

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Monthly Edition – Sunday 7th July 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

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6th Sunday after Trinity

The Season of Trinity celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity. The trinity expresses the way we relate to, experience and worship God: Father the Creator, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Christian Church celebrates and gives thanks for what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done in creating and accomplishing salvation for humanity and the whole creation. 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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July 2024 Readings

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
07/07/24	2 Samuel 5.1-5, 9-10	2 Corinthians 12.2-10	Mark 6.1-13
14/07/24	2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19	Ephesians 1.3-14	Mark 6.14-2
21/07/24	2 Samuel 7.1-14a	N/A	Mark 6.30-34, 53-end
28/07/24	2 Samuel 11.1-15	Ephesians 3.14- end	John 6.1-21

A Word from the Vicar

This is my last 'Word from the Vicar', and it comes with gratitude from my family and I for what was a beautiful send off last Sunday and a wonderful celebration of our ministry together.

The generosity and kindness expressed in words, cards and gifts from so many people typified what we have experienced here over the last 3 1/2 years.

We are thankful to God for the opportunity to have served with and among you all. We pray for God's leading during the vacancy and in the next chapter of ministry when a new Vicar is appointed.

Pray for us as we continue praying for you all.

Shalom,
Fr John

Funeral Notices

Tom Hood RIP – Monday 8th July 2024

The funeral for Tom will take place on Monday 8th July at 12.15pm at St Augustine's Church and the burial will follow at Twickenham Cemetery at 1.30pm.

The Celebration of Tom's life continues with refreshments at the Moon Under the Water at 2.00pm. Tom loved flowers, and any flower tributes kindly donated should be sent to 27 Howe Lodge, Grosvenor Rd, Twickenham TW1 4AQ, to arrive by 10.00am on the day.

Please keep in your prayers Tom's family.

Shirley Sainsbury-Brown RIP – Friday 12th July 2024

The funeral for Shirley will take place on Friday 12th July 2024, with a committal at Hanworth Crematorium, Ogden Chapel, at 11:20am, followed by a thanksgiving memorial service St Augustine's Church at 12:30pm.

Please keep in your prayers Shirley's family.

Admission of Wardens – Tuesday 9th July 2024 @ 7.00pm

The Churchwardens will be formally admitted to their roles at a special service held at Holy Trinity Hounslow.

New Parish Website

Last month we launched a new and updated version of our church website. Our goal was to create a user-friendly and informative platform for our community. We have added new features and enhanced the overall design to make it easy for users to find the information they need.

Please explore the website and give us your feedback. We hope you enjoy the new site!

Suggest a Charity for Retiring Collection - September 2024 to August 2025

St Augustine's has a long tradition of making charitable donations to local, national and international charities through the Retiring Collection. In the past 13 years our congregation has donated £33,800 to over 50 charities chosen by you.

The PCC invites you to send your nomination for the charity you wish to support to p.churchman@hotmail.co.uk or speak to a member of the PCC by Sunday 14th July. The PCC at its meeting on Tuesday 16th July 2024 will review the nominations and the charities to be supported for the next 12 months will be selected.

Confirmation Preparations

Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates who have been preparing. Their confirmation service will take place on Sunday 20th October when Bishop Emma will be with us for Harvest Sunday.

Prayer Link

Prayer Link is a confidential service offered by a group of people in the church, who pray for those in need each day, for seven days. If you are unwell, waiting for test results, anxious or worried, in pain, out of work, bereaved or lonely or feel a long way from God, please contact Prayer Link.

Contact the Team leader, Dina Bartle by email at: dina.bartle@yahoo.co.uk or Kathy Bale: kathybale1707@gmail.com or speak to a member of the team in Church.

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.

Home Groups are temporarily unavailable until further notice. Please speak to the Churchwardens if you are interested in hosting a Home Group.

Homelink Day Respite Centre Activities



Lunch Club – Wednesdays @ 11.00am – 2.00pm

Homelink welcome older residents who live in the Richmond Borough for a community spaces lunch. For a £5 donation a two course freshly cooked meal and hot drinks are provided. This is a great opportunity to socialise and make new friends.

For more information visit homelinkdaycare.co.uk. Spaces are limited and booking must be made in advance via phone: 07849 515279

Singing for the Brain with Carl Speck – Wednesdays @ 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Homelink offer weekly sessions, bringing carers and loved ones as well as friends of Homelink together to exercise our brains through music. Everyone is welcome to join and express themselves, feel positive and make new friends. Please arrive from 2.15pm to allow the session to begin at 2.30pm. Attendees are welcome to stay for refreshments after the session until 4pm.

Sessions are £5 per person. Turn-up ready to sing or contact Jane to book in advance on 0208 255 1992 or email: jane@homelinkdaycare.co.uk.

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 9th July @ 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 July @ 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.

Reminder: There will be no meeting during August as YGT will be taking a break.

For more information, please contact the Churchwardens.

Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 16th July

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. We aim to cover a distance between 4-6 miles and include stops for both coffee and lunch.

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 July @ 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 6th August @ 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 Churchwardens.

July & August Retiring Collection – The Fabric Fund



The Fabric Fund is the money put aside to maintain St. Augustine's Church and the church hall, the bricks and mortar, the furniture, what's inside and what's outside of the church. It also includes the cost of the regulatory safety checks, paying for the utilities, carrying out the repairs and so on.

It is the responsibility for the PCC to maintain and run the church and the church hall buildings. As you can imagine, a building as big as St. Augustine's needs a lot of funds to maintain it yearly. This is our church, and we have to keep it in tip top condition for us and for future generations who will worship here. This is why the July and August collection is for the fabric of this church. Please give as generously as you can.

Worship Services

- Sunday @ 10am – Holy Communion Service, includes Junior and Youth Church
 - * *Livestream is available via the [Church's YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/@StAugustineofCanterburyWhitton)*
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- 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, Ann Cadogen and John Jones.

Recently Departed: Tom Hood and Shirley Sainsbury-Brown

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Albert Ourden, Jean Ksiezak, Annie Highton, Lillian Lywood, William Butt, John Gatfield, Brenda Mayne, William Griffiths, Lois Szigeti, John Dane, William Slatter, Sheila Sycamore, Margaret Gornall, George White, Valerie Phillips, Irene Wright, Eileen Finnis, Niall McKeever and Patricia Bird.

Diary Dates – July to August 2024		
Sun 7 th Jul	10.00 am 3.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 6 th Sunday after Trinity Schools Music Concert
Tue 9 th Jul	2.30 pm 7.00 pm	Cornerstone (in church) Standing Committee Meeting
Wed 10 th Jul	7.00 pm	PCC Meeting
Sun 14 th Jul	10.00 am 12.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 7 th Sunday after Trinity YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 16 th Jul	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 20 th Jul	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 21 st Jul	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 8 th Sunday after Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Sat 27 th Jul	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 28 th Jul	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 9 th Sunday after Trinity
Sun 4 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 10 th Sunday after Trinity
Tue 6 th Aug	11am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 11 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 11 th Sunday after Trinity
Tue 13 th Aug	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Wed 14 th Aug	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 18 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 12 th Sunday after Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Sun 25 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 13 th Sunday after Trinity

Service Duties for July 2024				
	<u>07/07/24</u>	<u>14/07/24</u>	<u>21/07/24</u>	<u>28/07/24</u>
Sidespersons	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie & Frances
First Reading	Patricia	Dianne	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Jane
Second Reading	Clare	Peter		Jay
Intercessions	Roubina	Vicki		Patricia
Screen & sound	Limbani	Gill	Micha	Pauline
Tea & Coffee	Harriet, Hilda & Barbara	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare & Louise