

The Parish Church of All Saints

2 April 2017 - 5th Sunday of Lent

You are very welcome to All Saints this morning for this sung Eucharist (Holy Communion). Children are very welcome here and, if they want to, they can take part in the children's activities that happen in the choir vestry.

Children leave after the first hymn and return for the Communion.

At certain times in the service the choir sings on behalf of the congregation; this allows us to think more deeply about our relationship with God in our lives, through meditating on the words and music chosen for the day. The words that they sing can be found either in the service book or later in this sheet. Today the mass setting is **Darke in F**.

The service starts on page 1 of the purple booklet.

The opening hymn is 94.

We say together the collect - the special prayer for this Sunday:

***Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the
cross we may triumph in the power of his
victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen***

The reading from the Old Testament today is **Ezekiel 37:1-14**; which is then followed by the reading from the New Testament, **Romans 8: 6-11**.

The **Gradual Hymn** is **140** after which we remain standing and turn to face the centre of the church from where the Gospel is read.

Today's Gospel is **John 11:1-45** - the text is on the back of this pew sheet.

The preacher today is the Rev'd Jonathan Wilkes.

After the sermon we stand to say together the Creed, which begins on page 4 of the purple booklet.

After the Peace we sing the **Offertory Hymn 86 (omit *)** during which a collection is taken for the work of the church, and the bread and wine for the Eucharist are brought to the altar.

The service continues with the Preparation of the Table on page 7 of the purple booklet.

While the congregation comes forward to receive Holy Communion the choir will sing the motet

Verily, verily I say unto you (Tallis)

Verily, verily I say unto you,
except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood, ye have not life in you.
Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath
eternal life,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink
indeed.
He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood
dwelleth in me, and I in him.

After Communion the Priest will say:

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us that what we do for the least of
our brothers and sisters we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen*

The Final Hymn is 95.

After the service, refreshments are served in the East end of the Church. Please feel very welcome to stay and enjoy, and if you have not been to the church before, please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or churchwardens - we'd love to meet you.

This sheet is for you to take home.



Notices and News

23 April 11.00am AGM
27 April 1-1.45pm Topical Lunch- The Rose,
Kingston – How is it growing?
ROBERT O'DOWD, Chief Executive, Rose
Theatre
24 April- 8 May Marcel Schrer Art Exhibition

East Africa crisis

If you would like to make an extra donation to the DEC appeal for the famine in East Africa please put it into the specially labelled gift aid envelopes and we will process it and send it on.

**Lent Talks, Thursday 1.10pm -
Listening and Learning, Christianity and science**
The Rt. Revd. Richard Cheetham, Bishop of Kingston

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Will be on Sunday 23rd April at 11am in the church. To vote at the meeting you need to be on the Electoral Roll for which forms are available. Anyone wishing to stand to be elected onto the Parish Council, the Deanery Synod or be elected as a Churchwarden should sign on the forms at the East end table, complete a nomination form and return it to Jonathan.

Parish Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey 3 May 2017

You are invited to take part in a special visit to Westminster Abbey, which has been arranged exclusively for the parish of All Saints and those attached to the church. This visit will start with Evening Prayer at 5pm. After this, our party will be greeted by the Canon in Residence, who will lead our pilgrimage. This will involve visiting and reflecting upon features of historical and religious significance within the Abbey and pausing for prayer at certain points in the building. This is a free event but booking is essential as numbers are limited. To reserve your place, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in church. For further details, please contact Andrew: andrew.williams@kingston.ac.uk. Please meet outside the west door of the Abbey at 4.30pm. Nearest stations: Waterloo or Victoria (Overground) / St James's Park or Westminster.

Confirmation this year

Our joint service with the United Reformed Church for Confirmation will take place on Sunday 17th September at 6pm. Preparation classes will take place over the second part of the summer. If you would like to be confirmed, or learn more about it, please speak to Jonathan

Two Lent courses

Looking at The Lord's Prayer and Perspectives on Church and State on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact the Office for details. All are welcome.

Job at the URC

Kingston United Reformed Church are looking for a part time operations assistant. See the notice in the west porch for details.

"Weekly envelopes ready for collection.

Sets of weekly stewardship envelopes - starting from 9 April - are now ready in church for collection. If you have any queries or would like to join the envelope scheme do have a word with Anne Packer:
anne@packerhome.fsnet.co.uk or 0208 549 1960."

Bishop's Lent Appeal

'I was hungry I was thirsty' We usually do this by filling jam jars with change - labels for the jam jars will follow. Please contact Jennifer of Jonathan for further information.

Silent Prayer

A really important service of silent prayer takes place every Friday in the church at 12 noon for half an hour but we need one or two more people to lead it. Leading is very simple. If you'd like to help, please talk to Jonathan.

Special Services for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday 6pm - a service of word and music (in place of Evensong)
Maundy Thursday 7.30pm - Holy Communion with Washing of Feet
Good Friday 1.30pm - Veneration of the Cross
Easter Sunday:
6am - Lighting the Easter Flame (Non Eucharistic)
8am - BCP Holy Communion
9.30am - Choral Eucharist
6pm - Evensong

Maundy Thursday – Washing of Feet

Feet needed! Please speak to Jonathan

Good Friday Workshop

Activities for children and families at St John's Church, Grove Lane on Good Friday the 14th April from 1-3pm. All are very welcome.

First Aiders

If you are First Aid trained (or have equivalent skills as a Doctor or Nurse) and would be willing to be known by us as a First Aider in the church in case of emergencies OR you would be willing to train as a First Aider please let Jonathan know

Readings for 9 April 2017

9.30am Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 2:1-11
6.00pm Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 21:33-end

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FIRST MONDAY CLUB

On Monday 3rd April we shall be visiting St Mary's Church in Twickenham (by the river) when Diana the Archivist there will kindly take us on a tour of the church which has many interesting features. We shall meet at St John's at 1.30pm and there will be transport for everyone. We shall finish our afternoon with a cup of tea and cake in one of the cafés in Church Lane. All welcome. It would be helpful if you could let Jo or Frances know if you will be joining us so we don't leave anyone behind! 07952085661

LITTLE GROOVERS our parents/carers and toddlers/babies group will be meeting as usual this coming Tuesday 9.45-11.15am in church.

£1.50 per family. We will then not meet again until Tuesday, 18th April

THE BOOK FAIR AND CHURCH CAFÉ will be at St John's next Saturday, 8th April from 10.00-2.30pm. We have a good variety of fiction and non-fiction at very reasonable prices and a wonderful selection of children's books for all ages. Read and return. Come and meet up with friends and enjoy a freshly brewed coffee and homemade cake. The proceeds from the café this time will be for The Leprosy Mission.

Vicar: Revd Vicky Maunder

Vicky will be on Sabbatical leave until Tuesday 2nd May. Please contact the Administrator:

Frances Hazelgrove

Tel: 07952085661 admin@stjohnskingston.co.uk

St. John the Baptist Church Kingston & Putney Vale

Monday Afternoon Club

1.30 – 3.30 pm at St John the Baptist Church Hall
For more information contact Ruth Ruocco Brown
Mob: 07790 899987 Email: ruthderina@tiscali.co.uk

Monday club will be back after Easter on 24th April, but you can still join us for Lent Lunches on 3rd and 10th April

EVENTS

March 6	Lent Lunches commence
June 10	St Johns Garden Party
June 17	Queen Revival Band TBC



Why not start your Easter Sunday and join members' and friends of St Johns for a Sunrise Service in Richmond Park. Meeting by Robin Hood gate at 5.45am, ready for a short walk inside the park. The short service makes you appreciate the quietness and beauty of the park as we wait and hope to see the sun rise.

Following the service we walk back to the Church Hall for a very welcome breakfast of juice, coffee and croissants.

THE GREATEST KING WHO ARE YOU?

We have an Easter Holiday Club with games, stories, and crafts at St Johns Church Hall, Robin Hood lane, SW15 3PY

It is open to all children aged 5 to 11 years old.

April 3rd to 6th
10am till 2pm

Cost £5 per day plus packed lunch.

You must book a place by ringing 02085464079

Church Hall for hire, you can hire our Church Hall for your family celebrations and children's parties, hire fees include use of kitchen and car park. Also available to book for children's parties is the jubilee garden which includes the use of the hall if the weather is not suitable.

Contact Parish office: 020 8546 2590 or email: stjohns@inthevale.org.uk www.inthevale.org.uk

THE READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.