

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 12th May 2024

CHURCH NEWS

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

Sunday After Ascension



Jesus Prays for His Disciples

“Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.”

– John 17:11b-12

This month we will be celebrating Ascension and Pentecost Feast days.

On the 40th day after Easter, we celebrated Jesus Christ's ascension into Heaven. On this day Jesus commissioned his disciples to continue his work and promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. On this day we recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.



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First Reading – Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

Second Reading – 1 John 5.9-13

Gospel Reading – John 17.6-19



Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – Sunday 19th May @11.15am; in the Church Hall

Please read the annual report which covers the activities of the life and ministry of our church for the year 2023 and raise anything from it during the APCM. There will be a limited number of hard copies available in church, please help yourself.

Please also consider offering yourself to serve in any of the roles outlined or to encourage someone to offer themselves. The nomination forms for these roles are on the table in the church building.

The Agenda for the APCM is as follows:

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| 1) Opening Prayer | 6) Any questions arising from the above report |
| 2) Apologies | 7) Safeguarding Update |
| 3) Minutes of the APCM held on Sunday 21st May 2023 to be agreed and signed | 8) Appointment of Independent Examiner |
| 4) Matters arising (not already on the agenda) | 9) Election of Parochial Church Council (PCC) Members (3) |
| 5) Review of the Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ending 2023 already distributed | 10) Election of Churchwardens |
| a) update of the Electoral Roll | 11) Election of Deanery Synod Representative |
| b) Financial Statement | 12) Any Other Business |
| | 13) Concluding Remarks and Blessing |

If you have any queries, please contact Fr John or the Churchwardens or those who are serving or have served in these roles before.

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.

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.

Dementia Action Week (DAW) – Monday 13th May – Sunday 19th May

DAW is an opportunity to raise awareness about the condition, have conversations about dementia and get up to date with what's happening in the borough too.

Pop-up Dementia Information Day – Wednesday 15th May @ 10.30am – 2.00pm;
Patch, Twickenham, 42 York St, TW1 3BW

Age UK Richmond's Dementia Friendly Communities Richmond will be holding this free event to raise awareness and provide information to the community. Pop in for tea and cake, learn about the condition and how best to support someone with dementia, hear about the work of Dementia Friendly Communities Richmond, tell us what you want from a dementia inclusive borough and talk to Dementia Advisors from the Alzheimer's Society.



Event details are available on the Eventbrite site: eventbrite.co.uk/e/891543559787.

It is recommended to pre-book your tickets via Eventbrite or email dementiafriendly@ageukrichmond.org.uk or call Marie-Therese on 020 8744 1965.

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.

Cornerstone – Next meeting on Tuesday 14th 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 15th May; meet @ 09.40am at Whitton Station

This outing will be around Brookwood Cemetery and will include a visit to Pirbright village and church. Please bring a picnic lunch and come to Whitton Station for the 09.54am service to Clapham junction then Brookwood.

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 18th May @ 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.

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.

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
- 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: Donald Clarke, Bill Martin, Charlotte Elkan, John Dixon, Phyllis Wakefield, Lily Doyle, Maria de la Rosa, Frederick Climpson, Bernard Dalrymple and Joan Trimbee.

Diary Dates – May to June 2024		
Tue 14 th May	2.30 pm	Cornerstone
Wed 15 th May	09.40 am	Strollers Group Outing (Meet at Whitton Station)
Sat 18 th May	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 19 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – Pentecost Sunday (All Age/Family Service)
	11.15 am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APMC)
Sat 25 th May	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sun 26 th May	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – St Augustine’s Day (Patronal and Trinity Sunday)
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	Parish Eucharist – 2 nd Sunday after Trinity
	12.00 pm	YGT – Youth Get Together (Church Hall)
Tue 11 th Jun	2.30 pm	Cornerstone (in church)
	7.00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting
Thu 13 th Jun	TBC	Strollers Group Outing
Sat 15 th Jun	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
	12.30 pm	Summer Fair
Sun 16 th Jun	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday after Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Sun 16 th Jun	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 rd Sunday after Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
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

Service Duties for May & June 2024				
	<u>12/05/24</u>	<u>19/05/24</u>	<u>26/05/24</u>	<u>02/06/24</u>
Sidespersons	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie & Frances	Gill & Beryl
First Reading	Rob	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Jane	Jo
Second Reading	Pauline		Peter	Dianne
Intercessions	Martha		Dina	Bob
Screen & sound	Mwila	Gill	Pauline	Denzil
Tea & Coffee	Kathy, Frances & Sue	Denzil & Maria	Harriet, Hilda & Barbara	Rene, Marie & Pauline