

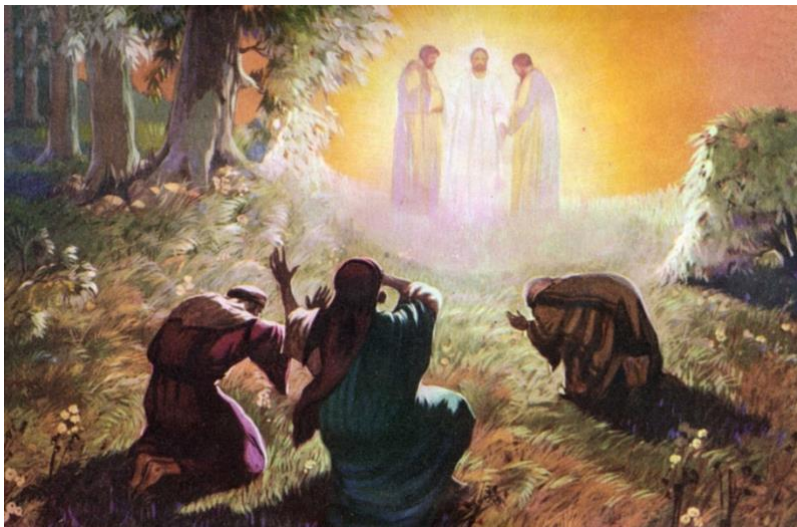
# ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Monthly Edition – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## CHURCH NEWS

St. Augustine Church, Whitton, Hospital Bridge Road, Twickenham,  
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### August 2023: Monthly Edition



The Transfiguration

“Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.” –  
(Luke 9:28 - 29)

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity – Feast of the Transfiguration**

The Feast of Transfiguration commemorates the biblical event when Jesus leads three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, to a mountain where Moses and Elijah appear, and he is ‘Transfigured’ as his appearance is radiantly transformed. The Transfiguration is one of the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels but unlike others, the miracle happens to Jesus himself.

Transfiguration is a pivotal moment, a powerful demonstration of His divine nature and the manifestation of His glory. The setting on the mountain can be understood as the point where human nature meets God: the meeting place of the temporal and the eternal, with Jesus as the connecting point, acting as the bridge between heaven and earth.



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## August 2023 Readings

| Date     | First Reading         | Second Reading        | Gospel Reading   |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 06/08/23 | Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14  | 2 Peter 1.16-19       | Luke 9.28-36     |
| 13/08/23 | Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28 | Romans 10.5-15        | Matthew 14.22-33 |
| 20/08/23 | Genesis 45.1-15       | Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 | Matthew 15.10-20 |
| 27/08/23 | Exodus 1.8-2.10       | Romans 12.1-8         | Matthew 16.13.20 |

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### **A Word from the Vicar**

We are halfway through Summer even though this July has been noted as UK's 6th wettest in history!

Notwithstanding, St Augustine's celebrated 'international' day on 22nd July with thankfulness for God's gift of diversity. There was a variety of food dishes people brought to share. It was a joyous and memorable evening enjoyed by all who attended.

The following day we joined other parishes in the Diocese to celebrate ALMA Sunday, marking 25 of ALMA. St Paul's Cathedral hosted a Holy Communion service at which the Bishop of Nampula, the Rt Revd Manuel Ernesto, preached on the theme of mustered seed, focusing on Seeds for Faith, Seeds for Peace, and Seeds for Life.

Praying that this Summer will be a restful and peaceful period.

*NB: Bishop Manuel's sermon:*

[almalink.org/documents/BishopManuelSermon2023.pdf](http://almalink.org/documents/BishopManuelSermon2023.pdf)



**Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August @ 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 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August, meet @ 09.40am at Whitton Station**

This outing, weather permitting, will be a walk in Richmond Park. The walk will start at Pembroke Lodge at 10:30am and may include a walk to Isabella Plantation for a picnic lunch and a visit to the coffee stop near Pen Ponds. Please bring a picnic lunch and come to Whitton Station for the 09:54 am service to Richmond then the 371 bus to Richmond Hill Park entrance. Those driving themselves may want to park at Pembroke Lodge.

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](mailto:pdewinton@aol.com) for further information.*

**Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September @ 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 10<sup>th</sup> September @ 2.00pm**

There will be no meeting during August as YGT will be taking 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.*

**Messy Church – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm**

There will be no meeting during August as Messy Church will be taking a break.

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. Come and have fun!

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**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.

- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams (@ 11.00am) will meet in August on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Fiona & John will host a Home Group on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September @7.00pm.

*For details of the hosts and the days available, and to sign up, contact Fr John on: WhatsApp Number +44 7407 246686 or email: [vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com](mailto:vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com)*

## Confirmation Preparations

Confirmation preparations are scheduled on the following dates:

- August – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10.00 am
- September – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10.00 am

Confirmation will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## 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](https://sands.org.uk).*

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## 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, Emily Adams Lucy Brooks, Andrew Fildes and Chris Frazer.

Recently Departed: Harry (aged 13)

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Adrian Hawken, Phyllis Hayward, Andrew Parkins, Marjorie Keene, John Davis, Doris Vincer, Donald Hourigan, Gemma Harrison, Patricia Shackleton, John Morley, Shirley Gutcher, David Adams, Rene Lisney, Iris Oliver, Tom Hewlett, Christine Platt, Richard Williams and Joan Shilson.

| <b>Diary Dates – August 2023</b>                 |             |                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug                          | 2.30 pm     | Cornerstone (in church)                                                           |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug                         | 10.00 am    | Parish Eucharist – 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity                             |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug                         | 09.40 am    | Strollers Group Outing (Meet at Whitton Station)                                  |
| Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug                         | 10.00 am    | Parish Eucharist – 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity<br>(All Age/Family Service) |
| Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug                         | TBC         | Strollers Group Outing                                                            |
| Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug                         | 10.00 am    | Parish Eucharist – 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity                             |
| Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept                         | 10.00 am    | Parish Eucharist – 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity                             |
| Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept                         | 10am - 12pm | Prayer and Reflection                                                             |
| <b>Diary Dates – Advent &amp; Christmas 2023</b> |             |                                                                                   |
| Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec                          | 2.00 pm     | Winter Fair                                                                       |
| Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec                          | 10.00 am    | Advent Sunday Service                                                             |
|                                                  | 6.30 pm     | Advent Carols                                                                     |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | 6.30 pm     | Christmas Carols by Candlelight                                                   |
| Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec                         | 4.00 pm     | Nativity Play                                                                     |
| Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | 11.00 pm    | Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve)                                                     |
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | 10.00 am    | Christmas Day Service                                                             |

| <b>10.00 am Service Duties for July &amp; August 2023</b> |                           |                                      |                                        |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                           | <b><u>06/08/23</u></b>    | <b><u>13/08/23</u></b>               | <b><u>20/08/23</u></b>                 | <b><u>27/08/23</u></b>     |
| <b>Sidespersons</b>                                       | Gill G & Beryl L          | Vicki P, Hilda P, Gerald P           | Jayne F, Pauline C & Graham B          | Rob D, Connie C, Frances T |
| <b>First Reading</b>                                      | Sue T                     | Vicki P                              | Family Service – Junior & Youth Church | Clare M                    |
| <b>Second Reading</b>                                     | Kay A                     | Jo D                                 |                                        | Graham B                   |
| <b>Intercessions</b>                                      | Alwyn W                   | Graham D                             |                                        | Dina B                     |
| <b>Screen &amp; sound</b>                                 | Limbani K                 | Gill G                               | Alwyn W                                | Pauline C                  |
| <b>MC</b>                                                 | _____                     | _____                                | _____                                  | _____                      |
| <b>Crucifer</b>                                           | _____                     | _____                                | _____                                  | _____                      |
| <b>Acolyte 1</b>                                          | _____                     | _____                                | _____                                  | _____                      |
| <b>Acolyte 2</b>                                          | _____                     | _____                                | _____                                  | _____                      |
| <b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>                                   | Sue A, Margaret G & Pat S | Jack H, Clare H, Barbara M & Hilda P | Kathy B, Frances T & Sue T             | Denzil D & Maria D         |