

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 25th June 2023

CHURCH NEWS

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

3rd Sunday after Trinity



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St Augustine's 65th Anniversary

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As well as enjoying the fellowship we couldn't have during the COVID-19 pandemic, this anniversary celebration has been an opportunity to be a church that is both community and world facing, in expressing the love of Jesus Christ for the world.

The planning and implementation team prepared a series of events in this month of June concluding with the celebratory Sunday service.



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A Word from the Vicar

Brief History of St Augustine's Church, Whitton

As the village of Whitton grew due to the construction of Heathfield estate and surrounding developments, there was a need to reach out to this new community. Additionally, the existing St. Philip's church was too small to accommodate everyone. Therefore, it was decided to establish a new worshipping community on the south side of the railway line.

This saw the beginning of a new worshipping community of the Parish of St Augustine of Canterbury Whitton whose meeting place was at the newly built Bishop Perrin Memorial School (as it was known then). Bishop Perrin school was built around 1935 and the church also formerly began around 1936 with Fr R H Gill as its first Priest in Charge.

In his first newsletter written towards the end of 1936 (and published in January 1937), Fr Gill spoke of a sense of gratitude for the "new family, a happy family". He observed that "we shall be happier when we are much larger, and we must each do our share in extending to others that fellowship, that happiness which we share." (St Augustine of Canterbury Church Magazine, January 1937)

Plans were put in place to build the church at the present site but the beginning of the Second World War in 1939 halted the construction plans, not only because financial resources were mainly to serve the immediate needs, but also because many churches in London were being destroyed by falling bombs.

Therefore, the church was only able to be constructed after the war ended. While the Diocese of London provided funding for the building, the parish was responsible for furnishing it. Several furnishings, including the Crucifix, were gifted from other churches, particularly those that were destroyed during the war.

The church was officially opened by the Bishop of London, Rt Revd Henry M Campbell, on 29th June 1958, with an attendance of more than 500 people. Since then, significant progress has been made in promoting the Kingdom of God by spreading the love of God, as demonstrated through the life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Why Celebrate 65th Anniversary?

In 2022 PCC resolved to mark the 65th anniversary of the life and ministry of our church on our current site.

As well as enjoying the fellowship that was absent during the COVID-19 pandemic, this anniversary celebration was meant to be an opportunity for us to be a church that is both community and world-facing, in expressing the love of Jesus Christ for the world.

To this end, the planning and implementation team prepared a series of events in this month of June with the following objectives:

- to reconnect with one another and with our community after the long COVID-19 pandemic
- to continue being a church that is both community and world-facing in expressing the love of Jesus Christ for the world
- to invite and encourage all those who have had any association with this church to participate in any of the several events including the celebratory Sunday on 25th June 2023.
- to express our gratitude to God for His sufficient grace, enabling us to be simple and yet important signs of God's Kingdom in this community and beyond during the last 65 to about 87 years
- to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the Christians past and present who have used their God-given time, skills, and talents, to live faithfully as instruments of God's grace and love.
- to express our gratitude to the past leadership who served in this place for their faithfulness.

A Word of Gratitude

As we give thanks to God for the past many years of God's faithfulness among us and the selfless contribution of everyone, I wish to express my special thanks to the Planning and Implementing Team for their hard work and dedication which led to the successful 65th Anniversary celebrations. Special thanks to the many more people who made many personal sacrifices. Special thanks too to the school choirs and their leaders for gifting us with a very beautiful music concert. May God bless our journey into the future. Amen.



Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 9th July @ 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 11th July @ 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.

Messy Church – Saturday 15th July 2023 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm

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. Com and have fun!

Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 18th July

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 for further information.*

Admission of Wardens – Tuesday 27th June 2023 @7.30pm at St Mary's Twickenham

Our Church Wardens will be formally admitted to their roles, and everyone is welcome to attend this worship service.

Youth Weekend Away – 16th to 18th June 2023

The Youth Weekend Away attended the four young people St Augustine Whitton (*pictured on the right*) was a great time of fun and learning. We are most thankful to our youth leaders who accompanied them.



Confirmation Preparations

Two candidates have registered for Confirmation and First Communion preparations will begin on 1st July @3.00pm. Confirmation will take place on 1st October 2023 at All Saints Church Hampton at 4.00pm. If you or your child (minimum 11 Years old) wishes to be confirmed or you have questions for on this, 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 on the following dates:

- June: 30th
- July: 14th & 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

May & June Retiring Collection – Otakar Kraus Music Trust (OKMT)

The Otakar Kraus Music Trust is a London-based organisation established in 1991 to offer music therapy to individuals of all ages who are struggling with physical, psychological, learning, behavioural, or emotional challenges.



OKMT's mission is to ensure that every child and adult has access to affordable music therapy in the community, help improve their well-being and quality of life through creative and participatory music making. They aim to build partnerships to increase the provision of music therapy in the community, improve awareness of disability and the benefits of music therapy, improve quality of life and well-being, and provide lasting benefits to hundreds of children and adults who are marginalised.

For more information visit okmtrust.org.uk.

Homelink: Warm Spaces Lunch – Every Wednesday @12.00 - 3.00pm



Homelink provides 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 for more information about the charity.

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 and Emily Adams.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Bernard Williams, William Perrin Bp., Margaret White, Christine Windsor, Clara George, George Housby, Winifred Manley, Maggie Munro, Margaret Swann, Charles Bligh, Val O'Farrell, Jean Simmons, Alfred Wenham, Alex Griffin, Winifred Waldergrave and Fred Littlewood.

Diary Dates – June & July 2023		
Tue 27 th Jun	7.30 pm	Admission of Church Wardens @ St Mary's Twickenham
Sun 2 nd July	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 th Sunday of Trinity
Sun 9 th July	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Trinity YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 11 th July	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sat 15 th July	10am – 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 16 th July	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 6 th Sunday of Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Tue 18 th July	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 23 rd July	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 7 th Sunday of Trinity
Sat 29 th July	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
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
Diary Dates – Advent & Christmas 2023		
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 June & July 2023			
	<u>25/06/23</u>	<u>02/07/23</u>	<u>09/07/23</u>
Sidespersons	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T	Gill G & Beryl L	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P
First Reading	Michael B	Patricia H	Roubina d W
Second Reading	Peter d W	Clare M	Peter d W
Intercessions	Kay A	Roubina d W	Patricia H
Screen & sound	Gill G	Pauline C	Limbani K
MC	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Rene K, Marie C & Pauline C	Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P