

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 28th May 2023

CHURCH NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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Pentecost Sunday



The Coming of the Holy Spirit

“And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability” (Acts 2:2-4)

The Day of Pentecost (which comes from the Greek word for ‘fiftieth’) marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. On this day we recall how God’s Holy Spirit was poured upon the disciples after Jesus’ ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations. Thus, the day of Pentecost marks beginning of the Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include flames, wind, the breath of God and a dove. Red is the colour most associated with Pentecost, representing the tongues of fire described in Acts of the Apostles, appearing above the heads of the disciples as a sign that they had received the Holy Spirit.



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First Reading – Acts 2.1 - 21

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 12.3b - 13

Gospel Reading – John 20.19 - 23



Vicar Update – Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Thank you to all those who attended the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Sunday 21st May. We had a good turn out as well as very helpful contributions.

Elections

I wish to pay special tribute to all those who served in various leadership capacities. APCM elected the following:

Financial Independent Examiner

James Parker

Church Wardens

Sue Thornton

Roubina de Winton

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Joseph Magona

Limbani Kafwanka

Sian Cadogan

Pauline Churchman

Deanery Synod Representatives

Joan Greening

Connie Chingwaru

Kay Alldridge

Note: Church Wardens and Deanery Synod Representatives are members of the PCC.

After faithfully serving several years as Treasurer Eric Girma has stepped down and the PCC appointed Joseph Magona as the new Church Treasurer to be supported by our Account/Vice Treasurer Peter de Winton.

Here is the entire PCC:

Kay Alldridge

Sian Cadogan

Jay Cao

Connie Chingwaru

Pauline Churchman

Joan Greening

Limbani Kafwanka

Joseph Magona

Elizabeth Muir

Sue Thornton

Roubina de Winton

The Vicar

Do please join me in thanking those who have offered to serve in leadership.

Quiz Night – Saturday 3rd June @ 7.00pm (Doors open at 6:45pm)

As part of our 65th Anniversary Celebrations, we are hosting a Quiz night.

Tickets are £10 per person and teams should be made up of 6 people or less. The ticket price includes a Ploughman's and Pudding. Doors will open at 6:45pm.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 11th June @ 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 13th June @ 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 Thursday 15th June

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.*

Kensington Area Youth Weekend – Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June, Oakwood Youth Challenge, Wokingham

This weekend, packed full of outdoor activities, fun, worship and exploring our faith, is for churches who don't run their own youth residential. Cost is £130pp, some bursary funding will be available to those who may require financial assistance.

*For further details and bursary application contact Fr John on:
vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com or call/WhatsApp: 07407 246686*

65th Anniversary Celebrations (1958 - 2023)

We are committing the month of June to celebrating the 65th Anniversary of our church building. There will be various activities running throughout the month, including a Quiz night, Garden Party/Summer Fair, Children's concert, and a Celebration Service.

On Wednesdays and the last Saturday in June the church will be open from 2pm - 4pm to welcome members, visitors and those interested to find out more about our church, activities, and our history.

Details of the event dates and times can be found in Diary Dates on Page 5.

Confirmation Preparations

Two candidates have registered for confirmation lessons, which begin in July. Confirmation itself 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 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 on the following dates:

- June: 2nd, 16th & 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, Emily Adams and Gretta Martin.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Leonard Davies, Joan Royall, Gina Winter, Vera Harding, Bertie Newbury, Reepmaker D'Orville, Michael Lawrence, Matilda Gascoigne, Grace Harcourt, Richard Cope, Dave Sugden and Alfred Solomon.

Diary Dates – June 2023		
Sun 4 th June	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Trinity Sunday 65 th Anniversary Celebration Theme: Thanksgiving / Past & Present
Sun 11 th June	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 1 st Sunday after Trinity 65 th Anniversary Celebration Theme: Celebrating / Past & Present
	2.00 pm	YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 13 th June	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Thu 15 th June	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Fri 16 th – Sun 18 th June	————	Youth Weekend Away
Diary Dates – 65th Anniversary celebrations June 2023		
Sat 3 rd June	7.00 pm	Quiz night (doors open @6.45pm)
Wed 7 th June	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Church Open Day*
Sat 10 th June	12.30 pm	Garden Party/Summer Fair
Wed 14 th June	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Church Open Day*
Sat 17 th June	3.00 pm	Children's concert
Wed 21 st June	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Church Open Day*
Sat 24 th June	2.00 pm - 4.00 pm	Church Open Day*
Sun 25 th June	TBC	Anniversary Celebratory Lunch (after Sunday worship service)
*Note – there will be on display historical & current activities of the church life		

10.00 am Service Duties for May & June 2023			
	<u>28/05/23</u>	<u>04/06/23</u>	<u>11/06/23</u>
Sidespersons	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T	Gill G & Beryl L	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P
First Reading	Kerry D	Limbani K	Patricia H
Second Reading	Alwyn W	Kathy B	Graham D
Intercessions	Limbani K	Martha K	Kathy B
Screen & sound	Pauline C	Gill G	Limbani K
MC	————	————	————
Crucifer	————	————	————
Acolyte 1	————	————	————
Acolyte 2	————	————	————
Tea & Coffee	Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T