

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 15th October 2023

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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19th Sunday of Trinity



The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

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The Season of Trinity celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We give thanks for what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done in creating and accomplishing salvation for humanity and the whole creation.

The Trinity expresses the way we relate to, experience and worship God; 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 – Exodus 32.1-14

Second Reading – Philippians 4.1-9



Gospel Reading – Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

A Word from the Vicar

“May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!” – Psalm 29:11

We are all gripped with horror by the magnitude of innocent people who have died and still dying, both Israeli and Palestinian, and many more being displaced by the current war in the Holy Land.

Whatever your views on Israel/Palestine issue, I ask that we pray for the many innocent victims on both side. Let us also pray for the immediate and long-term peace in the Holy Land, the birthplace of the Prince of Peace.



Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 17th October; meet @ 09.45am at Whitton Train Station

This outing, weather and train strikes permitting, will be in Windsor Great Park. This was originally scheduled for 30th Sept. Please bring a picnic lunch and meet at Whitton Station for the 10.00 am service to Windsor and Eton Riverside.

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.*

Messy Church – Saturday 21st October 2023 @ 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. Come and have fun!

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 7th November @ 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.

Kensington Area Youth Event – Friday 10th November @ 7.00pm – 8.30pm; St Saviour's Sunbury, TW16 7TP

This evening event for young people in Years 7-13 will include food, games, worship led by a youth band, a short talk and creative prayer stations. All for Free! The theme for the evening will be 'Who you are made to be' Psalm 139:14.

To book please contact Fr John on WhatsApp Number +44 7407 246686 or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 11th November @ 12.00pm

Please note that this monthly event on the 2nd Sunday has now changed to 12.00 noon from 2.00pm.

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 14th November @ 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.

Fireworks Display – Saturday 4th November @ 6.00pm

Come and watch our wonderful fireworks display and enjoy hot dogs and a warm bowl of soup. Don't miss out, spread the word and join us for this special event!

Quiz & Curry Night – Saturday 18th November @ 7.00pm

Join us for an enjoyable evening of exercising your brain cells! Enjoy a delicious curry and drinks while participating in an exciting quiz. We kindly request that each team have no more than six members. Please wait for more updates and information to come or speak to Sue Thornton.

Winter Fair – Saturday 2nd December @ 2.00pm

As December is approaching, we are starting to prepare for the Winter Fair. Please take a moment to consider whether you might be able to lend your support by either volunteering to help with a stall or making a donation to the event. We had a great Fair last year, let's make this year even better!

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 (@7.00pm) will meet next in October on the 25th.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11.00am) will meet next in October on the 20th.

For further details and to sign up, contact Fr John on:

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Hampton Deanery Clergy Licensing

Please pray for the Rev'd Simon Couper to be installed as Vicar of Holy Trinity, Twickenham Green on 17th of October.

Age UK Richmond – Dementia Support

Age UK Richmond have made available a new **Dementia Support webpage**. The aim of this page is to gather together some of the specific information and support that is available for local people living with dementia, their families and carers.



There are various dementia friendly activities available in Richmond including Hello Hampton Coffee Morning, Dementia friendly Golf session at Strawberry Hill Golf Course, Allotment open morning with gardening tips, taster session and light refreshments, and Creative workshops.

For more details visit the new webpage at ageuk.org.uk/richmonduponthames/get-involved/dementia-support/.

October Retiring Collection – Homelink Day Respite Centre

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. All donations will be put towards the running of their crucial services.



With Homelink, carers can have a well-earned break and time to themselves whilst the person that they care for enjoys a day of stimulating activities, company, and a nutritious meal. Homelink also offers direct practical, social and emotional support to carers, both individually and in groups. In addition to the staff team, Homelink has a dedicated team of volunteers who give up their time each week to help in the centre.

*For more information visit homelinkdaycare.co.uk. For all service enquiries, please call **Julie or Rachel** on 0208 255 1992. For those interested in volunteering, please call and ask for **Julie**.*

Worship Services

- Sunday @ 10am – Holy Communion Service, includes Junior and Youth Church
- Sunday @ 6pm – Evening Prayers (Compline via Zoom)
Meeting ID: 897 3613 1720 Passcode: 702310 ([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



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, Chris Frazer, John Burbidge, Sylvia, Sian Davies, Charles Deakin and Mavis Winter.

Recently Departed: Valerie Susan Irwin

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Eric Lichfield, Norman Gay, Pansita Downes, Sidney Reid, Doris Saines, Malcolm Caple, Frederick and Doris Quelch, Theresa Brown, Norah Bailey, Laurence Hale, Jennie Berryman, Nellie James, Alan Cooley, Geoff Hickey and Hilary Alldridge.

Diary Dates – October & November 2023		
Tue 17 th Oct	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 21 st Oct	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 22 nd Oct	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 20 th Sunday of Trinity
Sat 28 th Oct	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 29 th Oct	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Last Sunday after Trinity (Dedication Sunday)
Thu 2 nd Nov	6.30 pm	All Souls Day Service (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)
Sat 4 th Nov	6.00 pm	Fireworks Display 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 October & November 2023				
	<u>15/10/23</u>	<u>22/10/23</u>	<u>29/10/23</u>	<u>05/11/23</u>
Sidespersons	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie, Frances	Rob, Connie, Frances	Gill & Beryl
First Reading	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Gerald	Ben	Alwyn
Second Reading		Jay	Kathy	Dhanani
Intercessions		Rob	Graham	Vicki
Screen & sound	Alwyn	Pauline	Limbani	Gill
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare, Barbara & Hilda	Kathy, Frances & Sue	Denzil & Maria