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SEEKING SAFETY

“I WELCOME”

by | Ash Stanbrook, Secretary, Amnesty Kingston



Amnesty Kingston wishes to thank All Saints for its continued support in our campaigning for global human rights.

This summer we were pleased to have our “I WELCOME” photographic exhibition on display. These powerful photographs, collated by the famous Magnum Photographic cooperative, display the traumas and journeys taken by thousands of refugees seeking safety from conflict zones across the globe. The display not only covers the modern day refugee crisis but includes historic photos dating back to WWII.

The location of this display on the Church’s Screen added to the poignancy of the images, with the Screen’s ironwork somehow imitating a fence but its elaborate design suggesting some hope.

Many visitors added their name to the poster-petitions

calling on the Government to take a lead in delivering a humane and effective response to the global refugee crisis.

The poster-petition was collected in conjunction with Refugee Action Kingston (RAK), as part of this year’s Refugee Week.

The petition is shown here with Sanja Kane (the Director of RAK) and Mark Kluth (Chair of RAK).



Refugee Tales

Refugee Tales is an outreach project of Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group inspired by the experiences of men held in immigration detention at Gatwick and the work of the Group in 20 years of visiting.

In July 2017, Refugee Tales walked from Runnymede to Westminster stopping at Walton, Kingston, Brentford and Hammersmith, still calling for the practice of indefinite immigration detention to end.

Day 2 of the Walk, Sunday 2nd July (from Walton on Thames to Kingston), culminated in an evening event at All Saints Church. The host was Maurice Wren and the tales featured were The Teachers’ Tale by Emma Parsons, read by Maggie MaCarthy and The Student’s Tale as told to Helen Macdonald, read by Niamh Cusack. Music was provided by Amadou Diagne and St Michael & All Angels Steel Orchestra.

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

The Community Sponsorship scheme was launched by the Home Secretary and the Archbishop of Canterbury in July 2016, with the aim of enabling churches and local communities to be directly involved in resettling a refugee family from the moment they arrive in the UK.

In practical terms, the community sponsor’s responsibilities include:

- Meeting the family at the airport
- Providing a warm welcome and cultural orientation
- Providing housing
- Supporting access to medical and social services
- Arranging English language tuition
- Support towards employment and self-sufficiency.

Community sponsors are formally responsible for the integration and progress of the resettled family for one year, and their housing for two. Each resettled family will be different but they will all have suffered the loss of their home. Many will have lost loved ones, friends and family, and witnessed the horrors of war. Some may have specific medical needs or disabilities.

St John the Evangelist and All Saints are currently exploring the possibility of sponsoring a refugee family. It will be necessary to build a team with a range of skills and resources and to liaise with local groups such as Refugee Action Kingston who have relevant expertise; in addition to this, the churches would be cooperating with the Royal Borough of Kingston who, on 17 July, hosted a well-attended road-show on the subject.

From the vicarage

All Saints

by | Rev'd Jonathan Wilkes



St John's

by | Rev'd Vicky Maunder

In my last parish we had a wonderful church school which, though the area was poor and the lives of the children sometimes chaotic, did what church schools were set up to do: bring a high quality of education to those in need. It did this by two guiding, interrelated principles that the Head Teacher outlined for me when I first went there: "high standards and no excuses". Expecting the best of children, parents and staff was the way to help them achieve their potential and, though compassion and understanding were always a given, no one is helped if the truth is just explained away. What was also remarkable about the place was that about a quarter of its population, over 50 children and their families, were Muslims. They fasted in Ramadan, prayed respectfully in our Christian collective worship and, in turn, the school accommodated their dignified desire not to attend church services for Christmas and Easter. "It's no problem to us that this is a Christian school", one of the Muslim parents once said to me "we're just glad that our children can learn in a place where God is at the centre."

God shows no partiality – whoever fears him and does what is right is acceptable. Those are words that come at the end of a story told of Peter, the rock on whom Jesus built his church, who, when hungry one day, had a vision about all kinds of food, some of which his faith apparently prevented him from eating (Acts 10:1-38). "What God has made clean, you must not call profane" he was told and was told it in the context of meeting a Roman centurion, a man of very different faith and world view.

Whoever fears God and does what is right is acceptable. We're in an age and time when that story, and the active examples of living it out, are vitally important. The string of violent attacks, born of ignorance and hatred, that have blighted the streets of Westminster, Manchester, Southwark and Finsbury Park are testament to an ill spirit that has absolutely nothing to do with the creeds or cultures from which they purport to come. More than ever, now is the time to reach out across the aisle of difference to shake hands with those whose living may vary from ours but whose humanity does not. "If you prick us, do we not bleed? if you tickle us, do we not laugh?" We're all made of the same stuff and our lives can only be fulfilling if we remember it (and love our neighbour as ourselves), but that quote from Shakespeare's Shylock in the Merchant of Venice ends with "and if you wrong us, shall we not revenge?" "The high standard and no excuse of good living tells us that, though the desire for revenge is a human urge, it is one that we must resist. That, like the victims of the Finsbury Park Mosque attack who showed such incredible restraint in turning the other cheek when faced with attack, we have learnt that civil societies, ones which breed peace and build up the common good, are ones in which sacrifice and discipline are prized: "Father forgive them for they know what they do".

Jonathan

"The rush and pressure of modern life are a form, perhaps the most common form, of its innate violence." Thomas Merton

How wonderful it is to sit alone, a mug of hot tea in your hand, watching sparrows and blue tits peck at a feeder outside the window, with the rolling Devon countryside in the background. Years ago I'd have quickly got bored with such low key entertainment but now I'm transfixed by the tranquillity and beauty of the scene. I sit there, silent and still, for ages. In the afternoon, I stroll down a little path, not a soul in sight, to a deserted art room where I randomly choose coloured pens and doodle and draw. For five days, I barely see another person. I sleep, eat, walk, read and reflect alone. No one speaks to me or asks anything of me and it's blissful.

This extended experience of silence and solitude probably only appeals to a certain personality type. But in our modern world, where the pace of life is so relentless and demanding, I think we all need times of stillness and reflection in our lives, however brief. But with the busyness, the technology that keeps our minds constantly buzzing with information and keeps us available 24/7 to work colleagues, friends and family it's increasingly hard to find. And when we don't find it there is no space to process our emotions when challenging experiences happen or to even realise how burnt out we are until we hit rock bottom.

Earlier this year I took a three-month sabbatical. Clergy qualify to take this every 14 years of service. Some choose to study, others choose an extended retreat, pilgrimage or travel abroad, I needed to focus on my young family. I know I'm very fortunate to have been given this quality time to properly pause, reflect and review my life and lifestyle. It was a wonderful gift and I learnt a great deal from it.

A sabbatical demands a different pace of life for its duration and I was surprised, and horrified, by how hard that was. Had I forgotten how to relax and unwind? It took me almost six weeks to let go of the overwhelming urge to go into my study, sit down at my desk and check my e-mail. Having been constantly on the go, juggling church duties, children and housework, it was really hard to let go of work and to stop and relax. No wonder I was exhausted. How many people are in the same situation, I wonder, without a sabbatical to realise this, recover and rethink?

If this rings true for you, why not try to make some small changes to your lifestyle to carve out some space and reflection time. Make time to sit down with a cup of tea and switch off. Go for a walk and intentionally notice what's around. When our minds are racing with what needs doing we miss seeing the unexpected and interesting things around us. Visit a church. It's a great place to find peace. If some time out on your own appeals there are many Christian retreat houses to visit for a quiet day or a residential retreat. The website www.retreats.org.uk is a good place to start. "Be silent. Be still. Let your God love you..."

Vicky

Kingston's Home Front: Life in 1917

by | Hannah Hines

One hundred years ago, during the Great War, life in Britain looked bleak. The nature of trench warfare had led to the senseless daily slaughter of thousands of soldiers with pitifully little ground being lost or won. By 1917 the Allies were starting to run low on young men and, adding to the losses, German U-Boats sank 230 ships bringing food (over half a million tons) to Britain.

These tragedies seriously affected daily life on the Home Front. Throughout 1917, and under the Defence of the Realm Act, many more men were released from agricultural work to serve in the Forces and the government imposed strict rationing on the population's food and resources. The solution was the creation of employment opportunities for women to do "men's work". Britain's women were tasked with maximising the output from the land to feed and support the nation. They took to the fields and factories with as much pride and responsibility as their male counterparts heading to the Western Front.

On a local level, reports from Kingston help us to reflect on how WWI would have affected readers had we lived 100 years ago. Local news clippings, posters and images describe the victimisation of resident German families, their businesses being sabotaged; government propaganda, photographs and satirical postcards. There was little food available: bread, meat, sugar and potatoes in particular were strictly rationed. June Sampson's "War on the home front" article from November 1998 portrays vividly the effect of the lack of resources:

"Bread was so scarce bakers were forbidden to sell it until it was at least 12 hours old, and so less tempting to eat. Sugar was in such short supply that in 1917 a Surbiton baker was arrested for selling cakes with sugar on the top. Meat could only be served one day a week in restaurants, and potatoes on two. Potatoes eventually became so scarce that Kingstonians had to go without unless they grew their own in a war food garden. Many acres of land were



taken for this purpose, including the Royal Paddocks at Hampton Wick, and trespassers on them could be arrested under the Defence of the Realm Act. Bentalls caused a sensation on April 28, 1917, by advertising 12,000 lbs of potatoes "which we shall offer at the Food Controller's fixed price (without any profit whatsoever to ourselves) on Friday next commencing at 9am, in 6lb bags.

Bags cannot be supplied. Post or telephone orders cannot in any circumstances be executed." From dawn, queues stretched down Kingston's main street, and 2,500 lucky customers tasted potatoes for the first time in months."

The centenary anniversary of the Great War (1914-1918) is being marked across the UK with various events. St John the Evangelist church plans to pay its own tribute over this year's Armistice weekend, 11-12 November 2017. We will mark the WWI centenary with a Spring Grove Revival Gala to celebrate our community through the sharing of food and in remembrance of fallen local heroes. Dress up like a Land Girl or Soldier and come prepared to relive Kingston's remarkable "Potato Day"; take part in our "Community Kitchen" or "Spring Grove Garden"; and learn from our knowledgeable historians.

The pressurised and dwindling Allied forces were finally galvanised when the USA entered the war. Fighting continued for another year and millions more soldiers died. While many



hoped that World War I would be "the war to end all wars," in actuality, the concluding peace treaty set the stage for World War II.

However, this bleak cloud did have a silver lining in that by the end of 1917 there were over 260,000 women working as farm labourers. Women gained a profile and rights in society. The contribution of the female work force to the Home Front partly resulted in the Reform Act of July 1918, enfranchising women over 30.

More information can be found via the following web portals: greatwar.co.uk; 1914.org; nationalarchives.gov.uk; striking-women.org; kingstonaviation.org

Music with Soul: a fresh look at church

by | Rev'd Jonathan Wilkes

We're exploring a new way to come to church. Using the contemporary music of the Eclipse choir we're going to explore how to give people the opportunity to do business with their spirits outside of the structures of what might be considered normal church worship. In this it resonates a little with a recent movement in the Church of England called Fresh Expressions that seeks to explore and encourage other ways of church worship than those that have traditionally been the case (different music, venues, orders of service) though ours will leave room for a fresh look at content as well as just the form that is used. As a Christian Church, ours is a building dedicated to the unique example of Jesus of Nazareth but our understanding of Christian life is that God communicates by seeking to speak our language on our terms which asks of us to be generous, brave and humble. So, if you find yourself belting out *Bridge Over Troubled Water* when sitting in traffic, or *Something Inside So Strong* while soaking in the bath, then this might be just the place for you to come and have a think about how things are for you in your life and where the strength to face tomorrow might come from. Each of the, at this stage, monthly gatherings (the first is on Wednesday, 13th September at 7pm) will have a theme, the first being called "Lost Love" with a guest appearance from the Missing People Choir (Britain's Got Talent finalists) to help us think about how we all cope with the, very different, inevitable, experience of suffering. For, surely, the loss or absence of love has had to be endured by everyone at one time or another in their lives. We'll think about where we might find strength to survive and how these searing moments might be transformed into something creative and hopeful. It'll certainly be different! and, if you're interested, that date again is **Wednesday the 13th September at 7pm** at All Saints Church.



Hurt – Words on the Way

by | Martin Corner

Why does the Church treat people badly? Not always or even mostly; but enough has emerged around recent abuse scandals to show that it often does. Complaints not listened to, action not taken, letters not answered, the marginalisation of inconvenient voices: all this suggests a prioritising of the interests of the institution over care of the individual. Further back, there was the often shabby treatment of divorcing clergy, not to mention the centuries-long vilification of gays. People were and are hurt, by a body that is committed to loving one's neighbour.

Some of this has been done 'on principle', to do with divorce and sexuality and what were seen as the necessary public values of a Christian identity. But there are deeper factors, involving what the Church is and how it understands itself.

The Church, in whatever variant, is institutional: it exists as a body in the world, with structure, hierarchy, rules and procedures. This, after all, is incarnation; Christianity isn't pure spirit, it has to materialise itself. It owns property and pays wages. It requires the loyalty of those who work for it. To that extent, it is like any other institution, a university or an oil company. It seeks to perpetuate itself, to defend its borders. Threats are not welcome.

But it sees itself as an institution of a very special kind. As the continuing incarnation of Jesus Christ in the world, it is necessary in a way that other institutions are not. Oil companies might come and go, but this is God dealing with his world. And as such it is unique. That is why, despite division, Christians declare belief in 'one holy catholic and apostolic Church'.

So it values itself very highly and defends itself accordingly. There is no option to wind things up tomorrow and relaunch under a new name. And yet (and here the paradox arises) it is an institution that exists to make present one who did not defend himself, whose mission was an acceptance of his own death. Given the chance, Jesus would probably not have asked for Pilate's judgment to go to judicial review. The way, as he said, was the cross. The Church, too, should walk in that way; not choose its own life, its institutional dignity or survival, before love of those for whom it is called to care. And that is all of us, as flawed, inconvenient, dissident and awkward as human beings generally are.

Heritage Reminiscence at All Saints



All Saints is after your memories! As part of our heritage project, we are looking to collect people's memories of All Saints over the years and create an archive and exhibition to be held in the church in **2018**. What is your favourite memory of All Saints? Do you have any images of how the building used to look or events that were held here? We are looking to collect pictures,

written memories, articles & clippings, recorded interviews and videos. If you would like to contribute anything, or you would like more information, please contact Kate Kern at heritage@allsaintskingston.co.uk or on **020 8541 5371**.



ASK Heritage Lectures 2017

In June, All Saints held the first two hugely successful evening events as part of the ASK Heritage Lecture series 2017. On 15th June, retired County Archivist David Robinson painted an evocative picture of medieval Kingston and the changes wrought by the Reformation. Writer and historian Tom Holland discussed the creation of the kingdom of England through the relationships of the Saxon royals, including Athelstan who was crowned at All Saints in 925. Don't worry if you missed them though as both lectures are available on our YouTube channel, with links on our website: www.allsaintskingston.co.uk.



The second two lectures cover the East Surrey Regiment in 1917 and an in-depth look at King Athelstan. We hope to make these lecture series an annual event, so if you are interested in giving a talk in the future, please contact Kate at heritage@allsaintskingston.co.uk.

Activity Days

The summer holidays are underway and All Saints is running its popular activity days most weeks. Visitors can create themed crafts and explore the church with different trails and games between



11am and 2pm on each activity day. On the **10th August** we are exploring the churchyard, looking at the creatures that exist in this special habitat and creating our own bug hotel. On the **17th August** visitors can learn about how the medieval church was built, discover medieval graffiti and get hands on with medieval crafts.

24th August is our favourite crafty Allsorts, with all the best activities from the whole summer! Full details of each event can be found in our event calendar – www.allsaintskingston.co.uk/events.



October Half Term Emergency!

All Saints family events are doing so well, we are close to becoming victims of our own success! Our half term events are so popular and busy that we do not currently have enough volunteers to support the event and so might need to drastically alter this year's event on **Thursday 26th October**. This would be a huge disappointment to the hundreds of regular visitors, so if anyone is able to volunteer a few hours on the day to help with the event, we would be extremely grateful! Please contact Kate at heritage@allsaintskingston.co.uk or on **020 8541 5371** if you are able to volunteer.

A new direction

by | Rev'd Ken Walker



Fifteen years living on the Kingston one-way system are coming to an end. It wouldn't be everyone's top choice of somewhere to live, but it has offered a lot of possible directions to head in, not least

with access to the whole of London courtesy of the Freedom Pass, and the bus station and railway opposite!

As minister of John Bunyan Baptist Church my role has changed considerably since my arrival in 2002. Half my time was for the Church and half to serve in a kind of chaplaincy role alongside the Kaleidoscope Project which was then in its heyday in Kingston – a refreshing dual focus for me after a quarter of a century of mostly enjoyable but more conventional Baptist ministry. With the growth of Kaleidoscope's work in Wales but the shrinking of its reach in Kingston, in more recent years I've had time to go down some of the many turnings off the one-way system, in particular using it to access the town centre.

It has been a great privilege to be licensed as part of the small team leading worship at All Saints. Throughout my 38 years of ordained ministry I have been committed ecumenically and

have valued interdenominational friendships, but I had never imagined being involved in this way. The beautiful regeneration of All Saints has enhanced its position at the heart of Kingston's community and the Church draws on the goodwill of so many to ensure it is a place of welcome, of peace, of listening, of aural and visual delights, of challenging thought, a place for learning or for meeting over a tea or coffee. The rhythm of regular worship together with those special celebrations that enable particular people or groups to give thanks, make vows, and offer prayers of longing or regret take their place among the busyness and love that is lived out in the church (and out and about) day by day.

The town centre ecumenical partnership has provided the framework for my involvement at All Saints and also at Kingston United Reformed Church. Our small John Bunyan congregation has benefited from being able to "piggyback" on our larger sister churches for things it is difficult for a small church to offer. We are grateful to those who have helped us as a Winter Night Shelter venue. We have been glad to partner in the annual Christian Aid Week collecting, and to share in the stimulating Lent groups.

As we "retire" at the end of July and take yet another turning, heading off over Kingston Bridge in the direction of Chester and my native north-west, the ecumenical and increasingly inter-faith vision will surely guide us on. At least we haven't simply been going round in circles!

Kingston Chamber Concerts – Real chamber music in All Saints' East End Café

Kingston Chamber Concerts' formula is too obvious, really. Top-quality chamber music, from Baroque to modern, performed in the way it was intended, using the beautiful, intimate space of All Saints' East End Café. Sit comfortably at your table, with a glass of better-than-usual wine in front of you, and with an emphasis on young early-career performers and local musicians. As good as the Wigmore Hall – but more relaxed, and on your doorstep.



Armorel Piano Trio, who played music by Beethoven, Schumann and Dvorak

After its successful debut in the spring, *Kingston Chamber Concerts* goes forward with the Autumn 2017 series of three concerts:

Saturday 16 September – The young musicians of the **Ceruleo Ensemble** explore *'Love and Betrayal'* as portrayed in Handel's intense, passionate music.

Saturday 14 October – **Robin Blaze**, widely regarded as Britain's finest counter-tenor (and Kingston resident) presents *'A Shakespeare Miscellany'* together with his friends, actor Dickon Tyrrell and lutenist Elizabeth Kelly.

Saturday 28 October – *The London Abel Quartet*, another group of local musicians, present 'Music with a London Flavour' – music by Haydn, Mozart, Pleyel and Devienne, on period instruments.

All concerts 19:30, finish 21:30. Doors and bar open from 18:45.

Tickets – £15 for single concerts; Series season ticket £40.

Students £5; Series season ticket £15.

Book early – numbers limited. From **020 8549 1960**. Or via kingstonchamberconcerts@gmail.com.

St John's Children's Activities

Kids Church Activity Days in the Summer

These fun days will run on Wednesday 2nd August, Thursday 3rd August and Friday 4th August from 10am until 3pm in the church. There are 20 spaces available each day and places must be booked ahead.

We will be exploring the Lord's Prayer through crafts, drama, baking, games and reflection time. Children aged 5 to 11 welcome. £8 for the day per child, £5 for siblings.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch. For more information or a registration form contact Vicky vicar@stjohnskingston.co.uk or Julie julie.hallahan@yahoo.co.uk. Parents are not expected to stay.

Summer Stay & Play Activity mornings for under 5's

Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th August from 10am to 12pm in the church. All children aged under 5 years and their carers welcome. £3 per family. Come and join in the fun; activities will include Arts, Crafts, Messy Play, Cooking, Sports and More.

The last session will include Hawaiian themed beach party in the garden (weather permitting). Coffee & Cake available. For more information please contact Emma Lloyd-Williams. emmalloydwilliams@me.com or **07985521551**.

August Events

Wed 2nd St John's: Pre booked Kids Activity Day 10am to 3pm
Thu 3rd All Saints: 11am-2pm Activity Day
Thu 3rd St John's: Pre booked Kids Activity Day 10am to 3pm
Fri 4th St John's: Pre booked Kids Activity Day 10am to 3pm
Sat 5th St John's: Wedding of Claire Duffy and Daniel Buxton
Sun 6th All Saints: Baptisms Charlotte Jessica Martin and Kellie Marie Denise McCord
Wed 9th St John's: Summer Play and Stay Activity morning for under 5's 10am to 12pm
Thu 10th All Saints: 11am-2pm Activity Day – Wildlife
Sat 12th All Saints: 2pm Wedding of Toby Maclachlan and Katherine Watson
Wed 16th St John's: Summer Play and Stay Activity morning for under 5's 10am to 12pm
Thu 17th All Saints: 11am-2pm Activity Day
Sun 20th All Saints: 9.30am Baptism Charles Henry Dutton
Wed 23rd St John's: Summer Play and Stay Activity morning for under 5's 10am to 12pm
Thu 24th All Saints: 11am-2pm Activity Day
Fri 25th All Saints: 4pm Wedding of Paige Exelby and David Bennett
Sat 26th All Saints: 11am Church Tour
Mon 28th Aug to Sun 10th Sep All Saints: Artful Dodgers Art Exhibition
Wed 30th St John's: Summer Play and Stay Activity morning for under 5's 10am to 12pm

September Events

Sun 3rd All Saints: 9.30am Baptism Humphrey Simon Hawkins Russell
Sun 3rd St John's: Baptism of Albert Mumford
Mon 4th St John's: 2-4pm First Monday Club
Thu 7th All Saints: 10am-4pm Heritage open day – History Detective Trail
Fri 8th All Saints: 10am-4pm Heritage open day – History Detective Trail
Sat 9th All Saints: 10am-4pm Heritage open day – History Detective Trail
Sat 9th St John's: Book Fair and Church Café 10am to 2.30pm
Wed 13th: 7pm Fresh expressions: Lost Love
Thu 14th All Saints: 7.30pm Tiffin Leavers Celebration
Sat 16th All Saints: 10am-4pm Open House London – free architectural leaflets and restoration display; 7.30pm Kingston Chamber Concert
Sat 16th St John's: Wedding of Ruth Goring and Lee Clift
Sun 17th All Saints: 9.30am Baptism Zoe Kaye McMahon
Mon 18th All Saints: 11am Crown Court Service
Thu 21st All Saints: 12noon Topical Lunch Hampton Court: Our Royal Palace; Our youngsters' heritage; Our local asset, Eva Koch-Schulte, Head of presentation, Hampton Court
Fri 22nd All Saints: Refugee Action Evening
Mon 25th All Saints: 1.15pm Lunchtime Concert
Mon 25th Sep to Fri 6th Oct All Saints: Thames Valley Art Exhibition
Thu 28th St John's: St John's School Harvest Service
Sat 30th All Saints: 2pm wedding of Karolina Allen and James Yates
Sat 30th St John's: Parish Vision Day 10am to 2pm

October Events

Sun 1st St John's: 10am Harvest Festival Family Service
Mon 2nd St John's: 2-4pm First Monday Club
Sat 7th All Saints: 7.30pm Momentum Charity Ball
Sun 8th All Saints: 9.30am Baptism Lena Maria Smith
Mon 9th All Saints: 1.15pm Lunchtime Concert
Sat 14th All Saints: 1.15pm-5pm Come and Play; 7.30pm Kingston Chamber Concert
Sat 14th St John's: 10am to 2.30pm Book Fair and Church Café
Thu 19th All Saints: 12noon Topical Lunch; 7pm Tiffin Choir Competition
Sun 22nd All Saints: Baptism of Theodore Michael Harding-Lawrence
Mon 23rd All Saints: 1.15 Lunchtime Concert
Thu 26th All Saints: 11am-2pm Activity Day
Sat 28th All Saints: 7.30pm Kingston Chamber Concert
Sun 29th All Saints: Baptism of Arabella Frances Candy
Mon 30th All Saints: 1.15pm Lunchtime Concert

Cards for Good Causes start trading on Saturday 14th October

All-Year-Round Events

All Saints: The church and cafe are open daily and visitors are welcome.
On weekdays and Saturdays from 11am to 12.15pm trained listeners are available to offer pastoral support to people who wish to speak with someone in confidence. Little Saints toddler group is on Tuesdays & Fridays.
St. John's: The church is open for Little Groovers toddler group on Tuesdays.

All Saints Sunday Services

8am Holy Communion
9.30 Sung Eucharist (with Children's Church).
6pm Sung Evensong

Weekday Communion Services

Tuesday and Wednesday 12 noon Common Worship;
Thursday 10.30am Book of Common Prayer;
Friday 11.30am Praytime - brief songs and prayers for Toddlers and Carers; 12 noon Silent Prayer

St John's Sunday Services

1st Sunday of the month: 10am Family Communion
2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month: 10am Parish Communion with children's church
3rd Sunday of the month: 9am Holy Communion
10am Sacred Space with children's church



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