

# ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## CHURCH NEWS

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

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



#### Jesus the True Vine

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you" – John 15:14-4a

Alleluia Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed Alleluia.

We celebrate Easter as the triumph of light over darkness, life over death, peace over violence, hope over fear, and love over hatred. Easter Day marked the beginning of the fifty days of celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The final ten days begin on Ascension Day where we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. And at the end of the fifty days, we celebrate Pentecost (sometimes called Whitsun) when Jesus' disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit.



St Augustine's Church,  
Whitton

#### Vicar

The Revd Canon John Kafwanka

[vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com](mailto:vicarofstaugustinewhitton@aol.com)

07440 597718

020 8894 0848

#### Junior & Youth ministry

Martha, Pat S, Sian, Taro,  
Analyn & Hildah

#### Safeguarding Officer

Gill Gooding

07743 708379

[gill.gooding@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gill.gooding@yahoo.co.uk)

#### Church Wardens

Roubina de Winton

07932 526 946

[roubinadewinton@gmail.com](mailto:roubinadewinton@gmail.com)

Sue Thornton

07939 129293

[suethornton101@gmail.com](mailto:suethornton101@gmail.com)

#### General details

[staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com](mailto:staugustine.whitton@hotmail.com)

[www.st-augustine-of-canterbury-whitton.org](http://www.st-augustine-of-canterbury-whitton.org)

Hiring of Church Hall – contact  
Sue Thornton

Charity number:  
1134957

## First Reading – Acts 8.26-40



## Second Reading – 1 John 4.7-21

## Gospel Reading – John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

---

### **Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May @ 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 12<sup>th</sup> May @ 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 14<sup>th</sup> May @ 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 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

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, as we aim for fellowship combined with mild exercise in pleasant surroundings. *For further information, please contact [pdewinton@aol.com](mailto:pdewinton@aol.com).*

### **Messy Church – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May @ 10.00am – 12.00pm**

Messy Church brings together children (age 0-8) and their parents every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

---

## Confirmation Preparations

Confirmation Preparations are due to begin on Sunday 5th May and will be meeting every Sunday at 12.00 for an hour. Please contact Fr John for enquiry or expression of interest. Confirmation itself will take place on Sunday 20th October when Bishop Emma will be with us for Harvest Sunday.

## Prayer Link

Prayer Link is a confidential service offered by a group of people in the church, who pray for those in need each day, for seven days. If you are unwell, waiting for test results, anxious or worried, in pain, out of work, bereaved or lonely or feel a long way from God, please contact Prayer Link.

Contact the Team leader, Dina Bartle by email at: [dina.bartle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dina.bartle@yahoo.co.uk) or Kathy Bale: [kathybale1707@gmail.com](mailto:kathybale1707@gmail.com) or speak to a member of the team in Church.

## 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.

Home Groups are temporarily unavailable until further notice. Please speak to Fr John if you are interested in hosting a Home Group.

---

## Homelink Day Respite Centre Activities

Lunch Club – Wednesdays @ 11.00am – 2.00pm

Homelink welcome older residents who live in the Richmond Borough for a community spaces lunch. For a £5 donation a two course freshly cooked meal and hot drinks are provided. This is a great opportunity to socialise and make new friends.



*For more information visit [homelinkdaycare.co.uk](http://homelinkdaycare.co.uk). Spaces are limited and booking must be made in advance via phone: 07849 515279*

Singing for the Brain with Carl Speck – Wednesdays @ 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Homelink offer weekly sessions, bringing carers and loved ones as well as friends of Homelink together to exercise our brains through music. Everyone is welcome to join and express themselves, feel positive and make new friends. Please arrive from 2.15pm to allow the session to begin at 2.30pm. Attendees are welcome to stay for refreshments after the session until 4pm.

*Sessions are £5 per person. Turn-up ready to sing or contact Jane to book in advance on 0208 255 1992 or email: [jane@homelinkdaycare.co.uk](mailto:jane@homelinkdaycare.co.uk).*

## School Exams

Let us remember in our prayers the young people (and their families) in our community who in the month of May are due to start writing SATs, GCSEs, or A-Level exams.

---

## April Retiring Collection – Whitton Network



The Network is a voluntary care group for Whitton and Heathfield which relies on donations and the work of many volunteers. They provide support, help, advice and assistance to the elderly, disabled and others living in Whitton.

Their services include companionship (Monday morning Coffee shop held at Whitton Library and Days out to the seaside or other nice location), transport (they take people to hospital/doctor etc appointments and wait with them until they have been seen), shopping and collecting prescriptions, visiting people who are isolated and a little help with household paperwork. *For more information visit [whittonnetwork.org](http://whittonnetwork.org).*

---

## 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](#))*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter, and Ann Cadogen.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Jack Watson, Arthur Costar, Pat White, Pauline Tsiakis, Winifred Eves, Dorothy Cox, Gorden Jenes, Evelyn Leyshon, Jean Rabbetts, Frank Thurbon, May Dobson, Michael Beal, Mary Hayward, Peter Green, Peter Cummings, Eileen Matthews, Barry Goddard, Raymond Crysell, James Fowler and Rose Coles.

<b>Diary Dates – May to June 2024</b>		
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> May	11am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00 pm	Ascension Day Service
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am 12.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30 pm	Cornerstone
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am 11.15 am	Parish Eucharist – Pentecost Sunday (All Age/Family Service) Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APMC)
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> May	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – St Augustine’s Day (Patronal and Trinity Sunday)
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	11am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10.00 am 12.00 pm	Parish Eucharist – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	2.30 pm 7.00 pm	Cornerstone (in church) Standing Committee Meeting
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> Jun	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10am - 12pm 12.30 pm	Messy Church Summer Fair

<b>Service Duties for April &amp; May 2024</b>				
	<b><u>28/04/24</u></b>	<b><u>05/05/24</u></b>	<b><u>09/05/24</u></b> <i>(Ascension Day)</i>	<b><u>12/05/24</u></b>
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Rob, Connie & Frances	Gill & Beryl	————	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald
<b>First Reading</b>	Ben	Jay	Sue	Rob
<b>Second Reading</b>	Frances	Kay	Martha	Pauline
<b>Intercessions</b>	Vicki	Patricia	Roubina	Martha
<b>Screen &amp; sound</b>	Alwyn	Pauline	Alwyn	Mwila
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare & Louise	————	Kathy, Frances & Sue