

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 21st April 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

4th Sunday of Easter



Jesus the Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd"

– John 10:14-16

Alleluia Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed Alleluia.

We celebrate Easter as the triumph of light over darkness, life over death, peace over violence, hope over fear, and love over hatred. Easter Day marked the beginning of the fifty days of celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The final ten days begin on Ascension

Day where we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. And at the end of the fifty days, we celebrate Pentecost (sometimes called Whitsun) when Jesus' disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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First Reading – Acts 4.5-12



Second Reading – 1 John 3.16-24

Gospel Reading – John 10.11-18

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 27th April

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

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 7th May @ 11.00am – 12.00pm

This is a monthly meeting which takes place in church on the first Tuesday of every month at 11.00am, for an hour. People take turns to lead in quiet reflections to deepen our spiritual life and Christian journey. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact the vicar by email or phone.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 12th May @ 12.00pm

Youth and young people (students from Year 5 to 13) are invited to meet 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 14th 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.

Messy Church – Saturday 18th May @ 10.00am – 12.00pm

Messy Church brings together children (age 0-8) and their parents every 3rd Saturday of the month 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.

Confirmation Preparations

Confirmation Preparations are due to begin on Sunday 5th May and will be meeting every Sunday at 12.00 for an hour. Please contact Fr John for enquiry or expression of interest. Confirmation itself will take place on Sunday 20th October when Bishop Emma will be with us for Harvest Sunday.

Prayer Link

Prayer Link is a confidential service offered by a group of people in the church, who pray for those in need each day, for seven days. If you are unwell, waiting for test results, anxious or worried, in pain, out of work, bereaved or lonely or feel a long way from God, please contact Prayer Link.

Contact the Team leader, Dina Bartle by email at: dina.bartle@yahoo.co.uk or Kathy Bale: kathybale1707@gmail.com or speak to a member of the team in Church.

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.

Home Groups are temporarily unavailable until further notice. Please speak to Fr John if you are interested in hosting a Home Group.

Homelink Day Respite Centre Activities

Lunch Club – Wednesdays @ 11.00am – 2.00pm

Homelink welcome older residents who live in the Richmond Borough for a community spaces lunch. For a £5 donation a two course freshly cooked meal and hot drinks are provided. This is a great opportunity to socialise and make new friends.

For more information visit homelinkdaycare.co.uk. Spaces are limited and booking must be made in advance via phone: 07849 515279



Singing for the Brain with Carl Speck – Wednesdays @ 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Homelink offer weekly sessions, bringing carers and loved ones as well as friends of Homelink together to exercise our brains through music. Everyone is welcome to join and express themselves, feel positive and make new friends. Please arrive from 2.15pm to allow the session to begin at 2.30pm. Attendees are welcome to stay for refreshments after the session until 4pm.

Sessions are £5 per person. Turn-up ready to sing or contact Jane to book in advance on 0208 255 1992 or email: jane@homelinkdaycare.co.uk.

School Exams

Let us remember in our prayers the young people (and their families) in our community who in the month of May are due to start writing SATs, GCSEs, or A-Level exams.

April Retiring Collection – Whitton Network



The Network is a voluntary care group for Whitton and Heathfield which relies on donations and the work of many volunteers. They provide support, help, advice and assistance to the elderly, disabled and others living in Whitton.

Their services include companionship (Monday morning Coffee shop held at Whitton Library and Days out to the seaside or other nice location), transport (they take people to hospital/doctor etc appointments and wait with them until they have been seen), shopping and collecting prescriptions, visiting people who are isolated and a little help with household paperwork. *For more information visit whittonnetwork.org.*

Worship Services

- Sunday @ 10am – Holy Communion Service, includes Junior and Youth Church
- Sunday @ 6pm – Evening Prayers (Compline via Zoom)
Meeting ID: 837 7674 9724 Passcode: 186213 ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))
- 3rd Sunday of the month @ 10am – Family and All Age Holy Communion Service
- Friday @10am – Holy Communion Service

For our Prayers



Peace and end of war in Israel-Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, 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, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter, and Ann Cadogen.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Mary Morris, Robert Bretherton, Emma Binstead, George Deacon, Christine Walker, Francis Sim, Lionel Rides, Jean Moore, Gladys Batten, Dorothy Crow, James Bush, Myra Marcombe, David Dabin, Marcel Vaufrourard, Ernest Garnham, Baby Loveisha Nembhard, Mavis Winter, John Clarke, Eva Godley and Pamela Deakin.

Diary Dates – April to June 2024		
Sat 27 th Apr	TBC 2.30 pm	Strollers Group Outing Afternoon Tea with Craft
Sun 28 th Apr	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Easter
Sun 5 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 6 th Sunday of Easter
Tue 7 th May	11am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Thu 9 th May	7.00 pm	Ascension Day Service
Sun 12 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 7 th Sunday of Easter
	12.00 pm	YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 14 th May	2.30 pm	Cornerstone
Wed 15 th May	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 18 th May	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 19 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Pentecost Sunday (All Age/Family Service)
	11.15 am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APMC)
Sat 25 th May	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 26 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – St Augustine's Day (Patronal and Trinity Sunday)
Sun 2 nd Jun	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 1 st Sunday after Trinity
Tue 4 th Jun	11am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 9 th Jun	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday after Trinity
	12.00 pm	YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 11 th Jun	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
	7.00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Thu 13 th Jun	TBC	Strollers Group Outing

Service Duties for April & May 2024				
	<u>21/04/24</u>	<u>28/04/24</u>	<u>05/05/24</u>	<u>09/05/24</u> (Ascension Day)
Sidespersons	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie & Frances	Gill & Beryl	———
First Reading	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Ben	Jay	Sue
Second Reading		Frances	Kay	Martha
Intercessions		Vicki	Patricia	Roubina
Screen & sound	Denzil	Alwyn	Pauline	Alwyn
Tea & Coffee	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare & Louise	———