

# ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, WHITTON

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## CHURCH NEWS

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter



#### Jesus Appears to the Disciples

“And he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’” – Luke 24.46-48

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.



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## First Reading – Acts 3.12-19



## Second Reading – 1 John 3.1-7

## Gospel Reading – Luke 24.36-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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### **Strollers** – Next Walk on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April; meet @ 9.40am at Whitton Station

This outing will be to the grounds of Chiswick House. The walk will be about 5 miles, mainly on paths or tracks, and is likely to include a visit to the Kitchen Garden and the House itself. Please bring a picnic lunch and come to Whitton station for the 09.54am service to Richmond thence 190 bus to Chiswick House.

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. *For further information, please contact [pdewinton@aol.com](mailto:pdewinton@aol.com).*

### **Messy Church** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April @ 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.

### **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.

## **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.

## **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.

- Wednesday Home Group with Fiona & John Wolsoncroft dates to be confirmed soon.
- Friday Home Group with Alwyn Williams will meet next on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

*For further details and to sign up, contact Fr John (contact details on Page 1).*

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## **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.

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## 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).*

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## 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: Alan Shenton, Audrey Deakin, Norman Hayes, Maureen Pritchard, Jane Barnes, Leslie John Mitchell, Alexander Brown, George Forby, Stephen Hood, Norman Chingwaru, Stephen Phillimore Pr., James Barlow, John Elder, John Ryes, Laurence Garrett, Wilfred Long, Grace Martin, Marjorie Edser, Dorothy New, Roger Townsend, Muriel Horsfall, Dennis Sainsbury-Brown, Joseph Mulverhill.

<b>Diary Dates – April &amp; May 2024</b>		
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	09.40 am	Strollers Group Outing (meet at Whitton Station)
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10am - 12pm	Messy Church
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (All Age/Family Service)
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	TBC 2.30 pm	Strollers Group Outing Afternoon Tea with Craft
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
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)

<b>Service Duties for April &amp; May 2024</b>				
	<b><u>14/04/24</u></b>	<b><u>21/04/24</u></b>	<b><u>28/04/24</u></b>	<b><u>05/05/24</u></b>
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Vicki, Hilda & Gerald	Jayne, Pauline & Graham	Rob, Connie & Frances	Gill & Beryl
<b>First Reading</b>	Kathy	Family Service – Junior & Youth Church	Ben	Jay
<b>Second Reading</b>	Patricia		Frances	Kay
<b>Intercessions</b>	Alwyn		Vicki	Patricia
<b>Screen &amp; sound</b>	Gill	Denzil	Alwyn	Pauline
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Denzil & Maria	Rene, Marie & Pauline	Sue, Margaret & Pat	Jack, Clare & Louise