

# ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

# CHURCH NEWS

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

## Pentecost Sunday



### The Coming of the Holy Spirit

“And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” – Acts 2.2-4

Pentecost, derived from the Greek word "*pentecostē*" meaning 50th, is a significant Christian celebration that occurs fifty days after Easter. It marks the end of the Easter season and commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples following Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. This divine empowerment enabled them to embark on the important task of spreading the teachings of Christianity and making disciples of all nations. Therefore, Pentecost represents the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.



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## First Reading – Acts 2.1-21



## Second Reading – Romans 8.22-27

## Gospel Reading – John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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## 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](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.

## 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.

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## **Embracing Age Quiz Night – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://embracingage.org.uk/quiz).*

## **Homelink Open House Day – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](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).*

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**Strollers** – Next Walk on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May; Meet @ 09.40am at Whitton Station

This outing will be a 5 to 6 mile walk around Osterley Park and environs, including a coffee stop in the Stables at Osterley House. The House is open till 3.30pm and the gardens till 5pm so National Trust members may wish to take their members' card after the walk finishes, but the park itself is free.

Please bring a picnic lunch and meet at Whitton Station at 09.40am to travel by bus and Underground to Osterley.

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).*

**Prayer and Reflection** – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Messy Church** – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June @ 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.

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## 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](http://christianaid.org.uk).*

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## 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](#))*
- 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: May Burke, Edward Thorogood, William Every, Peggy Turner, Marjorie Beck, Norman Brown, Derek Short, Lily Thompson, Barbara Grace, Hilda McRury, Reginald Woods, Geoffrey Waterhouse, Leonard Roberts, Carrie Collins, Edward Bailey and Baby George Van-der-Merwe.

<b>Diary Dates – May to June 2024</b>		
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> May	09.40 am	Strollers Group Outing (Meet at Whitton Station)
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
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity (All Age/Family Service)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun – Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	————	Youth Weekend Away
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	TBC 3.00 pm	Strollers Group Outing Schools Music Concert
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	11am - 12pm	Prayer and Reflection
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul	TBC	Cultural Night

<b>Service Duties for May &amp; June 2024</b>				
	<b><u>19/05/24</u></b>	<b><u>26/05/24</u></b>	<b><u>02/06/24</u></b>	<b><u>09/06/24</u></b>
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie & Frances	Gill & Beryl	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald
<b>First Reading</b>	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Jane	Jo	Sue
<b>Second Reading</b>		Peter	Dianne	Gerald
<b>Intercessions</b>		Dina	Bob	Graham
<b>Screen &amp; sound</b>	Gill	Pauline	Denzil	Pauline
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Denzil & Maria	Harriet, Hilda & Barbara	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat