

SPRING 2025 PROGRAMME OF LOCAL EVENTS

All the events below are held at **St Augustine's Church and Community Centre in Richmond Road** and are open to all. Entry is normally free, although a small charge or retiring collection may be held where requested by speakers or performers. A complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice, and nibbles, are served at most events. The programme is supported by **Richmond, Oxford and Windsor Roads' Residents' Associations**, and **Benson Area Residents' Association**, and compiled by **St Augustine's Church**.

We have a richly varied programme this Spring, including talks by those charities which we have been able to support financially through our **cafe@99**.

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 6 - 7 PM A ROUGH GUIDE TO AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

What are the big ideas in modern African thought? How long has African philosophy existed? Who are the key African thinkers today and in the past? **Dr Ollie Coates** of St Edmund's College explores this key tradition in world philosophy in a concise and accessible format. He connects African philosophy from across the continent with its literature, film and languages.

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 6 – 7 PM TREES IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

This evening, we return to our own natural environment, with **Kenny McGregor**, an Arboricultural Officer with the City Council. He will discuss the pros and cons of non-native trees in the urban landscape, especially at a time of climate change.

FRIDAY 7 MARCH 6PM – 7PM

ABBEY PEOPLE – A COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Nicky Shepherd, CEO of Abbey People, a community project in Cambridge's Abbey Ward and voted Social Enterprise of the Year, explains how the project was set up and what can be learnt from their experience over the last 12 years - so come prepared to be challenged!

SATURDAY 15 MARCH 7PM – 10PM

QUIZ NIGHT 2025

All are welcome to take part in Richmond Road Residents' Association's **Annual Quiz Night**. Teams of up to 6 people compete for the prestigious trophy awarded to the winning team. A simple supper and drinks are included in the entry charge of £10 for adults and £5 for children. Book your place now at jr.footitt@gmail.com or ring 01223 364929. Further details will follow in due course.

FRIDAY 21 MARCH 6PM- 7PM BLUE SMILE
– 15 YEARS OF SUPPORTING CHILDREN’S HEALTH IN CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge-based charity, **Blue Smile**, was set up in 2010 to provide specialist mental health support to children in local schools, helping them enjoy happier childhoods and build brighter futures. Blue Smile therapists now help c 400 children a year in primary schools across Cambridgeshire. Fundraising Manager **Rosi Jack** will talk about their work and identify the trends and issues the charity is seeing in children’s mental health.

FRIDAY 4 APRIL 6PM – 7.30PM
CASTE AND CHRISTIANITY IN INDIA: THE DALITS

Cathy Michel taught Religious Studies at Hills Road Sixth Form College for many years, specialising in Hinduism. She now works as a Chaplain to an Anglican ministry course based at Westminster College. She will explain the “Untouchables” quest for identity, humanity and liberation in modern day India.

FRIDAY 18 APRIL 12PM TO 1PM – GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION

St Augustine’s Singers, conducted by Paul Jackson, lead an hour of songs and readings appropriate to Good Friday.

SATURDAY 19 APRIL 6PM – 7PM CHORAL CONCERT

St Augustine’s Singers, conducted by Paul Jackson), will entertain us with a performance of **Niccolo Jommelli’s** famed **Requiem**, composed in 1756.

FRIDAY 25 APRIL 6PM – 7PM COLOURS OF DANCE

Imogen Knight, founder of our local **Colours of Dance Studio** which offers dancing opportunities for people of all ages, describes their work and challenges, including an outreach programme with several local schools.

..... and don’t forget on **Sunday 2 March**, and on **Sunday 6 April** (and on the first Sunday of the month other than Aug) to come and share a **COMMUNITY LUNCH** at St Augustine’s starting at 1pm with 2 courses – including a veggie dish for those who wish - wine or fruit juice for only £8.00ph. All are welcome.

And why not enjoy a coffee and cake at **CAFÉ@99**? Open every **Monday and Friday** from **10.30am to 12pm** at St Augustine’s in Richmond Road – a café run by and for the local community. Come and meet your neighbours, share conversations, read a paper, or simply relax.