

**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON**  
**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

# Church NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham, TW2  
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**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**



The Season of Trinity celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The trinity expresses the way we relate to, experience and worship God: Father the Creator, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church celebrates and gives thanks for what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done in creating and accomplishing salvation for humanity and the whole creation. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter and strength. Celebrating Trinity Sunday after Pentecost also allows the Church to further reflect on the mystery of God after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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## **Gospel Reading – Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'



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## **Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

A group of pilgrims from St Augustine Whitton and St Mary's Sunbury led by Fr. Simon Lane travelled to Walsingham to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

This year the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk celebrates the centenary of its existence on the present site. St Augustine's have had a long tradition of visiting the shrine and indeed have a close connection in the form of the late Fr. Beaumont Lauder Brandie, one time curate at St Augustine's in the early 1970s.

It is an experience which has much to commend itself. On Saturday evening is the pilgrims mass for all the visiting groups followed by the candle lit procession of Our Lady in the grounds, Benediction, and a service of laying on of hands and healing for those who wish it. On Sunday we have our own mass at 8am and in the afternoon we are all sprinkled with holy water from the Well and join the procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds followed by Benediction. Stations of the cross on Sunday evening around the grounds is blissfully peaceful as many pilgrim groups have gone home. On our last day, Monday, we have our own mass at 8am and a final prayer of farewell before setting off home around 10am.

Besides all the shrine services and processions there is plenty of time to sit or wander and admire the beautiful gardens or join your fellow pilgrims in the well stocked bar. There are plenty of interesting walks in the area, particularly along a disused part of the railway line to the Roman Catholic shrine.

*If you are interested in finding out more or joining us next year please speak to Fiona Wolsoncroft or Roubina and they can pass on your details to Fr. Simon*

**– Account by Fiona Wolsoncroft**

## **Vicar on Leave**

The Vicar will be on leave for the whole of August. For any pastoral needs please contact the Church Wardens.

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**Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August @ 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 Wednesday 17th August**

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, as we aim for fellowship combined with mild exercise in pleasant surroundings. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

**Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September @2.00pm**

There will be no meeting during August as YGT has taken a break.

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.*

**Area Youth Event - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September; St Alban's Turnham Green @ 7pm**

For older youth (Year 11+). An evening with comedian Paul Kerensa, who will do a comedy set and also a Q&A session about being a 'well known Jesus dude in the world of media'. Food (nachos and selection of toppings) and drink will be provided! *Expression of interest and booking a place please contact Martha by email: msakala07@yahoo.co.uk.*

**Confirmation – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September @ 10.00am**

Please continue praying for the following confirmation candidates as they look forward to be confirmed by Bishop Graham Tomlin on Sunday 18th September: Rosie Escoffery, Matilda Escoffery, Agape Magona, Timothy Magona, Gideon Luyombya, Gerald Pratt, Lois Luyombya, George Saunders & Abigail Harris.

**'Bring and Share' Harvest Lunch – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

We are planning as usual to have a Harvest Sunday lunch but with a difference this time! As it's a Confirmation and Family Sunday we aim for a 'Bring and Share Lunch' to celebrate with the candidates and Bishop Graham Tomlin. *Please speak to Sue Thornton or Roubina de Winton for menu details.*

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**Community Wellbeing Event – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August; Hounslow Heath Estate Community Centre, 190 Edgar Road Hounslow TW4 5QP @ 11am – 2pm**

Multicultural Richmond, in partnership with Richmond Councils Community Engagement Team and Healthwatch Richmond upon Thames, will host a fun filled day with free refreshments and activities. Everyone is welcome and attendees will also have an opportunity to find out about the different activities being offered by Multicultural Richmond and an opportunity speak to some health and wellbeing specialists.

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## Weekday Services

We regret to let you know that the Weekdays worship services held on Tuesday and Friday are temporary suspended until further notice.

## Compline Service – Every Sunday @ 6pm

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



Peace and end of war in Ukraine and other places of conflict around the world.

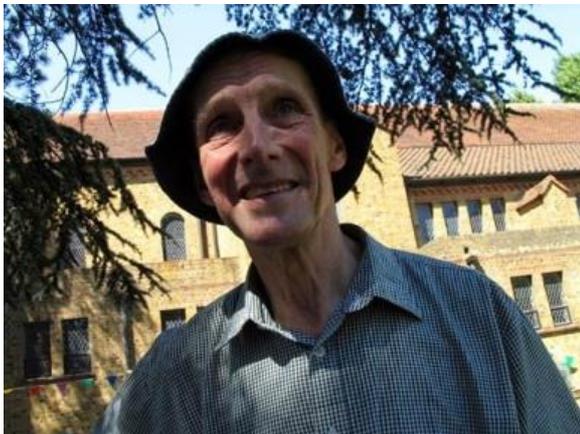
Those who are sick and struggling: Jo Dale, Arthur Doughty, Stella Cheng, Aiden Littrell, Jeremy Short, Peter Greening, Alison Griffiths, Rosemary Styles and Fr John.

Recently Departed: Richard Norris and Ken Riley.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Sr. Monica Roberts OSU, Isabella Sim, Reginald Cole, Joy Boyce, Hannah Kelloch, Ian Brenchley, Lilian Jarvis, Joanna Fisher, Charles Piercey, Michael Steele, Frank Cason, Joan Mitchell, Adrian Hawken, Phyllis Hayward, Andrew Parkins and Marjorie Keene.

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## Richard Norris Remembered



It goes without saying that Richard was a very committed member of St Augustine who never missed a worship service or church function unless he was out of town. Richard would rather be late than missing anything.

St Augustine church community was part of his family as Richard was part of St Augustine community. This was demonstrated in so many ways including his practice of writing one greeting card to the whole church community at special feasts such as Easter and Christmas.

As I started my ministry during lockdown, I only started to know Richard well after the lockdown when meeting up became possible. I took keen interest in him and after some persuasion I managed to get an invitation to visit his home, a week or so before he travelled to spend Christmas with his brother John and sister-in-law Elizabeth.

It was on Friday morning after Holy Communion service when Richard took me to his house. We spent time together in his house learning about him and his life and family. We also talked about how we could work together to clear the back garden of his house.

That very day we decided to go to the High Street for lunch. We were welcomed in Café Venice and had such a wonderful time of fellowship and laughter over a lovely meal. I asked Richard to order anything he wanted to eat and a drink of his choice,

which he did and got himself a beer while asking, "Are you sure Fr John I should get a beer?", and of course my answer was an obvious "yes, go for it."

On that day we agreed to have another meal together after Easter, but my health situation after Easter never allowed for that second meal to happen.

We are thankful for the person Richard was and the richness of his humanity and faith, and the privilege we had of sharing in his life.

Richard was a blessed person who became a blessing to many of us. He was a gentle and caring person, intelligent, and certainly a person of strong faith.

The memories shared in this publication attest to that. RIP.

– Fr John

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To many people I am known as Connie but Richard would always call me 'Constance'

He was such a gentleman this was witnessed daily when entering the church door, he would let other people go in first.

Richard was a very kind man, he was always worried about his brother and sister in law. He told me he needed to help them as much as he can because of their health.

On many occasions we would walk home together after church service. He would make sure I am safe, therefore he would wait until I have boarded the bus, then he would go home on his own. Little did he know that I was more worried about him going home alone. But Richard would reassure me that he would be alright.

Richard was very intelligent and yet modest. One would always learn something new from him. He was well informed.

He made sure that he never missed church services when he was around, it being day or evening services.

He would many times be late but would nevertheless be there.

(he would rather be late than never) He was a staunch believer.

The last days of his life, I didn't see him in church but inner me said, I am sure he will turn up, he is probably running late.

But Richard was no more!

Richard was a man of faith. He helped my faith grow.

I feel blessed that I got to know Richard as a friend.

He touched everyone 's life in different ways.

Go well true friend. We will miss you but will meet again. May your Soul Rest in Peace.

– Connie C

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He was unstinting in his loyalty to the Group and never missed a walk unless he was away out of the area. He used to interrogate me in the Hall after church as to where the next walk would be held and the route, the likely weather and the logistics of the walk, as he longed for the informal human contact that the Group afforded him. He wanted to be with kindred spirits but not reveal too much of himself, and he would seek to achieve acceptance by being the physical equal of a group that being Christian, accepted him without question, Church activities and particularly walking, supplied the ideal mix of what made him tick. He used to thank me profusely after

each walk and say how keenly he was looking forward to the next outing. The members of the Group welcomed his participation and realised how much he appreciated the company, fresh air and conversation that walking offered him. Until a few months before his demise he was remarkably fit, walking 5 or 6 miles with no complaints.

He had an uncanny compass and sense of location - I recall how one day we walked in Richmond Park but he failed to join us at the station for the start of the walk. We concluded that he had been taken ill or was elsewhere until he surprised us by turning up at our coffee stop unannounced at about midday and in a matter of fact way said he knew where we'd be!!

He also took a very full part in the house to house collections for Christian Aid until we ceased doing this in 2016 or thereabouts. He worked many of the roads in the Woodlawn area and came away with some very decent totals collected.

– Peter d W

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"Richard was courageous and intrepid during our walks. He showed a fitness that belied his age. He was great company and always in good humour. On the last Strollers I was on with him in Richmond Park we got onto the subject of dying. He expressed an earnest wish that he hoped it would be quick for him - He did not wish to linger. I hope this wish was fulfilled.

I also had contact with Richard at bible study and when he used to attend Evening Prayers and Services at other Church Festivals where he displayed his unquestioning and unwavering Christian faith and beliefs."

– John W

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My family and I are grateful as Richard taught us so much.

We have been neighbours for over 10 years but never crossed paths much until during the lockdown pandemic we often saw him when out walking locally.

As we got talking more regularly I grew worried about the self care that he had. We then offered to bring him a meal each week and soon we realised what we got in return was an enriching conversation and unlikely friendship.

Richard loved walking at dusk which is a time I am drawn to as well. We always shared our love of nature and he always impressed me with his knowledge of so many subjects.

What a wonderfully curious and enquiring mind he had. Rest in peace.

– The Crosbys

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Richard was a great supporter of Cornerstone, coming whenever he could, and was supported by it by having the opportunity to chat with others. He was rarely lost for words and his conversation and thoughts were often very deep. We always missed him when he went to his brother and we were pleased when he rejoined us on his return. On a light note, we never had to worry about what to do with any leftovers!

Richard was deep and wise. I remembered an incident some years back, when Caroline was our DOM and Ann our curate. The congregation had gathered to consider updating hymns and prayers to introduce non-gender related names for God. The discussion almost became an argument when Richard stood up and said,

very firmly, that all this was unnecessary as "Our God knows who we mean, whatever name we use!", then sat down, to a round of applause, which changed the mood of the meeting.

This was typical of Richard, to be simply honest and people listened. Richard will be greatly missed. RIP.

– Patricia H

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He was a very kind and caring gentleman who was devoted to the church. I am very sorry to hear of his passing.

– Dina B

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He was always so willing to get involved and was a very intelligent man. Sadly, I only knew him for about 5 years but always participated when he could, will be sorely missed.

– Pauline C

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During the Strollers walks and their journeys over many years Richard was very much part of the group. He moved...to Whitton (and) he remembered the bombs coming during World War, the noise they made and the destruction caused to the High Street. He worked at NPL in Teddington. Richard knew many things particularly in the areas of history and geography of which he seemed to have almost an encyclopaedic recall. He relished his trips to his brother & sister in law.... where the three of them spent some happy times. Although he led a solitary life in many ways Richard loved being with and talking to people.... He was always so happy on the walks and in some ways I think he will always be there with us as we amble along. One finds oneself almost looking for him now. I think he told me his birthday was Christmas Day (check that out) so that would make him very special.

– Margaret Guggiari



### Diary Dates – August 2022

Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### Diary Dates – Important Dates 2022

Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	10.00 am	Confirmation & Harvest Sunday Service with 'Bring and Share' Harvest Lunch
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00 am	All Saints Day Service
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	TBC	Fireworks Display Night
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00 am	Christ the King Service

### Diary Dates – Advent & Christmas 2022

Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.30 pm	Advent Sunday and Advent Carols
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	2.00 pm	Winter Fair
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00 pm	Nativity Play
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30 pm	Christmas Carols by Candlelight
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Christmas Day Service

### 10.00 am Service Duties for August 2022

Date	Sidespersons	First Reading	Second Reading	Intercessions	Tea & Coffee
07/08/22	Gill G & Beryl L	Ben W	Gill G	Kay A	Denzil D & Maria D
14/08/22	Vicki P, Hilda P & Gerald P	Chris F	John W	Patricia H	————
21/08/22	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church			————
28/08/22	Rob D, Connie C & Frances T	Jo D	Jane D	Rob D	————

Date	Screen & sound	MC	Crucifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
07/08/22	Gill G	Jane D	Roubina d W	Michael B	Christine H
14/08/22	Pauline C	Roubina d W	Christine H	Charles D	Michael B
21/08/22	Alwyn W	Roubina d W	Roubina d W	Christine H	Michael B
28/08/22	Gill G	Jane D	Roubina d W	Simon	James



All are welcome to join us for Tea & Coffee in the Church Hall after the service