

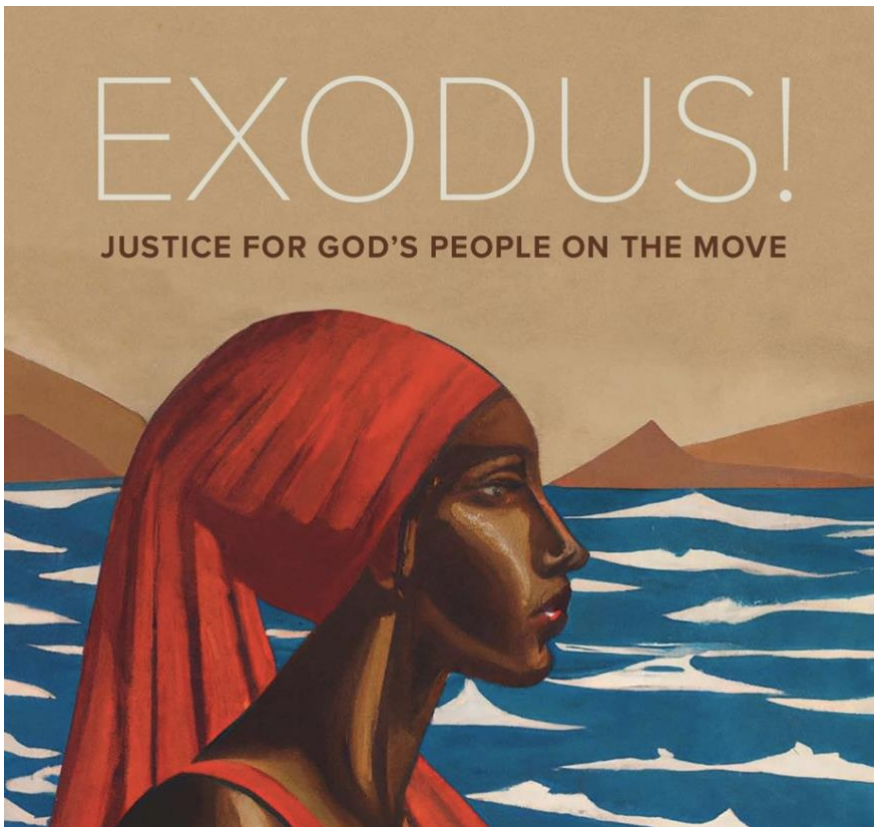
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 11th February 2024

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustines Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham, TW2 6DE

Racial Justice Sunday



Exodus: Racial Justice Sunday 2024 – by Churches together in Britain and Ireland

Racial Justice Sunday has been observed by churches in Britain and Ireland since 1995 and aims to take deliberate action against racism in all its forms. The Racial Justice Sunday resources for this year aim to shine a biblical light on what is currently taking place as people around the world are being forced to flee their homes, and the way Christians are (and can) make a difference within these spheres.

The aim is to inform, challenge and inspire everyone to pray and take action, so that hospitality and not hostility becomes our overall approach to those fleeing persecution, peril, poverty and war. *For more information visit ctbi.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2024.*



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First Reading – 2 Kings 2.1-12

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 4.3-6



Gospel Reading – Mark 9.2-9

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; meet @ 9.40 am at Whitton Station

This outing will be to Putney Vale then back towards Richmond Park. Please bring a picnic lunch and come to Whitton Station for the 9.54 am train to Putney Station.

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. *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. 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 15th February & Sunday 18th 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: 21st March
- Online – Sundays at 6.00pm via Zoom – Final Session: 24th March (in place of Evening Prayers / Compline, *Zoom details on page 4*)

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!

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 5th March @ 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 10th March @ 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.

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 28th.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11am) will meet next in February on the 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.*

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 or call 020 8892 8483

February and March Retiring Collection – ALMA (Angola London Mozambique Association)



Since 1998 the Diocese of London has been linked with the Anglican churches in Angola and Mozambique. The heart of ALMA is relationships, and links between individual parishes, schools or other organisations are an important part of ALMA's work.

Our link parish of St Augustine is Mecanhelas sede, in the district of Niassa Province in northern Mozambique. The ALMA partnership – and the fundraising and support provided by parishes in the Diocese of London – has delivered real benefits for communities in Angola and Mozambique. *For more information visit almalink.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, Chris Frazer, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter and Ann Cadogen.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Mollie Walter, Marjorie Challis, Joan Dale, Katie Goetz, Thomas Taylor, Margaret Godfrey, Margaret Carter, Donald Hole Pr., Mabel Halford, Cecil Butler, David Harber, Zillah Starling, Ivor Brooks, Daisy Piercey, Florence Gough and Bernie Stott.

Diary Dates – February 2024		
Tue 13 th Feb	2.30 pm 7.00 pm	Cornerstone (in Church) Standing Committee Meeting
Wed 14 th Feb	09.40 am	Strollers Group Outing (Meet at Whitton Station)
Thu 15 th Feb	6.30 pm	Lent Study (at the Vicarage)
Sat 17 th Feb	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 18 th Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 1 st Sunday of Lent (All Age/Family Service)
Thu 22 nd Feb	6.30 pm	Lent Study (at the Vicarage)
Sat 24 th Feb	TBC 6.00 pm	Strollers Group Outing Film Night
Sun 25 th Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Lent
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 February 2024				
	<u>11/02/24</u>	<u>14/02/24</u> (Ash Wed @7pm)	<u>18/02/24</u>	<u>25/02/24</u>
Sidespersons	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald	TBC	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie & Frances
First Reading	Clare	Sue	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Dianne
Second Reading	Rob	Gerald		Jay
Intercessions	Alwyn	Roubina		Graham
Screen & sound	Denzil	Alwyn	Limbani	Gill
Tea & Coffee	Jack, Clare & Louise	_____	Kathy, Frances & Sue	Denzil & Maria