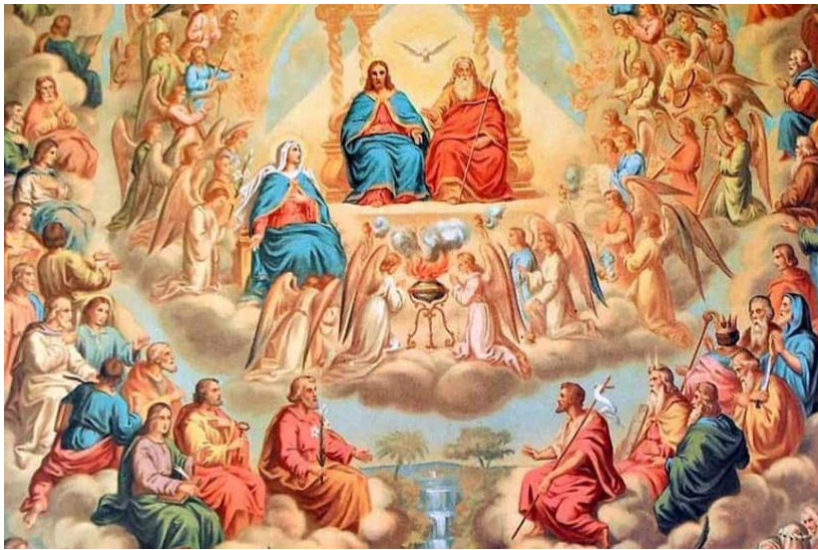


ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
Monthly Edition – Sunday 5th November 2023

CHURCH NEWS

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



The Beatitudes

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” – Matthew 5:8-10

All Saints Day & All Souls Day

All Saint’s Day, celebrated on 1st November, is an opportunity for us to remember with thankfulness all the saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. Saints can be described as people who have lived heroically virtuous lives, offered their lives for others, or were martyred for the faith, and who are worthy of imitation. A saint can be officially recognised after death as being worthy of special honour.

All Souls’ Day, celebrated on 2nd November, is an opportunity for the church to commemorate the faithful departed. On this day we remember with gratitude and pray for the souls of our departed loved ones, that they may be granted the vision of God in Heaven. We also acknowledge our mortality and trust in the saving power of God.



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November 2023 Readings

Date	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
05/11/23	Revelation 7.9-end	1 John 3.1-3	Matthew 5.1-12
12/11/23	Amos 5.18-24	1 Thessalonians 4.13-end	Matthew 25.1-13
19/11/23	Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11	Matthew 25.14-30
26/11/23	Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24	Ephesians 1.15-end	Matthew 25.31-end

A Word from the Vicar

The month of November presents us key liturgical calendar feasts: All Saints, Christ the King and St Andrew's Day, and also beacons Advent and Christmas.

In this month, we give thanks for the Saints (past and present) for honouring God by dedicating their lives in advancing the love of God in Christ for humanity and the rest of creation.

By their example we each are invited to bear witness as peace-makers and to be bearers of good news of hope when many are anxious and desperate. May Christ the King be truly the King of our daily lives.

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 7th November @ 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.

Kensington Area Youth Event – Friday 10th November @ 7.00pm – 8.30pm; St Saviour's Sunbury, TW16 7TP

This evening event for young people in Years 7-13 will include food, games, worship led by a youth band, a short talk and creative prayer stations. All for Free! The theme for the evening will be 'Who you are made to be' Psalm 139:14.

To book please contact Fr John on WhatsApp Number +44 7407 246686 or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 11th November @ 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 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!

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.



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 8th and 22nd.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11.00am) will meet next in November on the 3rd and 17th.

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

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

Funeral Notice – Charles Deakin

Further to the sad news of the death of Charles Deakin we are now able to share the following information:

In early November there will be a private family cremation for Charles. The family has also planned to hold a joint service giving thanks for the lives of both Charles and Charles' late wife Pam (who died in April 2020). The service will be 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.*

Whitton, Heathfield and West Twickenham Community Conversation – Friday 10th November @ 6.30pm – 9.00pm; Whitton Community Centre, TW2 6JL.

Residents, local businesses, and community organisations are invited to come together with our local Councillors and discuss ideas, concerns, and initiatives that can help enhance our vibrant neighbourhoods.

The Community Conversation will be held as a hybrid event, with residents able to join in person or watch an online stream of the event and submit questions via a digital platform. Attendance is free, but registration is essential, as in person places are limited.



For more information and to register to attend please visit eventbrite.co.uk/e/whitton-heathfield-and-west-twickenham-community-conversation-tickets-735816325437.

Bishop Perrin CofE Primary School Job Vacancies – Application Close Date: 13th November 2023 @ 10.00 am

Bishop Perrin School, a small, well-maintained Church of England Primary School based in Whitton, is currently advertising the following Job Vacancies:

- HR Officer – Start Date: 18th December 2023
- Facilities ad Site Manager – Start Date: 8th January 2024
- Teaching and Learning assistance – Start Date: As soon as possible

For full job descriptions, detailed list of duties and to apply – visit bishopperrin.richmond.sch.uk/our-school/job-vacancies.

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, Mavis Walter and Sylvia.

Recently Departed: Charles Deakin and Sian Davies.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Pauly Holford, Jean Newman, Colin Bell, Louise Long, Annie Mason, Roy Moon, Gordon Nelhams, Ronald Phillips, Norman Watkins, Peter Osborne, John Bentall, Malcolm Wenham, Nellie Goff, Raymond Osborne, Ellen Fiskett, Keith Stott, Paula Mullins, Ethel Price, Ethel Edgar and Susan Blay.

Diary Dates – October & November 2023		
Tue 7 th Nov	10am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 12 th Nov	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Remembrance Sunday
	12.00 pm	YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
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)
Sunday 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
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 October & November 2023				
	<u>05/11/23</u>	<u>12/11/23</u>	<u>19/11/23</u>	<u>26/11/23</u>
Sidespersons	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda, Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie, Frances
First Reading	Alwyn	Ben	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Eric
Second Reading	Dhanani	Vicki		Frances
Intercessions	Vicki	Fiona		Alwyn
Screen & sound	Gill	Pauline	Gill	Limbani
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Denzil & Maria	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare, Barbara & Hilda