

All Saints Church



11 February 2018

Sunday next before Lent

Family Service

Welcome!



Welcome to our Family Service. A particular welcome to **Harry Owen Seth Mangan, Adam Morley Holliday and Chloe Ann Holliday**, who are being baptized today, their family and friends. There is no children's workshop and we all stay together in church for the whole service. Busy bags are available at the door and if anyone gets restless, please feel very welcome to walk about the church with them during the service.

Later in the service, everyone is invited to come to the altar to receive communion or God's blessing. All who are communicant members of this or another church are welcome to receive communion. Please bow your head to indicate if you would like a blessing.

During communion, the choir sings on behalf of the congregation; this allows us the opportunity to think more deeply about our relationship with God in our lives, through meditating on the words and music chosen for the day. The mass setting today is **Missa Quam Pulchri Sunt (Victoria)**.

Refreshments are available after the service. 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.

Weekday Communion Services: Tuesday 12 noon; Wednesday 12 noon (both Common Worship); Thursday 10.30am (BCP).

Silent Prayer is kept in the chapel on Fridays at 12.00 noon.

The Parish is part of an Anglican Team with St John the Evangelist Church in Grove Lane and St John the Baptist in Kingston Vale and also a member of the Local Ecumenical Project with Union Street Baptist Church and the United Reformed Church in Eden Street.

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PLEASE KEEP YOUR BELONGINGS WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES

Order for a Family Service

*The choir will sing the **Introit Christ our Paschal Lamb (Sheppard)**.*

Christ our Paschal Lamb is offered up for us once for all
when he bare our sins on his body upon the cross.
For he is the very Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.
Therefore let us keep a joyful and holy feast with the Lord.

*The **Opening Hymn** is 178.*

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

In a few moments of silence we remember before God the things we have done that are wrong, always remembering God's readiness to forgive us and set us free from the mistakes of the past.

We say together...

Lord Jesus, we have said and thought and done things that were wrong. We wish that we had done better and are truly sorry. We ask you to forgive us and pray that you will help us to start again and be the people you want us to be.

Amen

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**



The Gloria

We sing the Gloria. We all sing the lines in bold.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To him be glory for ever.
To him be glory for ever.
Alleluia, amen,
Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen, Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.
To him be glory for ever.
To him be glory for ever.
Alleluia, amen,
Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen, Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
To him be glory for ever.
To him be glory for ever.
Alleluia, amen,
Alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen, Alleluia, amen.

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

Most loving Father,
whose Son Jesus suffered and died on the cross:
give us the courage and strength
to face the troubles of our lives
so that we may learn the value of patience and long suffering
and grow in faith and love
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

*The first reading today is **2 Kings 2:1-12***

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But

Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*We stand and sing **hymn 343**.*

We remain standing and turn to face the centre of the church from where today's Gospel is read.

The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Mark:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Talk

*The talk today is given by the **Rector, Jonathan Wilkes.***

*After the talk, we will process to the font, singing **hymn 387**, for the baptism of **Harry, Adam and Chloe.***

The Baptism

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Harry, Adam and Chloe and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All - With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Harry, Adam and Chloe with joy.

Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Harry, Adam and Chloe begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

We turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

We repent of our sins.

Do you renounce evil?

We renounce evil.



Let us affirm, together with Harry, Adam and Chloe, our common faith:

Do we believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All - We believe and trust in God.

Do we believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All - We believe and trust in God.

Do we believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All - We believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the church.

All - This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The priest asks for God's blessing on the water and then says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth

Who keeps his promise for ever.

*The priest then baptises **Harry, Adam and Chloe**:*

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

I sign you with the sign of the cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified but fight valiantly under his banner against sin and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life. **Amen**

Receive this light of Christ. God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

May God who has received you by Baptism into his church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children together of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

The Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you
We offer one another a sign of peace.



*We return to our places singing the **Offertory Hymn 338**. A collection is taken for the work of the church, and the bread and wine for the Eucharist are brought to the altar.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
The glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
And of your own do we give you.**

The Lord is here.

His spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father; Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins:
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

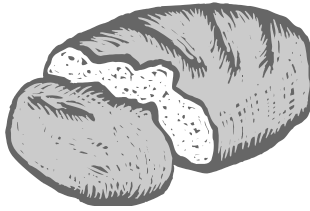
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory:
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
Amen.

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body, because we
all share in one bread.**



Invitation to Communion

Everyone is welcome to come to the altar to receive a blessing or the bread and wine.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

While the congregation comes forward to receive Holy Communion the choir will sing **Holy is the true light (Harris)**.

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!

After Communion we say together:

**Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who eat this bread and drink this wine
learn to live lives of love and hope,
so that all the world may know your power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The Final Hymn is 234.

The Blessing

**Go in peace to Love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.**



Notices and News

12 February 1.15pm Lunchtime Concert Alice Bishop (soprano)
13 February 3.00pm Memorial Service for Nick Lack
22nd April Annual General Meeting 11am

The Director of Music

To our very great sadness, Stephen Westrop has decided to step down as Director of Music from Easter. This TERRIBLE news is softened only by the knowledge that he is not leaving the area and will be seen at the console of the organ at times in the future, perhaps for one off recitals and the occasional cover for services. There will be time to express our gratitude and admiration to him in the coming weeks. For now, an advert has gone out in the appropriate places and we will have an interview process in late February, early March.

Burns Night Thanks

A very big thank you to all who helped with Burns Night. It raised £1600 and was great fun! Huge thanks.

Carrying up the bread and wine

Every Sunday morning at the 9.30 service we ask for a couple of volunteers to bring up the bread and wine. It's always good to have different people do it so if the Wardens approach you why not take the plunge and say "yes"? It's one of those, perhaps few, lovely things in life where you can't do it wrong!

Now we have two book groups!

As well as our longstanding book group, meeting on the fourth Sunday at 12 noon in the church (this month looking at **Anatomy of a Soldier** by **Harry Parker** on 25 Feb) we now have a new group. In partnership with Kingston University Faith and Spirituality service, the new group will meet on Monday 12 February, 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the University's Penrhyn Road Building (opposite Surrey County Hall), Room 0031. Wine, coffee etc from 6:30 pm. Martin Corner and the new University Faith Adviser Louise Walton will introduce Isaac Asimov's 'The Caves of Steel'. Read, enjoy, reflect and discuss. Please log your interest with Leslie Packer – 020 8549 1960 or lqpacker123@gmail.com.

A Team Quiet day

We have arranged a quiet day at the House of Prayer in East Molesey during Lent on Saturday 3rd March from 10am to 4pm. The cost will be £15 and all are welcome. Sign up on the sheet by the south door.

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LITTLE GROOVERS our friendly parents/carers and toddlers/babies group will be meeting in church as usual this Tuesday from 9.45-11.15am, £1.50 per family.

THE BOOK FAIR AND CHURCH CAFÉ will be at St John's Church, Grove Lane, on Saturday, 24 February - open from 10.00am to 2.30pm. Come and have a relaxing browse through the many good books we have to offer. Sit and chat to friends over a cup of tea or coffee and home-made cake. The refreshments will be sold in aid of Refugee Action Kingston.

FILM & MUSIC QUIZ SATURDAY MARCH 10th:

Tickets for the Legendary Film and Music Quiz are now on sale! Tickets are £20 to include a welcome drink and supper and it's all in aid of the first phase of the regeneration of St John's, new heating and lighting, happening this year! You can reserve a table of eight, or a smaller number of tickets and we'll put you on a team; we just need to know guest names where possible and how many are vegetarians. **We've now sold 75% of tickets, so please do get your bookings in quickly to avoid disappointment!**

SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

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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**Stay and Play is now happening every Monday morning in term time
9.30 till 11.15 for families with children under 5 years.**

**Monday Afternoon Club 1.30 – 3.30 pm at St John the Baptist
Church Hall**

Richmond park Golf Club House for Coffee and Cake

For more information contact Ruth Ruocco Brown

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**Everyone welcome to come
Lent Lunch in aid of the
Appeal commencing
February to 26th to 26th
Johns Church hall. Lunch
soup, bread and cheese**



**along and enjoy a
Southward lent
Monday, 19th
March in the St
will be homemade
served at approx.**

1.15pm, a donation of at least £4.00 would be appreciated.

**Following the Lent Lunches on 13th, 20th, 27th March and 3rd April
you are invited to join the Monday Afternoon Club for their activities**

ACT: Typically Tina

DATE: Saturday, 17 March

TIMES: Doors open 7.15pm, Act 8.00pm

COST: £20.00

VENUE: St Johns Church Hall, Robin Hood Lane, SW15 3PY

**TICKETS: Available from Parish Office 0208546 2590,
Bring your own Drinks and Nibbles, NO FOOD PROVIDED**