

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 8th January 2023

Church NEWS

St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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Epiphany



The Feast of the Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season and is celebrated 12 days after Christmas on 6th January. Epiphany is a celebration of God manifesting as the baby Jesus and revealing Himself to the world.

The word 'epiphany' comes from the Greek language and means 'to show forth'. It is the time when we remember the day the Magi (also called the Three Kings or Wise Men) visited baby Jesus in Bethlehem; when Jesus was 'to show forth' as God's Son to non-Jews.

This is an important day signifying that Jesus' birth would be important for all people, not just the Jews. Jesus is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'.



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First Reading – Isaiah 60.1-6

Second Reading – Ephesians 3.1-12

Gospel Reading – Matthew 2.1-12



Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 10th January @ 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.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting – Tuesday 17th January

Please send suggested agenda items to Pauline Churchman (the Secretary), via staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com, by Tuesday 10th January 2023.

Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 17th January, meet @ 9.40am at Whitton Station

This walk, weather permitting, will be to Hampstead Heath and will be around 5 miles. After coffee at Hampstead Heath station, the route will begin by entering the Heath near to Parliament Hill and walking across the park to Kenwood House, then lunch at the café there. The walk will continue around the park until an exit is chosen depending on how far people want to walk.

Please come to Whitton Station for the 9:50am service to Richmond Station thence the Overground to Hampstead Heath. The trains are currently not on strike on this day, but should this change, the plan for the day may be revised.

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 12th February @2.00pm

There will be no meeting during January 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.*

January & February Retiring Collection – Homelink



Homelink, registered as St. Augustine's Community Care Trust was established in 1997 through fundraising and dedication of St Augustine's congregation. Its aim is to give carers a well-earned day's respite, secure in the knowledge that the person they look after is receiving care of the very highest standard.

Homelink provides a happy and vibrant environment where people can enjoy each other's company through stimulating activities including discussion groups, music, virtual reality and creative pursuits, leaving carers free to have a break from what can be an exhausting and stressful daily routine. This is a vital support to carers in desperate need of respite, which in turn leads to reduced isolation and an overall improvement in wellbeing.

Home Groups

Now that we can meet freely, we plan to restart Home Groups during Lent in February 2023. Home groups provide opportunity for fellowship, to study scriptures and reflect together, to support one other and can also be a springboard for church growth.

If you are happy and willing to host a 'home group' and/or want to know more contact Fr John by Friday 20th January 2023. After that there will be a briefing and planning meeting with Home Group hosts on Wednesday 1st February at 7.00pm.

The New Bishop of Kensington Episcopal Area

Finally, our next bishop has been announced by Downing Street, it is the Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson (pictured here on the right). We look forward to seeing her here in the coming year.



Vicar on Leave

The vicar will be on leave soon after Christmas and expected back for the Sunday service on 15th January 2023. *For any pastoral needs please contact the Church Wardens.*

Weekday Services

As from 9th December we now have Morning Prayers every Friday at 10.00 and Holy Communion on the last Friday of the month from January 2023. 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



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

Those who are sick and struggling: Jo Dale, Stella Cheng, Aiden Littrell, Jeremy Short, Rosemary Styles, Anne Hickmott, Sister Eileen Caple, Willem Cheng, Gwilym Jones, James Derry, Rebecca and Richard and Teresa Scriven.

Recently Departed: John Edser and Kay Claxton

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Rose Hackett, Len Crisp, Florence Jacob, Elsie Bailey, Norman Claxton, John Nuthall, Doris Green, Albert Kemp, George Mitchell, Peter Saunders, Nancy Scringeour, Margaret Dawson, Ronald Hawkins B.E.M, Freddie Frenchum, Dorothy Stone, William Ashford, Sechaba Chingwarujr, Alfred Grant, Fred Seddon, Henry Brown, Beatrice Taylor, Charles Godfrey, Vladislaf Tarnopolski, Jim Wild and Betty Wild.

| Diary Dates – January 2023 | | |
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| Tue 10 th Jan | 2.30 pm | Cornerstone (in church) |
| Sun 15 th Jan | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany (All Age/Family Service) |
| Tue 17 th Jan | 09.40 am | Strollers Group Outing (meet @ Whitton Train Station) |
| Sun 22 nd Jan | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany |
| Sat 28 th Jan | TBC | Strollers Group Outing |
| Sun 29 th Jan | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) |
| Sun 5 th Feb | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday before Lent |
| Diary Dates – Lent & Easter 2023 | | |
| Wed 22 nd Feb | 7.00 pm | Ash Wednesday Service |
| Sun 2 nd April | 10.00 am | Palm Sunday Service |
| Mon 3 rd April | 7.00 pm | Holy Week – Way of the Cross |
| Tue 4 th April | 7.00 pm | Holy Week – Way of the Cross |
| Wed 5 th April | 7.00 pm | Holy Week – Way of the Cross |
| Thu 6 th April | 7.00 pm | Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (includes washing of feet) |
| Fri 7 th April | 11.00 am 2.00 pm | CTiW Walk of Witness Good Friday Liturgy (includes the Veneration of the cross) |
| Sun 9 th April | 6.00 am 10.00 am | Easter Vigil – Service of Light @ Dawn Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday |

10.00 am Service Duties for January 2023

| | <u>15/01/23</u> | <u>22/01/23</u> | <u>29/01/23</u> |
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| Sidespersons | Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B | Rob D, Connie C, Frances T | Gill G & Beryl L |
| First Reading | Family Service – Junior & Youth Church | Dianne R | Eric G |
| Second Reading | | Gerald P | Limbani K |
| Intercessions | | Rob D | Dianne R |
| Screen & sound | Roubina d W | Limbani K | Gill G |
| MC | Jane D | Jane D | Jane D |
| Crucifer | Charles D | Roubina d W | Michael B |
| Acolyte 1 | Michael B | Christine H | Roubina d W |
| Acolyte 2 | Christine H | Michael B | Charles D |
| Tea & Coffee | Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P | Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T | Denzil D & Maria D |