

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 26th November 2023

CHURCH NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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Sunday before Advent: Christ the King



God the True Shepherd

"I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." – Ezekiel 34.15-16

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Sunday before Advent, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, as the King of the Universe, or Christ the King. This year the Feast of Christ the King will be celebrated on Sunday 20th November.

The feast is rooted in the biblical idea of the Kingdom of God which is not bound by human geography; and Christ as to whom all rulers submit. Following this, we begin Advent as we look forward to the birth of Jesus on Christmas and the visit of the Magi on Epiphany.



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First Reading – Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

Second Reading – Ephesians 1.15-end

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25.31-end



A Word from the Vicar

The Sunday before Advent is celebrated as the feast of Christ the King or the Reign of Christ. On this day we explore the meaning of Christ the King and the impact upon the followers of this King.

Christ is the King who does not wait at the table to be served but the King who washes the feet of his disciples,

He is the King who touches the sick, the injured, and street beggars without the fear of being contaminated,

He is the King who speaks to and dines with sinners and outcasts,

He is the King who lives among the lowly and dirty,

He is the King who brings dignity to those in society whose dignity has taken been away,

He is the King whose birth took place among animals and a very humble environment,

He is the King who never wore a royal crown but wore a crown of thorns at his death,

He is the King upon whom death did not prevail,

He is the King who seeks out and cares for every human being,

He is the King whose love transforms sinners into saints.

We celebrate Christ the King as the model of God's love for humanity and the rest of creation.

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.*

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 12th December @ 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 Saturday 16th December

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 16th December 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!

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 December on the 6th and 20th.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11.00am) will meet next in December on the 1st and 15th.

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

WhatsApp Number +44 7407 246686 or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com

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 30th 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.

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.

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.



In 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. *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, Mavis Walter and Tom Hood.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Winifred Whetton, Edward Formankiewicz, William Stevens, Kelly Woodcock, Mary Saxon-Snell, Simon Raymorid, Barbara Hewson, Sally King, Miriam Woodison, Edna Coughlan, Dulcibelle Bearryman, Kathy Smith, Barbara Barrett, Grace Rose, Valerie Beal, Pamela Togni, Maggie Hayashi, Christopher Ware, Margaret Rose Pratt, Betty Harris, Nadine Cribb, Edgar Thomas, Francis Smith, Katherine MacDonald, Maurice Barnett, Joyce Goddard and Tony Goff.

| Diary Dates – November & December 2023 | | |
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| Thu 30 th Nov | 12.00 pm | Charles & Pam Deakin Thanksgiving Service |
| Tue 5 th Dec | 10am - 12pm | Prayer and Reflection |
| Sun 10 th Dec | 10.00 am 12.00 pm | Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Advent YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall) |
| Tue 12 th Dec | 2.30 pm | Cornerstone (in church) |
| Sat 16 th Dec | TBC 10am - 12pm | Strollers Group Outing Messy Church |
| Sun 17 th Dec | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Advent (All Age/Family Service) |
| Sun 24 th Dec | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – 4 th Sunday of Advent |
| Diary Dates – Advent & Christmas 2023 | | |
| Sat 2 nd Dec | 2.00 pm | Winter Fair |
| Sun 3 rd Dec | 10.00 am 6.30 pm | Advent Sunday Service 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 | | | | |
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| | <u>26/11/23</u> | <u>03/12/23</u> | <u>10/12/23</u> | <u>17/12/23</u> |
| Sidespersons | Rob, Connie, Frances | Gill & Beryl | Vicki, Hilda, Gerald | Jayne, Pauline & Graham |
| First Reading | Eric | Michael | Dhanani | Family Service – Junior & Youth Church |
| Second Reading | Frances | Fiona | Bob | |
| Intercessions | Alwyn | Dina | Dianne | |
| Screen & sound | Limbani | Alwyn | Pauline | Gill |
| MC | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Crucifer | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Acolyte 1 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Acolyte 2 | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Tea & Coffee | Jack, Clare, Barbara & Hilda | Kathy, Frances & Sue | Denzil & Maria | Rene, Marie & Pauline |