

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON
SUNDAY 25th December 2022

Church NEWS

**St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,
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Christmas Day



Christmas, celebration of Christ's day, marks the 'anniversary' of Jesus' birth. During this time, we celebrate the mystery of God coming to live among humanity as Jesus, the saviour promised by the prophets of the Old Testament. The readings for Christmas day invite us to look beyond the joy of Jesus' birth to the significance of his life and the saving power of his future death and resurrection.

There are many joyful customs and traditions we use to mark Christmas; carols, cribs, decorations, and special foods are shared with and enjoyed by millions of people across the world. The season of Christmas lasts for 12 days, ending with the feast of Epiphany on the 6th of January.



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First Reading – Isaiah 52.7-10

Second Reading – Titus 3.4-7

Gospel Reading – Luke 2.1-14



Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 10th January @ 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.

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meeting – Tuesday 17th January

Please send suggested agenda items to Pauline Churchman (the Secretary), via staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com, by Sunday 8th January 2023.

The Strollers – Next Outing on Tuesday 17th January

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.*

Youth Get Together (YGT) – Next meeting on Sunday 12th February @2.00pm

There will be no meeting during January as YGT has taken a break.

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.*

Home Groups

Now that we can meet freely, we plan to restart Home Groups during Lent in February 2023. Home groups provide opportunity for fellowship, to study scriptures and reflect together, to support one other and can also be a springboard for church growth.

If you are happy and willing to host a 'home group' and/or want to know more contact Fr John by Friday 20th January 2023. After that there will be a briefing and planning meeting with Home Group hosts on Wednesday 1st February at 7.00pm.

Junior and Youth Church Nativity Play

Our young people put on a fantastic and reasonably attended Nativity play last Saturday, and we are grateful to them and the leaders of the Junior and Youth Church. Thank you to all those who came to support our young people.



The New Bishop of Kensington Episcopal Area

Finally, our next bishop has been announced by Downing Street, it is the Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson (pictured here on the right). We look forward to seeing her here in the coming year.



December Retiring Collection



Together
we will end
homelessness

This month's retiring collection is for Crisis. Crisis is the nation's largest homeless charity dedicated to helping people experiencing homelessness. They work directly with thousands of homeless people every year and provide vital help so that people can rebuild their lives and are supported out of homelessness for good.

Every year Crisis at Christmas opens its doors to people who are homeless. Right now, thousands of people at the sharp end of poverty are at risk of being pushed into homelessness. As a national charity, Crisis offer much-needed warmth, healthcare, food and company to people experiencing homelessness across the UK.

Weekday Services

As from 9th December we now have Morning Prayers every Friday at 10.00 and Holy Communion on the last Friday of the month from January 2023. The Tuesday worship service remains suspended until further notice.

Compline Service – Every Sunday @ 6pm

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



Peace and end of war in Ukraine and other places of conflict around the world.

Those who are sick and struggling: Jo Dale, Stella Cheng, Aiden Littrell, Jeremy Short, Rosemary Styles, Anne Hickmott, Sister Eileen Caple, Willem Cheng and Gwilym Jones.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of:

Diary Dates – January 2023		
Sun 1 st Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Naming and Circumcision of Jesus
Sun 8 th Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Epiphany
Tue 10 th Jan	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
Sun 15 th Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday of Epiphany (All Age/Family Service)
Tue 17 th Jan	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 22 nd Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany
Sat 28 th Jan	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 29 th Jan	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
Sun 5 th Feb	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday before Lent
Diary Dates – Lent & Easter 2023		
Wed 22 nd Feb	7.00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Sun 2 nd April	10.00 am	Palm Sunday Service
Mon 3 rd April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Tue 4 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Wed 5 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Way of the Cross
Thu 6 th April	7.00 pm	Holy Week – Maundy Thursday Liturgy (includes washing of feet)
Fri 7 th April	11.00 am 2.00 pm	CTiW Walk of Witness Good Friday Liturgy (includes the Veneration of the cross)
Sun 9 th April	6.00 am 10.00 am	Easter Vigil – Service of Light @ Dawn Parish Eucharist – Easter Sunday

10.00 am Service Duties for January 2023

	<u>01/01/23</u>	<u>08/01/23</u>	<u>15/01/23</u>
Sidespersons	Gill G & Beryl L	Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P	Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B
First Reading	Pauline C	Ben W	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church
Second Reading	Sue T	Kay A	
Intercessions	Roubina d W	Patricia H	
Screen & sound	Alwyn W	Pauline C	Roubina d W
MC	_____	Jane D	Jane D
Crucifer	_____	Christine H	Charles D
Acolyte 1	_____	Michael B	Michael B
Acolyte 2	_____	Roubina d W	Christine H
Tea & Coffee	Rene K, Marie C & Pauline C	Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S	Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P