

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
Monthly Edition – SUNDAY 1st January 2023

Church NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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January 2023: Monthly Edition



Naming and Circumcision of Jesus **(2nd Sunday of Christmas)**

The Feast of the Circumcision of Christ/ Naming of Christ is celebrated the week after Jesus' birth. On the eighth day after the Nativity, Jesus was circumcised in accordance with the Old Testament Law, and on the same day, he was given the name Jesus.

During the Christmas season, we celebrate the mystery of God coming to live among humanity as Jesus, the saviour promised by the prophets of the Old Testament. The readings invite us to look beyond the joy of Jesus' birth to the significance of his life and the saving power of his future death and resurrection.

The season of Christmas lasts for 12 days, ending with the feast of Epiphany on the 6th of January.



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January 2023 Readings

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
01/12/22	Numbers 6.22-end	Galatians 4.4-7	Luke 2.15-21
08/12/22	Isaiah 60.1-6	Ephesians 3.1-12	Matthew 2.1-12
15/12/22	Isaiah 49.1-7	1 Corinthians 1.1-9	John 1.29-42
22/12/22	Isaiah 9.1-4	1 Corinthians 1.10-13	Matthew 4.12-23
29/12/22	Malachi 3.1-5	Hebrews 2.14-end	Luke 2.22-40

Gospel Reading – Luke 2.15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 10th January @ 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.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting – Tuesday 17th January

Please send suggested agenda items to Pauline Churchman (the Secretary), via staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com, by Sunday 8th January 2023.

The Strollers – Next Outing on Tuesday 17th January

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. *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.*

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.

The New Bishop of Kensington Episcopal Area

Finally, our next bishop has been announced by Downing Street, it is the Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson (pictured here on the right). We look forward to seeing her here in the coming year.



Vicar on Leave

The vicar will be on leave soon after Christmas and expected back for the Sunday service on 15th January 2023. *For any pastoral needs please contact the Church Wardens.*

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 @ 6pm

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 and Gwilym Jones.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Bernard Hart, Joan Hatton, Geral Holford, Dennis Weber, Fred Hurl , Elsi Hurl, Barbara Wilson, Stanley Richardson, Alan Hudson, Francis Challis, John Merritt, Del Hannam, Winifred Wenham, Ada Elder, Georgina Hickling, Ernest Hoare, Alice Denham, Ivy Kent, Marjorie Holmes, Pam Roe, Jacqueline Rogers, Rosina Thompson, Peter Wright, Enid Long, John Moy, Eva Stanley, Irene Channel, Ada Davies, Gladys Saytch, Zena Mayne, Malcolm Mckay, Harold Collins, Wally Hawkins and Mabel Hammersley.

Diary Dates – January 2023		
Sun 8 th Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Epiphany
Tue 10 th Jan	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 15 th Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany (All Age/Family Service)
Tue 17 th Jan	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
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
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

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10.00 am Service Duties for January 2023

	<u>08/01/23</u>	<u>15/01/23</u>	<u>22/01/23</u>	<u>29/01/23</u>
Sidespersons	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T	Gill G & Beryl L
First Reading	Ben W	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Dianne R	Eric G
Second Reading	Kay A		Gerald P	Limbani K
Intercessions	Patricia H		Rob D	Dianne R
Screen & sound	Pauline C	Roubina d W	Limbani K	Gill G
MC	Jane D	Jane D	Jane D	Jane D
Crucifer	Christine H	Charles D	Roubina d W	Michael B
Acolyte 1	Michael B	Michael B	Christine H	Roubina d W
Acolyte 2	Roubina d W	Christine H	Michael B	Charles D
Tea & Coffee	Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T	Denzil D & Maria D