

**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON**  
**Monthly Edition – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

# CHURCH NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,  
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## February 2024: Monthly Edition



### Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

*(Simeon and Anna by Jan van 't Hoff; Gospelimages)*

“Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’” – Luke 2.28-32

### The Presentation of Christ to the Temple

The Presentation of Christ to the temple, also known as Candlemas, is celebrated on the 2nd of February, 40 days after Christmas. This commemorates the occasion when the Virgin Mary, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem for purification 40 days after the birth of her son and to present him to God as her firstborn.

On this day Jesus is celebrated as the Light to the World, and from the late 4th century in Jerusalem, people would hold lighted candles, and later candles were blessed in the church for later use, hence Candlemas.



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## **February 2024 Readings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel Reading</b>
04/02/24	Malachi 3.1-4	Hebrews 2.14-18	Luke 2.22-40
11/02/24	2 Kings 2.1-12	2 Corinthians 4.3-6	Mark 9.2-9
14/02/24	Joel 2.1-2, 12-17	2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21
18/02/24	Genesis 9.8-17	1 Peter 3.18-22	Mark 1.9-15
25/02/24	Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16	Romans 4.13-25	Mark 8.31-38

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### **A Word from the Vicar**

We are exactly ten days away from season of Lent when our focus will turn to reflecting on the 40 days Jesus' wilderness experience culminating into the Holy Week and at the end to celebrate Jesus' victory over death and darkness.

I invite you to take part in our Lent Study to be held on Thursdays at 6.30pm at the Vicarage and Sunday at 6.00pm via zoom. Check out for other Lent related activities in a brochure or on the website.

May you be nourished and challenged by God's generous love revealed during the period of Lent.

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#### **Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pdewinton@aol.com).*

### **Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 – First Sessions on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

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:

- In person – Thursdays at 6.30pm at the Vicarage – Final Session: 21<sup>st</sup> March
- Online – Sundays at 6.00pm via Zoom – Final Session: 24<sup>th</sup> March (in place of Evening Prayers / Compline, *Zoom details on page 4*)

### **Messy Church – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February @ 10.00am – 12.00pm**

Messy Church brings together children (age 0-8) and their parents every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11am) will meet next in February on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

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## SEEN Job Advert: Prison Coordinator

SEEN in Twickenham is currently looking to recruit a Prison Coordinator. This role requires someone to work 10 hours a week. SEEN is a Christian charity providing unbiased health and relationship support and education, to young people and adults, and those facing any pregnancy loss or crisis.

Further information contact [fay.hamilton@seen.charity](mailto:fay.hamilton@seen.charity) or call 020 8892 8483

## Richmond's Community Heroes Awards 2023 – Nominations close Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024. *For further information and to nominate visit [richmond.gov.uk/community\\_heroes\\_awards](http://richmond.gov.uk/community_heroes_awards).*

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## 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](#))*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Ann Cadogen.

Recently Departed: Marlene Masona

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Gladys Elkins, Gladys Sparling, Maud McClean, Brenda Penson, Mary Bezant, Mabel Nott, Jeanne Hickey, Vera Vincer, Alexander Mackie, Mary Pocock, Ellfriede Sims, Lucy Griffen, George Neather, Eve Ledger, Phyllis Williams, Evan and Miriam Lloyd, Ida Jenner, Maud Hurley and Joan Philpott.

<b>Diary Dates – February 2024</b>		
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Transfiguration Sunday
	12.00 pm	YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in Church)
	7.00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.30 pm	Lent Study (at the Vicarage)
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (All Age/Family Service)
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	6.30 pm	Lent Study (at the Vicarage)
<b>Diary Dates – Lent &amp; Easter 2024</b>		
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6.30 pm	Holy Week – Stations of the Cross
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (incl. washing of feet)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.00 am	CTiW Walk of Witness
	2.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy (incl. Veneration of the cross)
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	6.00 am	Easter Vigil – Service of Light at Dawn w/ breakfast
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday

<b>Service Duties for February 2024</b>				
	<b><u>04/02/24</u></b>	<b><u>11/02/24</u></b>	<b><u>14/02/24</u></b> <i>(Ash Wed @7pm)</i>	<b><u>18/02/24</u></b>
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald	TBC	Jayne, Pauline & Graham
<b>First Reading</b>	Bob	Clare	Sue	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church
<b>Second Reading</b>	Dina	Rob	Gerald	
<b>Intercessions</b>	Fiona	Alwyn	Roubina	
<b>Screen &amp; sound</b>	Mwila	Denzil	Alwyn	Limbani
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare & Louise	_____	Kathy, Frances & Sue