

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
Monthly Edition – SUNDAY 2nd July 2023

CHURCH NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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July 2023: Monthly Edition



St Augustine's 65th Anniversary

In 2022 the PCC resolved to mark the 65th anniversary of the life and ministry of our church on our current site.

As well as enjoying the fellowship we couldn't have during the COVID-19 pandemic, this anniversary celebration has been an opportunity to be a church that is both community and world facing, in expressing the love of Jesus Christ for the world.

The planning and implementation team prepared a series of events in the month of June concluding with the celebratory Sunday service.



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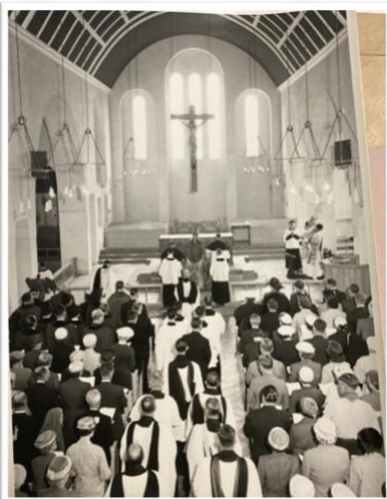
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July 2023 Readings

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
02/07/23	Genesis 22.1-14	Romans 6.12 - end	Matthew 10.40 - end
09/07/23	Genesis 24.34-38, 42-9, 58 - end	Romans 7.15-25a	Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end
16/07/23	Genesis 25.19 - end	Romans 8.1-11	Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23
23/07/23	Genesis 28.10-19a	Romans 8.12-25	Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
30/07/23	Genesis 29.15-28	Romans 8.26 - end	Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

A Word from the Vicar

Brief History of St Augustine's Church, Whitton



As the village of Whitton grew due to the construction of Heathfield estate and surrounding developments, there was a need to reach out to this new community. Additionally, the existing St. Philip's church was too small to accommodate everyone. Therefore, it was decided to establish a new worshipping community on the south side of the railway line.

This saw the beginning of a new worshipping community of the Parish of St Augustine of Canterbury Whitton whose meeting place was at the newly built Bishop Perrin Memorial School (as it was known then). The church formerly began around 1936 with Fr R H Gill as its first Priest in Charge.

Plans were put in place to build the church at the present site but the beginning of the Second World War in 1939 halted the construction plans. Therefore, the church was only able to be constructed after the war ended. While the Diocese of London provided funding for the building, the parish was responsible for furnishing it. Several furnishings, including the Crucifix, were gifted from other churches, particularly those that were destroyed during the war.

The church was officially opened by the Bishop of London, Rt Revd Henry M Campbell, on 29th June 1958, with an attendance of more than 500 people. Since then, significant progress has been made in promoting the Kingdom of God by spreading the love of God, as demonstrated through the life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Honours for Long standing and Service

At the 65th Anniversary celebratory Sunday service a number of people were presented with certificates of recognition from Bishop Emma Ineson for long standing and service, and they included:

- Gretta Martin
- Phyllis Bailey
- Graham Dale
- Patricia Hamilton
- Fiona & John Wolsoncroft
- Jane Derry
- Rob Dowler
- Sue Thornton
- Mavis (posthumous) & Bob Winter
- David (posthumous) & Kay Alldridge
- Pauline Derry (posthumous)
- Rosemary Styles (posthumous)
- Peter Greening (posthumous)
- Roger Brunskill (posthumous)

A Word of Gratitude

As we give thanks to God for the past many years of God's faithfulness among us and the selfless contribution of everyone, I wish to express my special thanks to the Planning and Implementing Team for their hard work and dedication which led to the successful 65th Anniversary celebrations.

Special thanks to the many more people who made many personal sacrifices. Special thanks too to the school choirs and their leaders for gifting us with a very beautiful music concert. May God bless our journey into the future. Amen



Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 9th July @ 2.00pm

On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Youth (students from Year 6 to 13) meet at 2.00pm 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 11th 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.

Messy Church – Saturday 15th July 2023 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm

Messy Church brings together children and their parents 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. Com and have fun!

Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 18th July

St Augustine Church Strollers Group welcomes anyone who may enjoy walking and meeting new people. We walk between 4 and 6 miles, aiming to include stops for coffee and lunch. We have members of differing ages and abilities, all of whom are welcome. *Please contact pdewinton@aol.com for further information.*

Confirmation Preparations

Confirmation preparations are scheduled on the following dates:

- July – Sunday 9th, 16th and 23rd @ 11.30 am
- August – Saturday 5th and 12th @ 10.00 am
- September – Saturday 23rd @ 10.00 am

Confirmation will take place on 1st October 2023 at All Saints Church Hampton at 4.00pm. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr John, or drop him a line by email or phone.

July & August Retiring Collection – Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity (Sands)

Sands is a UK registered charity, based at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London. Established 40 years ago it provides support to anyone affected by the death of a baby. Far too many babies die without scientists, doctors, midwives, or their own parents understanding why with devastating effects.



Sands works in partnership with health care professionals, trusts and health boards to offer a range of training programmes and bereavement care resources to ensure that every bereaved parent and family receives the best possible care through a UK-wide network of around 100 support groups. *For more information visit sands.org.uk.*

Weekday Services

We have Morning Prayers every Friday at 10.00am and Holy Communion on the last Friday of each month.

The Tuesday worship service remains suspended until further notice.

Compline Service – Every Sunday @ 6.00pm

Join us for evening prayers in Church or via Zoom with the following details:

Meeting ID: 897 3613 1720 Passcode: 702310 ([Click here for the Zoom link](#))

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 and Emily Adams.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Fred Brunskill, Winifred Smith, Agnes Firminger, Charles Rothwell, Edward Elkan, Wilfrid Stott, Margaret Kunkel, Joseph Smith, Robert Watson, Edna Bailey, Graham Mullins, Albert Ourden, Jean Ksiezak, Annie Highton and Lillian Lywood.

Diary Dates – July 2023		
Sun 9 th July	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Trinity YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 11 th July	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sat 15 th July	10am – 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 16 th July	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 6 th Sunday of Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Tue 18 th July	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 23 rd July	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 7 th Sunday of Trinity
Sat 29 th July	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 30 th July	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 8 th Sunday of Trinity
Sun 6 th Aug	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 9 th Sunday of Trinity
Tue 8 th Aug	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Diary Dates – Advent & Christmas 2023		
Sun 3 rd Dec	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 July 2023				
	<u>02/07/23</u>	<u>09/07/23</u>	<u>16/07/23</u>	<u>23/07/23</u>
Sidespersons	Gill G & Beryl L	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B	Rob D, Connie C, Frances T
First Reading	Patricia H	Roubina d W	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Dianne R
Second Reading	Clare M	Peter d W		Jay C
Intercessions	Roubina d W	Patricia H		Rob D
Screen & sound	Limban K	Pauline C	Alwyn W	Pauline C
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P	Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T	Denzil D & Maria D