

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

SUNDAY 30th July 2023

CHURCH NEWS

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

8th Sunday after Trinity



The Parable of the Mustard Seed

“He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ – (Mathew 13:31 - 32)

The Season of Trinity celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We give thanks for what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done in creating and accomplishing salvation for humanity and the whole creation.

The trinity expresses the way we relate to, experience and worship God; 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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First Reading – Genesis 29.15-28



Second Reading – Romans 8.26-end

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

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He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 8th 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.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 10th September @ 2.00pm

There will be no meeting during August as YGT will be taking 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.*

Strollers – Next Walk on Friday 16th 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. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

Messy Church – Saturday 16th September 2023 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm

There will be no meeting during August as Messy Church will be taking a break. 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. Come and have fun!

Funeral Announcement – Moira Brunskill

Thursday 3rd August @ 5.00pm – ‘Vespers-Reception into Church at St Philip and St James’ where she will rest overnight and the main service the following day at the Crematorium.

Friday 4th August 2023 @ 1:20pm – The Main Funeral service is to be at South West Middlesex Crematorium. All are most welcome to attend this and the reception after at The Meadhurst Club, Sunbury.

For more details check the memorial web page moirabrunskill.muchloved.com.

Pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham (14th – 17th July)

Five members of the St Augustine's congregation joined a group from St Mary's Sunbury with three other churches on the annual weekend pilgrimage to Walsingham in Norfolk led by Fr Simon Lane.

The trip to Walsingham began with a short service of Blessing at St Augustine's. Each morning began with Mass at 8am. On Saturday morning St Augustine's group opted to go to Wells-next-the-Sea for lunch and in the evening attended the pilgrims mass followed by the candle lit procession of Our Lady in the grounds. Benediction followed, and a service of laying on of hands and healing for those who wish it.

On Sunday morning the pilgrims attended mass at the beautiful Parish Church of St Mary's, and in the afternoon were all sprinkled with holy water from the well and joined the procession of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds. This was later followed by Benediction and the Stations of the Cross in the evening in the peaceful grounds.

After a final prayer of farewell on Monday, we set off for 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 fellow pilgrims in the well-stocked bar. Everyone was well fed (almost too well fed) in the refectory.

If you think you might be interested in finding out more or joining next year pilgrimage please do speak to Fiona, Jane or Roubina.

By Roubina de Winton

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 Williams (@ 11.00am) will meet in August on the 11th and 25th.

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

Confirmation Preparations

Confirmation preparations are scheduled on the following dates:

- August – Saturday 5th @5.00 pm and 12th @ 10.00 am
- September – Saturday 23rd @ 10.00 am

Confirmation will take place on 1st October 2023 at All Saints Church Hampton at 4.00pm. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr John, or drop him a line by email or phone.

July & August Retiring Collection – Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity (Sands)

Sands is a UK registered charity, based at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London. Established 40 years ago it provides support to anyone affected by the death of a baby. Far too many babies die without scientists, doctors, midwives, or their own parents understanding why with devastating effects.



Sands works in partnership with health care professionals, trusts and health boards to offer a range of training programmes and bereavement care resources to ensure that every bereaved parent and family receives the best possible care through a UK-wide network of around 100 support groups. *For more information visit sands.org.uk.*

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 Lucy Brooks and Andrew Fildes.

Recently Departed: Linda Williams and Moira Brunskill

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Gerald Hewson, Veronica Bush, Barbara Barrett, Steve Thornton, Sr. Monica Roberts OSU, Isabella Sim, Reginald Cole, Joy Boyce, Hannah Kelloch, Ian Brenchley, Lilian Jarvis, Joanna Fisher, Charles Piercy, Michael Steele, Frank Cason and Joan Mitchell.

Diary Dates – August 2023		
Sun 6 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 9 th Sunday of Trinity
Tue 8 th Aug	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 13 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 10 th Sunday of Trinity
Wed 16 th Aug	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 20 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 11 th Sunday of Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Sat 26 th Aug	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 27 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 12 th Sunday of Trinity
Sun 3 rd Sept	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 13 th Sunday of Trinity
Diary Dates – Advent & Christmas 2023		
Sat 2 nd Dec	2.00 pm	Winter Fair
Sun 3 rd Dec	10.00 am	Advent Sunday Service
	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 July & August 2023				
	<u>30/07/23</u>	<u>06/08/23</u>	<u>13/08/23</u>	<u>20/08/23</u>
Sidespersons	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B	Gill G & Beryl L	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B
First Reading	Sue A	Sue T	Vicki P	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church
Second Reading	Roubina d W	Kay A	Jo D	
Intercessions	Limbani K	Alwyn W	Graham D	
Screen & sound	Gill G	Limbani K	Gill G	Alwyn W
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	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T