

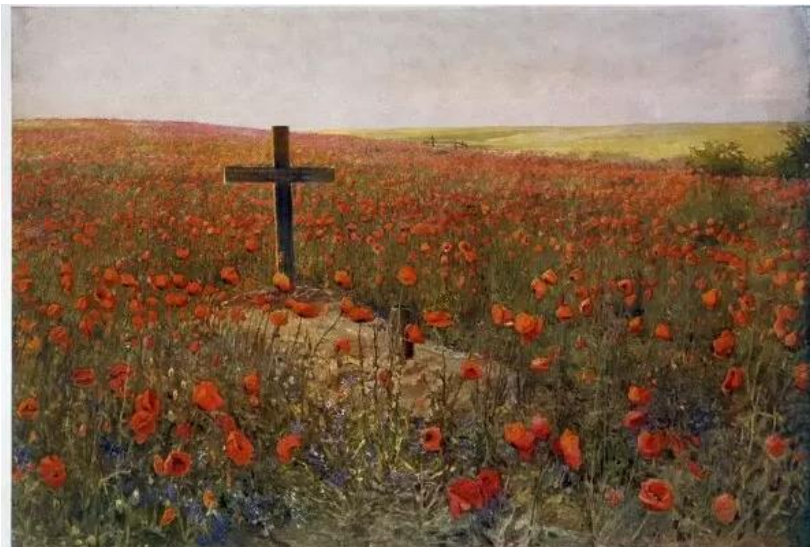
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 12th November 2023

CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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Remembrance Sunday



“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.” – 1 Thessalonians 4.13-14

Remembrance Sunday, held on the second Sunday of November, is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives because of conflict or terrorism.

By tradition, a two-minute period of silence is observed throughout the country at 11am, and church services and other ceremonial gatherings take place during the day. A nationally televised remembrance service has been held for decades at the Cenotaph monument in central London.



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First Reading – Amos 5.18-24



Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25.1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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.

Strollers – Next Walk on Thursday 16th November; meet @ 09.40 am at Whitton Station

This outing, previously dated for 15th November, will be the Parkland Walk in north London, from Finsbury Park to Alexandra Palace. Please come to Whitton Station for the 09.54 am service to Vauxhall then the Victoria Line to Finsbury Park.

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 18th November 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 for Persecuted Christians – Sunday 19th November @ 4.00pm

A service of Prayer and Vigil for Christians around the world who face persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ. The speaker will be Eirwen Dorkins from SAT-7, an organisation that works to help persecuted Christians in the Middle East and North Africa.

Quiz & Curry Night – Saturday 18th November @ 6.45pm (Doors open at 6.15pm)

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 eight members. Tickets are £10 per person (this includes the food).

To book a table contact Sue Thornton on 07939 129293 or email staugustine.whittion@hotmail.com.

Winter Fair – Saturday 2nd December @ 2.00pm

Join us at our Christmas Fair to enjoy different fun activities, food and drink including the following: Tea, Cake, Raffle, Crafts, Tombola, Children's games, Chocolate tombola, Jigsaw games & toys, Pick a key, Mulled wine and Home produce.



Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 5th December @ 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.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 10th December @ 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 (@7.00pm) will meet next in November on the 22nd.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11.00am) will meet next in November on the 17th.

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

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Service of Thanksgiving – Charles & Pam Deakin

There will be a joint service giving thanks for the lives of Charles and Pam Deakin, to be held at St Augustine's church at 12pm on Thursday 30 November 2023.

The members of the congregation that knew Pam and Charles are invited to a sandwich lunch after the service at the Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club, Richmond, TW9 2SB. Those wishing to attend, are asked to please rsvp to Miranda Deakin-Woof (daughter) and Peter Deakin (son) on deakinmiranda@hotmail.com and peterdeakin24@hotmail.com.

Angola London Mozambique Association (ALMA) Reps & Friends Meeting – Thursday 16th November; Main Hall, London Diocesan House 36 Causton St, London SW1P 4AU @ 6.00-8.00 pm

This in person meeting for the representatives and friends of ALMA will start with light refreshments from 5.40pm. Through ALMA St Augustine Whitton is linked with the church in Mecanhelas in Mozambique.



NB: Anyone from our church interested to hear more about ALMA Partnership is welcome to attend this event. *Please RSVP to Helen on almacomms@london.anglican.org.*

Embracing Age Concert: A Collection of Classics – Friday 1st December; St Stephen's Church, Richmond Rd, TW1 2PD @ 8:00pm (doors open 7:30pm)



An uplifting evening of solo and ensemble classical music to raise vital funds for Embrace Age – a local charity befriending care home residents. A Bar and light refreshments will be available on the night and the donations made on the night will be matched through The Big Give, so come along and make double the impact!

This event is free but booking is required. For booking details Phone 07735 332584 or visit embracingage.org.uk/concert.

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 Tea & Memories, Forget-Me-Not lunches, Singing for the Brain, Picassos in the Park for Dementia, Creative workshops, Accessible and Wellbeing Walks, and more.



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

November Retiring Collection – The Royal British Legion (RBL)



The Royal British Legion is the country's largest Armed Forces charity with thousands of members and volunteers, and a network of partners and charities helping to give support to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families wherever and whenever it's needed.

During November, RBL lead the nation in commemorating and honouring those who have served and sacrificed their lives, they distribute the paper poppies to raise vital funds to help today's Armed Forces community.

For more information visit britishlegion.org.uk.

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 and Mavis Walter.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Emily Sidan, Brian Long, Terry Dooley, Harry Martin, Marjorie Pugh, Dennis Teader, Norman Watkins, Peter Watson, Anne Tanner, Kenneth Richardson, Keith Duncan, Joe Hobbs, Helen Davies, Kathleen Bidwell and Laurence Hale.

Diary Dates – November 2023		
Tue 14 th Nov	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Thu 16 th Nov	09.40 am	Strollers Group Outing (Meet at Whitton Station)
Sat 18 th Nov	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
	6.45 pm	Quiz & Curry Night (Doors open at 6.30 pm)
Sun 19 th Nov	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday before Advent (All Age/Family Service)
	4.00 pm	Prayers for the persecuted Christians
Sat 25 th Nov	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 26 th Nov	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Christ the King (Sunday before Advent)
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 November & December 2023				
	<u>12/11/23</u>	<u>19/11/23</u>	<u>26/11/23</u>	<u>03/12/23</u>
Sidespersons	Vicki, Hilda, Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie, Frances	Gill & Beryl
First Reading	Ben	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Eric	Michael
Second Reading	Vicki		Frances	Fiona
Intercessions	Fiona		Alwyn	Dina
Screen & sound	Pauline	Gill	Limbani	Alwyn
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare, Barbara & Hilda	Kathy, Frances & Sue