

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 1st December 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

1st Sunday of Advent



Luke 21.25-36

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory.

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ



St Augustine's Church,
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Saturday 7th December 2pm -THE WINTER FAIR NEEDS YOU

If everyone brought a bottle for the Tombola, a gift for the Christmas stall, a bar of chocolate for the chocolate tombola, a raffle prize, a cake, toys or jigsaws – just think what a magnificent Christmas Fair we would have!

Have you got any pre-loved vintage homeware for the stall ?? Any unwanted presents, anything you think someone may like to buy bring it to the fair. Any unwanted Christmas decorations please donate them.

Don't leave it to the faithful few, you can all get involved. We still need stall holders and helpers, the list is at the back of church where you can see the gaps and you can fill it in. There will be Guess the Weight of the Christmas Cake. Guess the number of sweets in the jar.

The Fair is always a fun afternoon and it's lovely to see people who probably haven't been inside the church before. It is hard work for the few but if we have many it will be so much easier. Start bringing in your donations, IT IS 2 WEEKS AWAY, don't wait until the day, we need to see how much stuff we have got.

Spread the word to your friends and neighbours and let's make it a bumper year.

Thank you one and all Sue and Roubina

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: 25th January and 22 February at St Augustine's, 29th March at St Mary's Sunbury, 26th April and 31st May at St Augustine's, 28th June at St Mary's Sunbury, 26th July at St Augustine's. Mass of our Lady will not be held in August and resume on 27th September at St Augustine's, 25th October at St Mary's, 29th November at St Augustine's. Walsingham Mass will not be held in December.

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 - 25th 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 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.

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 3rd Sunday of the month, instead of Saturday.

Stollers – January 2025

John and I have stuck to the practice of the last Saturday in the month, plus mid month mid week walks to fall on a Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday rotation of dates, except where the Cornerstone cafe (church social group - 2nd Tuesday of the month) date clashes.

We're also trying to be Green and use public transport to get to and from the start/finish points. And there have been some great route suggestions so please keep them coming, too.

And if you know someone who'd like to join us, please let Peter at pdewinton@sol.com know the group is open to all newcomers.

The dates for January are January Wednesday 15th and Saturday 25th

Happy Strolling! Peter and John

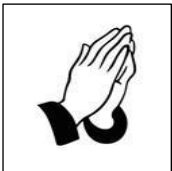
Home Groups

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.

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:

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of

(1) Nadine Cribb, Edgar Thomas (04), Francis Smith (06), Katherine Fraser MacDonald (07)

(2) Rita Jenn, Carol Alldridge, Maurice Barnett (09), Joyce Goddard (13), Tony Goff (20)

(3) Frederick Stark, Rhys Thomas, Kathleen Wye (06), Jean Hawkins (13)

(4) Arthur Randall (02)

(5) Maurice Ockendon (76), Terry Turner (12)

(6) Les Heppenstall (83), Mimi Every, Arthur Pullen (02), Donald Ratcliffe (06), Maurice Hutchins (08)

(7) Alex Ferguson (11), Gladys May (12)

Diary Dates – At a Glance		
Tue 3 rd Dec	11 am – 12 pm	Prayer and Reflection
Fri 6 th Dec	10 am	Mass
Fri 6 th Dec	5 pm	Waldegrave School Christmas Concert
Sat 7 th Dec	2pm – 5pm	Christmas Fair
Sun 8 th Dec	10 am	Parish Eucharist 1 st Sunday of Advent
	12pm – 2pm	YGT
Tues 10 th Dec	2:30pm – 4pm	Cornerstone Cafe
Fri 13 th Dec	10am	Mass
Sun 15 th Dec	10am	Parish Eucharist – Family Service
Sun 15 th Dec	6.30 pm	Christmas Carols by Candlelight Followed by mince pies and mulled wine
Fri 20 th Dec	10am	Morning Prayer
Sat 21 st Dec	4.00pm	Children’s Crib Service
Sun 22 nd Dec	10am	Parish Eucharist
Tue 24 th Dec	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Wed 25 th Dec	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service
Fri 27 th Dec	-	No Services
Sun 29 th Dec	10.00 am	Service of the Word
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Sat 8 th Feb	6pm	Quiz Night