri 28 th July	09.50 am	Strollers Group Outing (meet at Whitton Train Station)
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)
Sun 13 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 10 th Sunday of Trinity
Wed 16 th Aug	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 20 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 11 th Sunday of Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Sat 26 th Aug	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 27 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 12 th Sunday of Trinity
Diary Dates – Advent & Christmas 2023		
Sat 2 nd Dec	2.00 pm	Winter Fair
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 & August 2023				
	<u>23/07/23</u>	<u>30/07/23</u>	<u>06/08/23</u>	<u>13/08/23</u>
Sidespersons	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B	Gill G & Beryl L	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P
First Reading	Dianne R	Sue A	Sue T	Vicki P
Second Reading	Jay C	Roubina d W	Kay A	Jo D
Intercessions	Rob D	Limbani K	Alwyn W	Graham D
Screen & sound	Pauline C	Gill G	Limbani K	Gill G
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Denzil D & Maria D	Rene K, Marie C & Pauline C	Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P