

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

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CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine's Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham, TW2 6DE

April 2024: Monthly Edition



Jesus Appears to the Disciples

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'" – John 20.21-23

2nd Sunday of Easter

Alleluia Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed Alleluia. We celebrate Easter as the triumph of light over darkness, life over death, peace over violence, hope over fear, and love over hatred. Easter Day marked the beginning of the fifty days of celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The final ten days begin on Ascension Day where we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. And at the end of the fifty days, we celebrate Pentecost (sometimes called Whitsun) when Jesus' disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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April 2024 Readings

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
07/04/24	Acts 4.32-53	1 John 1.1-2.2	John 20.19-31
14/04/24	Acts 3.12-19	1 John 3.1-7	Luke 24.36-48
21/04/24	Acts 4.5-12	1 John 3.16-24	John 10.11-18
28/04/24	Acts 8.26-40	1 John 4.7-21	John 15.1-8

Easter 2024 – A Word from the Vicar

The 40-day Lenten period of study, prayer, self-examination, and reflection culminated into a beautiful Easter celebration starting with the service of the light at 6.00am followed by a very good breakfast, and a very well attended 10.00 am service.

The significance of Easter is such that without resurrection there is no Christian faith and no church, and without the Cross there is no Resurrection.

Easter gives us hope for in this life today, and in the life beyond our earthly existence.

Easter gives us courage and hope in the context of suffering, and loss, because we believe in Jesus Christ who suffered pain, who suffered death, and rose from death to new life.

In the resurrection, Jesus has conquered and transformed the earthly and human limitations and given us hope beyond those limitations of life. In Jesus we find true security and true love, where no one is excluded before they are accepted, and everyone is accepted because they are loved, and loved unconditionally.

A big thank you to all those who participated and contributed to the activities of the Lenten period - Lenten Studies, Stations of the Cross, Walk of Witness, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday - all those who joined to celebrate what has been our last Easter together.

Happy Eastertide.



Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 9th April @ 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.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 14th April @ 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.

Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 16th April

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, as we aim for fellowship combined with mild exercise in pleasant surroundings.

For further information, please contact pdewinton@aol.com.

Messy Church – Saturday 20th April @ 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.

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 7th May @ 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.

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 dates to be confirmed soon.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams will resume on 12th April.

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

Confirmation Preparations

Confirmation Preparations are due to begin on Sunday 5th May and will be meeting every Sunday at 12.00 for an hour. Please contact Fr John for enquiry or expression of interest. Confirmation itself will take place on Sunday 20th October when Bishop Emma will be with us for Harvest Sunday.

School Exams

Let us remember in our prayers the young people (and their families) in our community who in the month of May are due to start writing SATs, GCSEs, or A-Level exams.

Vicar on Leave

The vicar is on leave from 1st to 9th of April and expected back for the Sunday service on 14th April. *For any pastoral needs please contact the Church Wardens (contact details on Page 1).*

April Retiring Collection – The Network



The Network is a voluntary care group for Whitton and Heathfield which relies on donations and the work of many volunteers. They provide support, help, advice and assistance to the elderly, disabled and others living in Whitton.

Their services include companionship (Monday morning Coffee shop held at Whitton Library and Days out to the seaside or other nice location), transport (they take people to hospital/doctor etc appointments and wait with them until they have been seen), shopping and collecting prescriptions, visiting people who are isolated and a little help with household paperwork. *For more information visit whittonnetwork.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, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter and Ann Cadogen.

Recently Departed: Amy Maddocks

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Betty Hopkins M.B.E., Thelma Bazell, Keith Griffen, Eva Lawrence, Leonard Simens, Leslie Carr, Barry Clarke, Arthur White, Stan Edser, Rebecca Gopie, Joan Brimfield, William Walter, Patricia Collins, Reginald Longmire, Bill Barnikel, Peter Wright, Judith Hawken, Norman Pepperell, Priscilla Rhodes, Albert Farmer, Harry Watts, and David Stanley.

Diary Dates – April & May 2024		
Tue 9 th Apr	2.30 pm 7.00 pm	Cornerstone Standing Committee Meeting
Sun 14 th Apr	10.00 am 12.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Easter YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tues 16 th Apr	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 20 th Apr	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 21 st Apr	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 th Sunday of Easter (All Age/Family Service)
Sat 27 th Apr	TBC 2.30 pm	Strollers Group Outing Afternoon Tea with Craft
Sun 28 th Apr	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Easter
Sun 5 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 6 th Sunday of Easter
Tue 7 th May	11am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Thu 9 th May	7.00 pm	Ascension Day Service
Sun 12 th May	10.00 am 12.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 7 th Sunday of Easter YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 14 th May	2.30 pm	Cornerstone
Wed 15 th May	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 18 th May	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 19 th May	10.00 am 11.15 am	Parish Eucharist – Pentecost Sunday (All Age/Family Service) Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APMC)
Sat 25 th May	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 26 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – St Augustine's Day (Patronal and Trinity Sunday)

Service Duties for April 2024				
	<u>07/04/24</u>	<u>14/04/24</u>	<u>21/04/24</u>	<u>28/04/24</u>
Sidespersons	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie & Frances
First Reading	John	Kathy	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Ben
Second Reading	Fiona	Patricia		Frances
Intercessions	Kathy	Alwyn		Vicki
Screen & sound	Mwila	Gill	Denzil	Alwyn
Tea & Coffee	Harriet, Hilda & Barbara	Denzil & Maria	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat