

# ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

## CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine's Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham, TW2 6DE

### 2nd Sunday of Advent



#### Luke 3.1- 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**



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## **Winter Fair**

Thank you to everyone who helped to set up and man the stalls, prepare and serve the delicious food and cakes as well as donating items to be sold. Your efforts have enabled us once again to open our doors and welcome the wider community who would not normally visit our beautiful church.

There was a steady stream of people and like our summer fair once again the weather wasn't kind to us. Nevertheless we managed to raise, so far, £1,042.

Thank you for coming and supporting us!

Sue & Roubina

## **Cornerstone Cafe - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm to 4:00pm**

Join our warm space and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some cake (sometimes homemade). Engage in exchange of views, play games and exercises the grey cells playing scrabble or doing crosswords.

## **Crib Service for the Children on 21 December at 4pm**

Family friendly service of carols and the Christmas story. All Children welcome To take part - Just come along!

Please arrive at 3:45 pm dressed in your favourite nativity costume, followed by Refreshments



## **Volunteers for Churches Together in Whitton Christmas Lunch - 25<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

The preparations for this year's Christmas Day lunch are underway. Once again, we need to ask for your help.

The lunch will be held at St Phillip and St James Church Hall on Hounslow Road. Volunteers are needed on Christmas Eve to prepare the hall. We will meet at midday for about 1 hour (the more people that help the shorter the time required). On Christmas Day, we require people to help greet our guests and serve lunch. We also require drivers to transport the guests to and from the hall. If you think you can help, please sign up on the lists at the back of church or email [ctiwchristmas@gmail.com](mailto:ctiwchristmas@gmail.com) or speak to Roubina de Winton

## **December Retiring Collection – Crisis**



December's retiring collection is for Crisis, the nation's largest homeless charity dedicated to helping people experiencing homelessness.

Every year Crisis at Christmas opens its doors to people who are homeless. Right now, thousands of people at the sharp end of poverty are at risk of being pushed into homelessness. As a national charity, Crisis offer much-needed warmth, healthcare, food and company to people experiencing homelessness across the UK.

## **November Retiring Collection - Thank you message from Homelink**

Dear Members of the congregation of St. Augustine's Church,

Thank you so much for donating the proceeds from your November retiring collection to Homelink. As many of you will already know, every penny raised goes towards providing vital care and support to local older people and their carers. Clients are invited to spend an enjoyable and stimulating day at Homelink whilst the person that they care for has a much needed break from their caring role. In turn, this enables our clients and carers to stay living at home for longer, retaining their independence and maintaining their wellbeing for as long as possible.

You raised a grand total of £117! What is more - the money was donated to us via our Big Give Christmas Match Funding Campaign, meaning that your efforts will be doubled, totalling £234!

Your support is hugely appreciated, thank you. Without donations such as this, we would be unable to do the important work that we do.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful 2025.

Jacqui Parris  
CEO - Homelink

### **Stollers Walk – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

The next outing will be a morning walk followed by an end of season lunch at the Fountain/Beefeater restaurant at Fulwell at 1pm.

We shall meet at **Whitton Station at 0940**. Then take either the bus or train or walk to Twickenham. Then along the Thames Path and stop for coffee at the Coach House Cafe at Marble Hill House (the house itself is closed) and then bus or walk to the Fountain. A provisional booking has been made for 8 people at the Fountain at 1pm, but I think they will be flexible with final numbers. I think you will be able to pick from either the Festive or Main menu. **So if you are coming on the walk and would like to join the lunch, please email me, so I can tell the Fountain. You only need to email if you are joining the lunch.**

The date for the next two walks are Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February . Happy Strolling! Peter and John

### **Update on Sunday School**

With the Sunday School leaders, from the New Year, we are looking at different ways to help the youngsters enjoy their Sunday worship. We are exploring the possibility of Messy Church taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, instead of Saturday.

### **Walsingham Mass**

The Walsingham Cell at St Augustine's has been re-established and all are welcome to the Mass which is held monthly on the last Saturday of the month followed by breakfast. Future dates of the Mass of Our Lady are as follows: 25<sup>th</sup> January and 22 February at St Augustine's, 29th March at St Mary's Sunbury, 26<sup>th</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> May at St Augustine's, 28<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's Sunbury, 26<sup>th</sup> July at St Augustine's. Mass of our Lady will not be held in August and resume on 27<sup>th</sup> September at St Augustine's, 25<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's, 29<sup>th</sup> November at St Augustine's. Walsingham Mass will not be held in December.

### **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.

Home Group with Fiona & John will start again in October. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Fiona or one of the Churchwardens.

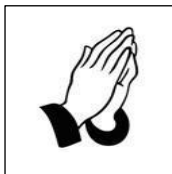
*If you are interested in hosting a Home Group, please inform the Churchwardens.*

### **Raising Funds for our Church**

If you take out new home insurance with **Ecclesiastical Insurance** they will donate £130 to an Anglican church or cathedral of your choice (T&Cs apply).

£130 may not seem like a lot of money, but a little help can go a long way. To find out more click on the link [Trust130 donations](https://www.ecclesiastical.com/home-insurance/trust130) or go to <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/home-insurance/trust130>

**For our Prayers**



Peace and end of war in Israel-Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Ukraine, Sudan, and other places of conflict around the world.

For the safety and wellbeing of people affected by natural disasters; particularly the recent floods, hurricanes and typhoons affecting various countries around the world.

**Those who are sick and struggling:** Jo Dale, Willem Cheng, Richard and Theresa Scriven, Anne Newman, Emily Adams, Lucy Brooks, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter, Ann Cadogan, John Jones, Lyn Watts, Boyce & Millicent, Paul Murphy, Emma Piper, Joan Greening, Kay Alldridge, Jenny Jones and Wyn Morris

**Recently departed:** Isaac Coupe

**This week we remember the anniversary of the death of**

- (8)** John Holden, Gilbert Hole, Laurence Turner (88), Dorothy Tompkins, Beryl Weber (05)
- (9)** John Symonds (07), Mollie Stiles (15)
- (10)** Eileen Hamilton (66), Maud Clewer (79), Vera Culling (09), Ron Culling (17)
- (11)** Ron Henson (04), Elsie Murphy (04)
- (12)** Joyce Horn (06), Paul Lucas (13)
- (13)** Annie Davies (64), Louise Gunter, Leslie Wookey (03), Cathrine Thring (04), Matthew Green (12)  
Donald Culling (06)
- (14)** Audrey Bassett (79), Blanche Maidwell, Winifred Adams (01), Kay Barnes (06)

<b>Diary Dates – At a Glance</b>		
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12pm – 2pm	YGT
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2:30pm – 4pm	Cornerstone Cafe
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am	Mass
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am	Parish Eucharist – Family Service
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30 pm	Christmas Carols by Candlelight Followed by mince pies and mulled wine
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am	Morning Prayer
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	4.00pm	Children’s Crib Service
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	10am	Parish Eucharist
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	No Service will be held
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Service of the Word
<b>2025</b>		
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6pm	Quiz Night

