

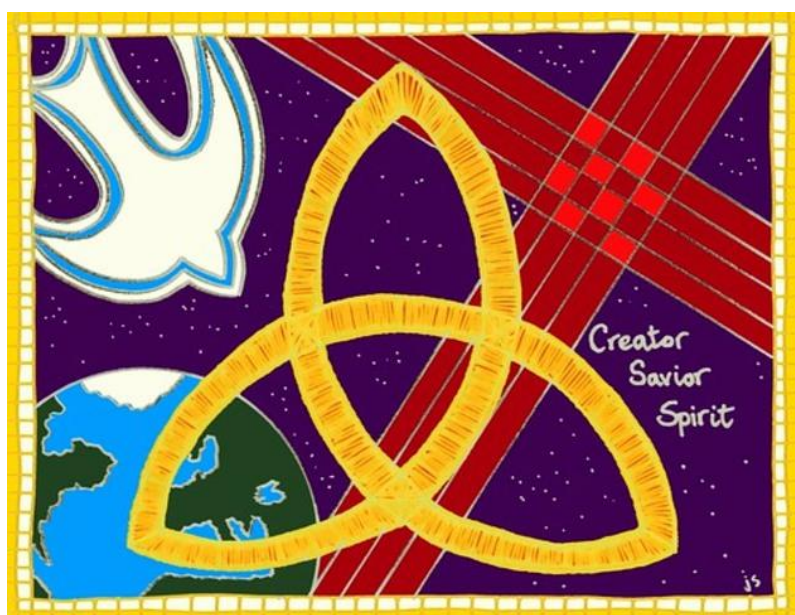
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 20th August 2023

CHURCH NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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11th Sunday after Trinity



The Season of Trinity celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The trinity expresses the way we relate to, experience and worship God: Father the Creator, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church celebrates and gives thanks for what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done in creating and accomplishing salvation for humanity and the whole creation. 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 45.1-15



Second Reading – Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

Gospel Reading – Matthew 15.10-20

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Strollers – Next Walk on Friday 25th August; meet @ 09.45 am at Whitton Station

This outing will take place on Friday 25th August (not Saturday 26th due to the RMT strike action scheduled for the 26th) and will be a 5 mile walk to Wraysbury.

The 10.00 am train will be taken to Staines, then after a coffee stop in the High Street, the walk will follow the Thames towpath from Staines westward before crossing the river and heading for Wraysbury alongside the Colne Brook. There will be a stop for lunch at Wraysbury in the "Kitchen" cafe, before catching the train (replacement bus) back to Staines then to Whitton by train.

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. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 5th September @ 11.00am – 12.00pm

This is a monthly meeting which takes place in the 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 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.*

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 12th September @ 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 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!

Vicar on Leave

The vicar will be on leave from Wednesday 16th August and expected back for the Sunday service on 3rd September 2023. *For any pastoral needs please contact the Church Wardens.*

Hampton Deanery Clergy Licensing

Let us pray for the following clergy to be licensed in our deanery as follows:

- Installation of Fr David Cloake as Vicar of St Mary with St Alban's, Teddington on the 11th of September.
- Installation of Rev'd Simon Couper as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Twickenham Green on 17th of October.

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 next on August 25th.
- Wednesday Home Group with Fiona & John (@7.00pm) will be on 6th September.

For further details 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:

- 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.



In the UK, 13 families a day suffer the heartbreak of losing their baby before, during or shortly after birth. That's around 4,500 babies a year. Far too many babies die without scientists, doctors, midwives, or their own parents understanding why with devastating effects. That's why research is vital in improving our understanding of how to save babies' lives and using that evidence to drive changes in maternity policy and practice across the UK.

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 Chris Frazer.

Recently Departed: Linda Wills

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Rita Ford, Doreen Davies, Lillian Stevens, Gwen Porter, Marguerite Lee, John Hawken, Don Evemy, Marjorie Perry, Malcolm Denyer, Karen Finnemore and Alan Penson.

Diary Dates – August & September 2023		
Fri 25 th Aug	9.45 am	Strollers Group Outing (meet at Whitton Station)
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
Tue 5 th Sept	10am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 10 th Sept	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 14 th Sunday of Trinity
	2.00 pm	YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 12 th Sept	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sat 16 th Sept	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
	7.00 pm	Film Night
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 August & September 2023				
	<u>20/08/23</u>	<u>27/08/23</u>	<u>03/09/23</u>	<u>10/09/23</u>
Sidespersons	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie, Frances	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda, Gerald
First Reading	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Clare	Pauline	Rob
Second Reading		Graham	Martha	Gill
Intercessions		Dina	Dianne	Vicki
Screen & sound	Alwyn	Pauline	Limbani	Gill
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Kathy, Frances & Sue	Denzil & Maria	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat