

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
Monthly Edition – Sunday 7th May 2023

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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May 2023: Monthly Edition



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)

Ascension and Pentecost

This month we will be celebrating Ascension and Pentecost Feast days.

On the 40th day after Easter, we celebrate Jesus Christ's ascension into Heaven. On this day Jesus commissioned his disciples to continue his work and promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end, but we continue to be Easter people throughout the year. Pentecost recalls how God's Holy Spirit poured upon the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of Jesus in every nation.



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May 2023 Readings

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
07/05/23	Acts 7.55-end	1 Peter 2.2-10	John 14.1-14
14/05/23	Acts 17.22-31	1 Peter 3.13- end	John 14.15-21
18/05/23	Acts 1.1-11	Ephesians 1.15- end	Luke 24.44-end
21/05/23	Acts 1.6-14	1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11	John 17.1-17
28/05/23	Acts 2.1-21	1 Corinthians 12.3b-13	John 20.19-23

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 9th May @ 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 14th May @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.*

Strollers – Next Walk on Wednesday 17th May

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](tel:07407246686)*

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 10.30am – 12.30pm and 2pm – 4pm to welcome members, visitors and those keen to find out more about our church, our activities, and our history.

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

Timothy Magona wins a 2022/23 Vanessa Award

Congratulations to Timothy Magona for receiving an Award from the British Theatre Academy (BTA) as part of The Best on Stage Couple. What stood out was Timothy's public acknowledgement in his acceptance speech of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Timothy's statement of faith was received with a round of applause and cheers.

As a Church, we celebrate Timothy and all young people who put their faith in Jesus Christ as their own personal saviour and openly confess. This is definitely a great source of encouragement for us all.



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:

- May: 19th
- 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](tel:+447407246686) or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com.*

May 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.

Revision of the Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll for our parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council beginning on Monday 27th March and ending on Friday 5th May.

The final Roll will be published on 7th May 2023, with a copy of the names only (data protection) displayed in the Narthex and church website. A full copy (with contact details) will be kept by the Electoral Roll Officer, Vicar, and Church Wardens. A copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Growing Faith @ Home – Thursday 11th May @7.30pm - 9.00pm; To be hosted in multiple locations

An evening led by Care for the Family discussing how to engage kids and youth in conversations of faith at home. The evening will include free resources, a short talk, time for discussion and a Q&A. This event will take place at St Andrews - Fulham, St Saviours - Sunbury, Hope Church - Hounslow and St Paul's - Brentford.

To sign up visit eventbrite.co.uk/e/growing-faith-home-tickets-596775059267.

Dementia Action Week (DAW) 2023 – 15th - 21st May

Dementia Action Week is Alzheimer's Society's biggest and longest-running awareness campaign which this year focuses on early diagnosis. DAW is an opportunity for individuals as well as businesses to take action to improve the lives of people living with dementia. There will be various activities and events taking place in the borough of Richmond during this week.

Event details are available on [Page 6 of the online edition of this Newsletter](#).

For more information on Dementia Friendly Communities Richmond and Dementia Action Week call Marie-Therese Keegan on 020 8744 1965 or email dementiafriendly@ageukrichmond.org.uk. Also visit: ageukrichmond.org.uk and alzheimers.org.uk.

Weekday Services

We have Morning Prayers every Friday at 10.00 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, Aiden Littrell, Jeremy Short, Anne Hickmott, Sister Eileen Caple, Willem Cheng, Richard and Theresa Scriven, Anne Newman, Bob Winter and Joan Greening

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Emily Middleton, Robert Rigg, Dilys Davies, Douglas Peasnall, Brian Selwood, Glynnis Wenham, Dorothy Canter, Susan Lovell, Winifred Trevallion, Lucy Bartlett, Brian Philpott, Victor James, Chloe Paynter-Smith, Brenda Pooley, Vera Fielding, Arthur Hunt, Donald Clarke, Bill Martin and Charlotte Elkan.

Diary Dates – May 2023		
Tue 9 th May	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 14 th May	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 6 th Sunday of Easter YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Wed 17 th May	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Thu 18 th May	10.00 am	Ascension Day Service
Sun 21 st May	10.00 am 11.15 am	7th Sunday of Easter (All Age/Family Service) Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APMC)
Sat 27 th May	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Diary Dates – 65th Anniversary celebrations June 2023		
Sat 3 rd Jun	7.00 pm	Quiz night (doors open @6.45pm)
Wed 7 th Jun	AM: 10.30 – 12.30 PM: 2.00 – 4.00	Church Open Day*
Sat 10 th Jun	12.30 pm	Garden Party/Summer Fair
Wed 14 th Jun	AM: 10.30 – 12.30 PM: 2.00 – 4.00	Church Open Day*
Sat 17 th Jun	3.00 pm	Children's concert
Wed 21 st Jun	AM: 10.30 – 12.30 PM: 2.00 – 4.00	Church Open Day*
Sat 24 th Jun	AM: 10.30 – 12.30 PM: 2.00 – 4.00	Church Open Day*
Sun 25 th Jun	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 2023				
	<u>07/05/23</u>	<u>14/05/23</u>	<u>21/05/23</u>	<u>28/05/23</u>
Sidespersons	Gill G & Beryl L	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T
First Reading	John W	Frances T	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Kerry D
Second Reading	Rob D	Fiona W		Alwyn W
Intercessions	Alwyn W	Dina B		Limbani K
Screen & sound	Gill G	Limbani K	Roubina d W	Pauline C
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T	Denzil D & Maria D	Rene K, Marie C & Pauline C	Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S

**Asking the
same question
over and over again.
over and over again.
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**It's not called
getting old, it's
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"Memories Monday" Afternoon Coffee – Monday 15th May

For people living with Dementia and their carers – food, music, activities and chat. In collaboration with YMCA, The White House.

- @YMCA, White House, Hampton, TW12 3RN
- 12pm to 1.30pm
- *To book please call **020 8979 1884***

"Forget-Me-Not" Afternoon Tea – Tuesday 16th May

A pop-up dementia café for people living with Dementia and their carers – food, music, activities and chat. In collaboration with Multicultural Richmond.

- @Whitton Social Centre, 111a Kneller Road, TW2 7DT
- 2pm to 4pm
- *To book please call Surinder on **020 8894 4963** or Marie-Therese on **020 8744 1965***

Pop-up Information Stall – Wednesday 17th May

Age UK Richmond, Alzheimer's Society Richmond and Dementia Friendly Richmond will have an information pop-up stand all day at Richmond and Hillcroft Adult Community College. Sara Wilcox from Pathways through Dementia will join us too. Don't miss the opportunity to pop in for a chat.

- @RHACC, Parkshot, Richmond, TW9 2RE
- 10am to 3pm

Lasting Power of Attorney Workshop – Friday 19th May

Workshop and discussion with Sara Wilcox from Pathways through Dementia

- @Twickenham Wellbeing Centre, Arragon Rd, TW1 3NH
- 2pm to 4pm
- *Last few spaces available - to book please call Marie-Therese on **020 88744 1965***

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