

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 19th November 2023

CHURCH NEWS

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

2nd Sunday before Advent



“For you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do ... But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.” – 1 Thessalonians 5.5-6,8

The four Sundays leading up to Advent are sometimes informally called the Sundays of the Kingdom and mark the end of our annual liturgical journey. During this period, we celebrate All Saints', All Souls', and Remembrance Sunday. This season is a time for forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, celebration, and reflection on the reign of Christ in heaven and on earth. It gives us the opportunity to understand the meaning of God's teachings in our lives and the lives of others- those who have passed away, those who are with us now, and those to come in the future.

The final Sunday celebrates Christ the King, who accomplished God's work through his life, death, and resurrection. 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 – Zephaniah 1.7, 12- end

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25.14-30



Strollers – Next Walk on Saturday 25th November; meet @ 09.40 am at Whitton Station

Following the successful walk last week on the Parkland Walk, this outing will be a walk around the local area. Please come to Whitton Station for 09.40 am where the walk will begin.

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.*

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.

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 November on the 22nd.
- 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.

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)



Formed in 1921, 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.

RBL works with politicians and officials at all levels to represent the interests of the Armed Forces community. Through research and campaigning, they challenge myths about serving and ex-serving personnel. Their manifestos outline key actions they believe the government should take to improve the health, finances and wellbeing of the Armed Forces, veterans and their families.

Every year in November we remember those who lost their lives on active service in all conflicts; from the beginning of the First World War right up to the present day, as well as all those who have served and their families. 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 and Mavis Walter.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Vernon Brown, Victor Austin, Dorothy Davies, Margaret Ling, Jessie Heppenstall, Madge White, Hilda Christopher, Baby Joe Penney, Phyllis Bond, Ada Williams, Lawrence Kunkel, Mavis Scrase, Lance Forde, Marry Kirby (pr.), Lee Harbird, Terry Lyons, Jean Kipps, Elsie Vincent, John Donaldson, Frederick Christopher, Wilton De Jong, Doris Brimacombe, Daphne Dawn and Lily Hutchins.

Diary Dates – November & December 2023		
Sat 25 th Nov	09.40 am	Strollers Group Outing (Meet at Whitton Station)
Sun 26 th Nov	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Christ the King (Sunday before Advent)
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
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				
	<u>19/11/23</u>	<u>26/11/23</u>	<u>03/12/23</u>	<u>10/12/23</u>
Sidespersons	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie, Frances	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda, Gerald
First Reading	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Eric	Michael	Dhanani
Second Reading		Frances	Fiona	Bob
Intercessions		Alwyn	Dina	Dianne
Screen & sound	Gill	Limbani	Alwyn	Pauline
MC	_____	_____	_____	_____
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte 2	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tea & Coffee	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare, Barbara & Hilda	Kathy, Frances & Sue	Denzil & Maria