

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 21st January 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

3rd Sunday of Epiphany



The Wedding at Cana

(The Wedding Feast at Cana (1562 - 1563) – by Paolo Veronese)
“Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from” – John 2.7-9

Epiphany is a celebration of God manifesting as the baby Jesus and revealing Himself to the world. It is the time when we remember one element in the story of Christ’s birth, the visit of the magi (also called the Three Kings or Wise Men). This is an important day signifying that Jesus’ birth would be important for all people, not just the Jews; He is both ‘a light to lighten the Gentiles’ and ‘the glory of God’s people Israel’.

The season of joyful celebration now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany and ends with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas).



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First Reading – Genesis 14.17-20

Second Reading – Revelation 19.6-10



Gospel Reading – John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Strollers – Next Walk on Tuesday 27th January, meet @ 9.40am at Whitton Station

This outing will be a walk around 4 miles through Crystal Palace Park, which is located near the impressive Crystal Palace Station. The park offers many attractions, including the famous dinosaur sculptures, a great coffee stop/cafe, and the historic Palace site, all set in a very walkable parkland offering southerly views. Please bring a picnic lunch and come to Whitton Station for the 09.50am service to Clapham Junction, thence a train to Crystal Palace.

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. *For further information, please contact pdewinton@aol.com.*

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 6th February @ 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 vicar by email or phone.

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 11th February @ 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 13th February @ 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 17th February @ 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.

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 Wolsoncroft (@7pm) will meet on the following dates:
 - January – 24th
 - February – 14th & 28th
 - March – 13th & 27th
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11am) will meet on the following dates:
 - February – 2nd & 16th

For further details and to sign up, contact Fr John on: WhatsApp Number +44 7440 597718 or email: vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com

Richmond's Community Heroes Awards 2023 – Nominations close Monday 26th February 2024 @ 11.59 pm



The awards recognise the unsung heroes in our borough who go the extra mile to give back to their communities. Do you know a person, group or business who's helped to make Richmond upon Thames and their local community a better place, without expecting anything in return?

Help to give them the recognition they deserve. Nominate them today for the Richmond upon Thames Community Heroes Awards.

Shortlisted nominees will be announced in early spring 2024 and the awards event will be held on Thursday 16th May 2024. *For further information and to nominate visit richmond.gov.uk/community_heroes_awards.*

January Retiring Collection – Richmond Young Carers



Young carers are children and young people under the age of 18 who act as carers for a member of their family. These young people offer physical and emotional support to someone in their family who cannot manage without their help. This means that often they are not able to join

in activities with their peers, they have less time to focus on homework, and they may have disturbed sleep. Their own emotional wellbeing may be affected.

The Richmond Young Carers Centre is a charity which supports young supporters by offering advice, information and emotional support. They also offer mentoring programmes, holiday activities, after school groups, peer support etc. This support gives the young people more confidence, they feel more positive, safe and listened to, and they have fun.

Richmond Young Carers Centre is delighted and grateful that St Augustine's Whitton is raising funds for them this January, saying "we cannot thank you enough for thinking of our service supporting young carers and their families".

For more information visit richmondcarers.org/services/services-for-young-carers.

Worship Services

- Sunday @ 10am – Holy Communion Service, includes Junior and Youth Church
- 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, Chris Frazer, John Burbidge, and Mavis Walter.

Recently Departed: Marlene Masona

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Edwin Barton, Patricia Williams, Richard Howard, Arthur Fry, Winnie Goodey, Reginald Sharp, Albert Wild, Joseph Thompson, Ronald Humphreys, Gordon Harding, Pat Powell, Walter Chapman, Patricia Emery, Georgina Hickling, Ann Barnikel, Esther Mitchell, Harry Lywood, Julia Caulfield and Peggy Smith.

Diary Dates – January & February 2024		
Thu 18 th Jan – Wed 24 th Jan	————	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sat 27 th Jan	9.40 am	Strollers Group Outing (meet at Whitton Station)
Sun 28 th Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 th Sunday of Epiphany
Sun 4 th Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday of Epiphany (Presentation of our Lord)
Tue 6 th Feb	10am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 11 th Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Transfiguration
	12.00 pm	YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 13 th Feb	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
	7.00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Weds 14 th Feb	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 17 th Feb	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Diary Dates – Lent & Easter 2024		
Wed 14 th Feb	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sun 24 th Mar	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 25 th Mar – Wed 27 th Mar	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Thu 28 th Mar	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (includes washing of feet)
Fri 29 th Mar	11.00 am	CTiW Walk of Witness
	2.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy (includes Veneration of the cross)
Sun 31 st Mar	6.00 am	Easter Vigil – Service of Light @ Dawn w/ breakfast
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday

10.00 am Service Duties for January & February 2024				
	<u>21/01/24</u>	<u>28/01/24</u>	<u>04/02/24</u>	<u>11/02/24</u>
Sidespersons	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie & Frances	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald
First Reading	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Ben	Bob	Clare
Second Reading		Jo	Dina	Rob
Intercessions		Limbani	Fiona	Alwyn
Screen & sound	Gill	Pauline	Mwila	Denzil
Tea & Coffee	Harriet, Hilda & Barbara	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare & Louise