

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 28th January 2024

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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4th Sunday of Epiphany



The Man with an Unclean Spirit

“They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.”

– Mark 1.27-28

Epiphany is a celebration of God manifesting as the baby Jesus and revealing Himself to the world. It is the time when we remember one element in the story of Christ’s birth, the visit of the magi (also called the Three Kings or Wise Men). This is an important day signifying that Jesus’ birth would be important for all people, not just the Jews; He is both ‘a light to lighten the Gentiles’ and ‘the glory of God’s people Israel’.

The season of joyful celebration continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany and ends with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas).



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First Reading – Deuteronomy 18.15-20

Second Reading – Revelation 12.1-5a

Gospel Reading – Mark 1.21-28



Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 6th February @ 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 11th February @ 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 13th February @ 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 14th February

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. *For further information, please contact pdewinton@aol.com.*

Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday 14th February @ 7.00pm

Join us for the Ash Wednesday service – a special service in the Christian calendar marking the beginning of the Lenten season. At the Ash Wednesday service, participants receive ashes on their foreheads in the shape of a cross, symbolizing repentance and reminding us of our mortality. This is an opportunity to reflect on our spiritual lives and renew our commitment to follow Jesus Christ and live out our Christian faith. We hope to see you there!

Lent Study 2024 – Begins Thursday 15th February @ 6.30pm; at The Vicarage

This year's Lent study will be based on Dr Paula Gooder's book, *Lentwise: Spiritual essentials for real life*. The weekly sessions will explore the following themes: 'Compass: Finding direction', 'Nourishment: Keeping going', 'Light: Gaining wisdom', 'Shelter: Finding security' and, 'Water: Enjoying refreshment'. This study will provide a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith and connect with other members of our community. Everyone is invited to join us for any or all sessions.

Messy Church – Saturday 17th February @ 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.

Film Night – Saturday 24th February @ 6.00pm

Join us for our upcoming film night where we will be screening the 2010 movie 'The Way'. The film follows a father's journey to recover the body of his estranged son, who died while trekking the "El Camino de Santiago." The father decides to take the pilgrimage himself and discovers new meaning in life while making new friends along the way. This is especially appropriate during the Lenten Season.

There will be snacks, including popcorn, and beverages available to make your movie experience even better. Bring your friends and family for a fun night out!

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.

- Wednesday Home Group with Fiona & John Wolsoncroft (@7pm) will meet next in February on the 14th and 28th.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11am) will meet next in February on the 2nd and 16th.

For further details and to sign up, contact Fr John (contact details on Page 1)

Richmond's Community Heroes Awards 2023 – Nominations close Monday 26th February 2024 @ 11.59 pm



The awards recognise the unsung heroes in our borough who go the extra mile to give back to their communities. Do you know a person, group or business who's helped to make Richmond upon Thames and their local community a better place, without expecting anything in return?

Help to give them the recognition they deserve. Nominate them today for the Richmond upon Thames Community Heroes Awards.

Shortlisted nominees will be announced in early spring 2024 and the awards event will be held on Thursday 16th May 2024. *For further information and to nominate visit richmond.gov.uk/community_heroes_awards.*

January Retiring Collection – Richmond Young Carers



Young carers are children and young people under the age of 18 who act as carers for a member of their family. These young people offer physical and emotional support to someone in their family who cannot manage without their help. This means that often they are not able to join

in activities with their peers, they have less time to focus on homework, and they may have disturbed sleep. Their own emotional wellbeing may be affected.

The Richmond Young Carers Centre is a charity which supports young supporters by offering advice, information and emotional support. They also offer mentoring programmes, holiday activities, after school groups, peer support etc. This support gives the young people more confidence, they feel more positive, safe and listened to, and they have fun.

Richmond Young Carers Centre is delighted and grateful that St Augustine's Whitton is raising funds for them this January, saying "we cannot thank you enough for thinking of our service supporting young carers and their families".

For more information visit richmondcarers.org/services/services-for-young-carers.

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, Chris Frazer, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter and Anne Cadogan.

Recently Departed: Marlene Masona

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Harold Brown, Fred Chandler, Pat West, Richard Trimble, Gladys Voss, Eric Dade, George Simmons, Carolyn Hedworth, Marisa Wenderlish, Edwin Johnson, Nell Brunskill, Joseph Jacobs, Victoria Hayward, Carol Elliman, Iris Osbourne, May Ponder, Mary Thorpe, Stanley Weeks, Peter Gilbert, George Bartle, Myrtle Mattis, Amy Daws, Marjorie Pentelow, Margaret Wenham, Peter Congdon, Gertrude Olding, Donald Cosh, Irene Gries and Robert Price.

Diary Dates – February 2024		
Sun 4 th Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Epiphany (Presentation of our Lord)
Tue 6 th Feb	11am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 11 th Feb	10.00 am 12.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – Transfiguration Sunday YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 13 th Feb	2.30 pm 7.00 pm	Cornerstone (in Church) Standing Committee Meeting
Wed 14 th Feb	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Thu 15 th Feb	6.30 pm	Lent Study (at the Vicarage)
Sat 17 th Feb	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Diary Dates – Lent & Easter 2024		
Wed 14 th Feb	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sun 24 th Mar	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 25 th Mar – Wed 27 th Mar	6.30 pm	Holy Week – Stations of the Cross
Tue 26 th Mar – Wed 27 th Mar	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Thu 28 th Mar	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (incl. washing of feet)
Fri 29 th Mar	11.00 am 2.00 pm	CTiW Walk of Witness Good Friday Liturgy (incl. Veneration of the cross)
Sun 31 st Mar	6.00 am 10.00 am	Easter Vigil – Service of Light at Dawn w/ breakfast Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday

Service Duties for January & February 2024				
	<u>28/01/24</u>	<u>04/02/24</u>	<u>11/02/24</u>	<u>14/02/24</u> <i>(Ash Wed @7pm)</i>
Sidespersons	Rob, Connie & Frances	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald	TBC
First Reading	Ben	Bob	Clare	Sue
Second Reading	Jo	Dina	Rob	Gerald
Intercessions	Limbani	Fiona	Alwyn	Roubina
Screen & sound	Pauline	Mwila	Denzil	Alwyn
Tea & Coffee	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare & Louise	_____