

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 15th January 2023

Church NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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2nd Sunday of 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.

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 now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany and ends with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas).



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First Reading – Isaiah 49.1-7

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Gospel Reading – John 1.29-42



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.*

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 14th 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.

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.

Homelink: Warm Spaces Lunch – Every Wednesday @12.00-3.00pm

Starting from 11th January Homelink will provide Warm Spaces Lunch each Wednesday from 12-3. The lunch is free and will consist of a two course meal and a hot drink for the older residents of the Borough of Richmond. The places are limited and can be booked through a dedicated phone line.

Your donation will go to support the work of Homelink, for example £100 will provide the salary of a Health Care Assistant for a day. Visit homelinkdaycare.co.uk for more information about the charity.

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.

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, Richard and Teresa Scriven.

Recently Departed: John Edser and Kay Claxton

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Frederick Jenn, Doreen Davis, Claire Pine, Bob Parker, Eric Farlie, Ann Boulden, Bill Charlton, Florence Ocock, Joan Hodge, Robert Knapp, George Barker, Dorothy Botfield, Ronald Groves, James Dixon, Edwin Barton, Patricia Williams, and Richard Howard.

Diary Dates – January/February 2023		
Tue 17 th Jan	09.40 am 7.00 pm	Strollers Group Outing (meet @ Whitton Train Station) Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting
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
Sun 12 th Feb	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday before Lent YGT – Youth Get Together (@ Church Hall)
Tue 14 th Feb	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
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/February 2023

	<u>22/01/23</u>	<u>29/01/23</u>	<u>05/02/23</u>
Sidespersons	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T	Gill G & Beryl L	Gill G & Beryl L
First Reading	Dianne R	Eric G	Fiona W
Second Reading	Gerald P	Limbani K	Martha K
Intercessions	Rob D	Dianne R	Vicki P
Screen & sound	Limbani K	Gill G	Alwyn W
MC	Jane D	Jane D	Jane D
Crucifer	Roubina d W	Michael B	Christine H
Acolyte 1	Christine H	Roubina d W	Michael B
Acolyte 2	Michael B	Charles D	Roubina d W
Tea & Coffee	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T	Denzil D & Maria D	Rene K, Marie C & Pauline C