

The Parish Church of All Saints

24 June 2018 - Birth of John the Baptist

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 at the east end of the church and in the small chapel nearby.

Children leave after coming to the altar for a prayer at the end of 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 **Mass in G D.167 (Schubert)**

The service starts on page 1 of the green booklet.

The Opening Hymn is 446.

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

**Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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 **Isaiah 40:1-11**; which is then followed by the reading from the New Testament, **Acts 13:14b-26**.

The **Gradual Hymn** is **170** after which we remain standing and turn to face the centre of the church from where the Gospel is read.

Today's Gospel is **Luke 1:57-66, 80** - the text is on the back of this pew sheet.

Our preacher today is the **Rev'd Sandy Cragg**.

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

After the Peace we sing the **Offertory Hymn 310** 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 green booklet.

This morning we will use **Eucharistic Prayer G**.

While the congregation comes forward to receive Holy Communion the choir will sing the motet **Justus ut palma (Palestrina)**

Justus ut palma florebit, sicut cedrus quae in Libano est, multiplicabitur.
ad annuntiandum mane misericordiam tuam, et veritatem tuam per noctem,
Plantatus in domo Domini, in atriis domus Dei nostri. Alleluia.
Bonum est confiteri Domino, et psallere nomini tuo, Altissime.

The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree: and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning : and of thy truth in the night-season;
Such as are planted in the house of the Lord : shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.
It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest.

After Communion the Priest will say:

Merciful Lord,
whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The **Final Hymn** is **224**.

After the service, refreshments are served. 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.
Please keep your belongings with you at all time



NOTICES AND NEWS

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| 30 June | 7.30pm Kingston Chamber Orchestra |
| 7 July | 11.00am Ordination Service |
| 7 July | 7.30pm Kingston Choral Society and North Lakeshore Chorus |
| 9 July | 1.15pm Lunchtime Recital – Tiffin students (Organ) |
| 12 July | 7.00pm Banquet Records Gig |

HALO becomes a LEO!

Our excellent Heritage and Learning Officer, Kate Kern, moved on to another post in March and I am delighted that we have appointed Pippa Joiner to the slightly altered role of Learning and Engagement Officer. Pippa has been working with Richmond Council and will lead our Heritage work, as well as supporting Volunteers generally and some of our Community work. She will be working a day a week over the summer and starts full time in September. Big welcome to her.

Cutting the sapplings Saturday

The sapplings - growth at the base of the trees in the churchyard - are due a summer cut for which we need help. The aim is to do it on Saturday 30th June between 10am and 12pm. Please let Brian, Carys or Jean (or Jonathan) know if you are able.

Kingston Churches Winter Night Shelter

update. A total of 30 guests (plus 2 dogs!) used the Night Shelter during February and March and KCAH has so far helped 15 of them into other supported accommodation. Three others are currently staying with friends. Thanks to all who helped to support All Saints as a venue to enable this to happen. Also, up to 18 guests a night used 'The Haven' severe weather emergency shelter at Everyday Church in the depths of the winter. There will be more details when all the statistics have been collected.

Christian Aid Week. The results of the house-to-house collection made during CA Week are now in, and our fourteen collectors from All Saints raised very nearly £1900 for Christian Aid by this means. With the collection at Kingston station, our contribution to running the Saturday Market Stall and the collection taken at the special Evensong we have been able to raise well over £2500 for the charity during CA Week

this year. Thank you to everyone who played their part in achieving this result.

An interfaith fete - Postponed

We have had to postpone this event for this year but are planning to explore it again in 2019.

Help our Children's Work

Our wonderful children's workshop needs adult volunteers to be the second grown up in the room. No input required. See Susannah Acland or Jonathan if you can help

Lent Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Lent appeal this year. We are able to send a donation of £370 which has been collected via jam jars and from this year's Lent talks.

Confirmation.

If you would like to be Confirmed this year please speak to Jonathan.

Gluten free wafers

Just a reminder that if you need a Gluten free wafer for Communion instead of bread then please to let Jonathan know.

National Churches Trust celebration service

In St Paul's Cathedral on 26th June at 4.30. The National Churches Trust was one of the contributors to our 2014 redevelopment work and would welcome anyone who wanted to attend a 200th anniversary celebration service at St Pauls'. Tickets are free but need to be applied for on line. See Jonathan if you are interested in going.

Readings for 1 July 2018

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| 9.30am | Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7-end; Mark 5:21-end |
| 6.00pm | Jeremiah 11:1-14; Romans 13:1-10 |

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**St JOHN'S
NOTICES AND NEWS**

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**St. John the Baptist Church
Kingston & Putney Vale**

www.inthevale.org.uk



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

St John's is a member of Inclusive Church.
www.inclusive-church.org.uk

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

OUR COMMUNITY CAFÉ will be open this Saturday (and on the following two Saturdays in June) from 10.00-12.00noon giving an opportunity to spend time with friends and family or just relax. There will be a play area and other activities. We hope you will pop in during the morning to see us.

'THE BOOK OF THEL' OPERA IN OUR CHURCH on

Friday 29th and Saturday 30th June. Written by William Blake, Music by Rolando Macrini, Conducted by Claudio Scarabottini. St John's is hosting the London premiere of a new opera based on William Blake's poem 'The Book of Thel'. The concert will include a diverse cast of singers and musicians as well as puppetry and projections and is a co-production between Three Bridges Theatre and Teatro Elio Centrico. June 29th - 8pm (Doors open at 7pm for a free concert by Flutti Tutti with aperitives and wine available).

June 30th - 8pm (Doors open at 7pm with aperitives and wine available).

Tickets are £15 General Admission, £10 Student Admission, £25 Premiere Admission (includes the Book of the Opera and glass of wine). Tickets can be purchased at the door, or online at www.bookofthel.com

SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

1st Sunday of the month: 10am All Age 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

Weekday Services: Morning Prayer is said at 9am on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

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

18th June: Holiday Memories – What were your favourite or worst holiday experiences? You are welcome to bring photos to show the group.

For more information contact Ruth Ruocco Brown

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BOULES

in the Community garden, small charge.

No need to book just turn up

THE READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, or the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Acts 13:14b-26

but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for

about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet."

'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Luke 1:57-66, 80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.