

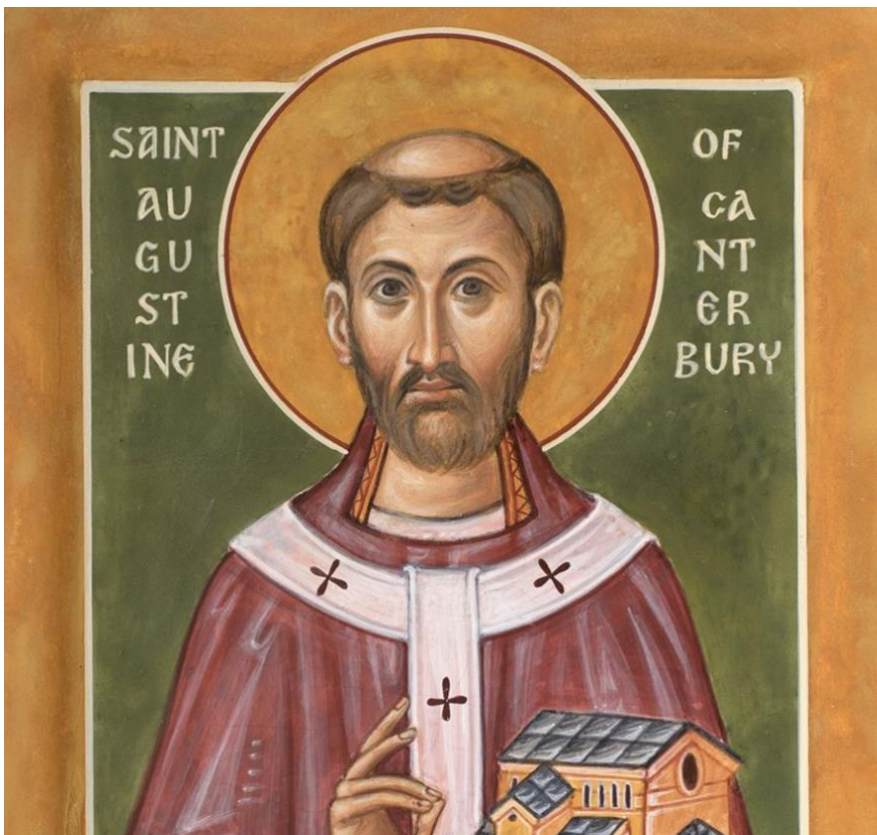
ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 26th May 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

St Augustine's Sunday – Patronal and Trinity Sunday



Augustine was a prior at the monastery of St Andrew in Rome. Augustine was sent to be the leader of a group of 40 monks to re-evangelize the English Church. The group of monks landed in Kent in the summer of 597 and, once established, Augustine returned temporarily to Gaul to receive ordination as a bishop. Canterbury was chosen as the primatial see (area of an Archbishop's jurisdiction) and so Augustine became the first Archbishop of Canterbury. He is estimated to have died between 604 - 605.
(Adapted from Exciting Holiness, 2017)



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First Reading – Isaiah 6.1-8



In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

Second Reading – Romans 8.12-17

Gospel Reading – John 3.1-17

Vicar Update – Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Thank you for your prayers for a very good APCM which took place on Sunday 19th May, and the following people were elected to serve in the respected positions:

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Barbara Magona
Tom Hood
Jai Cao

Churchwardens

Both serving Church Wardens were re-elected as follows:

- Roubina de Winton
- Sue Thornton

Thank you to all who attended and those who offered to serve.

Confirmation Preparations

Confirmation Preparations are 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 or Kathy Bale: 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.

School Exams

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

Embracing Age Quiz Night – Saturday 8th June @ 7.30 pm; St Stephen's Church, Twickenham



By popular demand the Embracing Age Charity Quiz Night is back with Quiz Master Sean Carey and a question writer for The Chase. Teams can be up to 6 people, but if you don't have a team of 6 there will be plenty of others to join up with on the night. There will be a bar, but feel free to bring your own snacks. All money raised will go to the work of Embracing Age in befriending care home residents and supporting informal carers.

Suggested donation for tickets is £5 each. To book your place by call 07735 332584 or visit embracingage.org.uk/quiz.

Homelink Open House Day – Wednesday 12th June @ 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm



This open house event provides an opportunity to discover more about Homelink. You can meet the Carers, explore volunteer opportunities, and participate in a craft activity led by our wonderful volunteers. You can also gather information about other local services available in our community. Other activities include a live performance from talented volunteer entertainers, food and refreshments, a free raffle with a chance to win a £50 M&S voucher along with other exciting prizes, speeches from various keynote speakers including CEO Jacqui Parris, and a special guest appearance.

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. 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.

Prayer and Reflection – Tuesday 4th June @ 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 9th June @ 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 11th June @ 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 Thursday 13th June

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.*

Messy Church – Saturday 15th June @ 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.

May Retiring Collection – Christian Aid



For over 75 years Christian Aid has stood in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, those of all Faiths and none – to eradicate poverty. Christian Aid seeks to stamp out poverty by tackling its root causes, by working together with people in poverty to educate, support and empower them, to speak truth to world leaders, highlighting and challenging systems that favour the rich - and seeking to create lasting change.

Please give generously to support people in dire poverty during the month of May. You can give using Christian Aid Week envelopes at the back of the church, with Gift Aid which will add to your donation, or you can give via the retiring collection baskets or speak to Dianne, for an online option. *For more information visit christianaid.org.uk.*

Worship Services

- Sunday @ 10am – Holy Communion Service, includes Junior and Youth Church
 - * Livestream is available via the Church [YouTube Channel](#) (@StAugustineofCanterburyWhitton)
- 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, John Burbidge, Mavis Walter, and Ann Cadogen.

This week we remember the anniversary of the death of: Kathleen Watts, Gwendoline Myles, Desmond MacCaw, Leonard Davies, Joan Royall, Gina Winter, Vera Holding, Bertie Newbury, Reepmaker D'Orville, Michael Lawrence and Matilda Gascoigne.

| Diary Dates – May to June 2024 | | |
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| Sun 2 nd Jun | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – 1 st Sunday after Trinity |
| Tue 4 th Jun | 11am - 12pm | Prayer and Reflection |
| Sun 9 th Jun | 10.00 am 12.00 pm | Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday after Trinity YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall) |
| Tue 11 th Jun | 2.30 pm 7.00 pm | Cornerstone (in church) Standing Committee Meeting |
| Thu 13 th Jun | TBC | Strollers Group Outing |
| Sat 15 th Jun | 10am - 12pm 12.30 pm | Messy Church Summer Fair |
| Sun 16 th Jun | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday after Trinity (All Age/Family Service) |
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| Fri 21 st Jun – Sun 23 rd Jun | ———— | Youth Weekend Away |
| Sun 23 rd Jun | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – 4 th Sunday after Trinity |
| Sat 29 th Jun | TBC 3.00 pm | Strollers Group Outing Schools Music Concert |
| Sun 30 th Jun | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – 5 th Sunday after Trinity |
| Tue 2 nd Jul | 11am - 12pm | Prayer and Reflection |
| Sat 6 th Jul | TBC | Cultural Night |
| Sun 7 th Jul | 10.00 am | Parish Eucharist – 6 th Sunday after Trinity |
| Tue 9 th Jul | 2.30 pm 7.00 pm | Cornerstone (in church) Standing Committee Meeting |

| Service Duties for May & June 2024 | | | | |
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| | <u>26/05/24</u> | <u>02/06/24</u> | <u>09/06/24</u> | <u>16/06/24</u> |
| Sidespersons | Rob, Connie & Frances | Gill & Beryl | Vicki, Hilda & Gerald | Jayne, Pauline & Graham |
| First Reading | Jane | Jo | Sue | Family Service – Junior & Youth Church |
| Second Reading | Peter | Dianne | Gerald | |
| Intercessions | Dina | Bob | Graham | |
| Screen & sound | Pauline | Denzil | Pauline | Mwila |
| Tea & Coffee | Harriet, Hilda & Barbara | Rene, Marie & Pauline | Sue, Margaret & Pat | Jack, Clare & Louise |