

All Saints Church



9 December 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

Family Service

Welcome!



Welcome to our Family Service. A particular welcome to **Grace Mary-Anne Keeling** and **Arthur Barnaby Langford Joyce**, 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 **Darke in F (S,B,A)**.

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 Remember O thou man (Ravenscroft)*.

*Remember O thou man
thy time is spent:
how thou art dead and gone,
And I did what I can,
therefore repent!*

*Remember Adam's fall
o thou man
From heav'n to hell!
How we were condemned all
In hell perpetual,
There for to dwell.*

*Remember God's goodness,
o thou man,
And promise made!
How he sent his son, doubtless
Our sins for to redress:
Be not afraid!*

The **Opening Hymn** is **10**

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 Kyrie

The Choir sings the Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

***O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us, and with great might help us;
so that your grace and mercy may help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and
the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen***

The first reading today is **Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

We stand and sing the **Hymn 12**.

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

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Hear the Gospel of our Lord according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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 **Lead us Heavenly Father, lead us. (NEH 393).** for the baptism of **Grace** and **Arthur.**

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 Grace and Arthur and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All - With the help of God, we will.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Grace and Arthur 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 Grace and Arthur 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 Grace and Arthur 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 **Grace and Arthur:***

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 5.** 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:

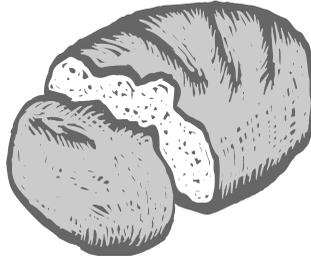
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory:
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
Amen.

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 **A tender shoot (Goldschmidt)**.

*A tender shoot has started
up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted
from Jesse's holy race;
It blooms without a blight,
blooms in the cold bleak winter
turning our darkness into light.*

*This shoot, Isaiah taught us,
from Jesse's root should spring;
the Vrigin Mary brought us
the branch of which we sing:
our God of endless might
gave her this child to save us,
thus turning darkness into light.*

After Communion we say together:

**Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to save the world
give us grace to be like him
in the humility and love
so that, when he comes,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The Final Hymn is 7.

The Blessing

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



NOTICES AND NEWS

Sun 9th 3.00pm 3rd Age Orchestra

Tue 11th 7.30pm Kingston Grammar School Christmas Service

Wed 12th 7.00pm Music with Soul – “You are not alone”

Sat 15th 11-12noon Christmas Tree Festival Launch

Sun 16th 4.30pm Community Carol Service

Mon 17th 1.15pm Special Christmas Lunchtime Concert – Stephen Westrop (Organ)

Tues 18th Cards for Good Causes cease trading

Christmas and Milad celebrations

A chance to be with our Muslim friends as we prepare for the birth of Jesus and they celebrate the birth of Mohammed at the Huda Surrey Islamic Centre in Gloucester Road on Sunday 16th December at 1.30pm

Playing Our Part: Stewardship 2019

There's still time to return your stewardship forms. If you have any questions, do contact Anne Packer, Stewardship Secretary, 020 8549 1960, or afjpacker123@gmail.com

Christmas services:

Carol Service - Sunday 16th at 4.30pm

Carols round the Crib - 4pm AND 5.3pm on Christmas Eve followed that night by Midnight Mass at 11pm. On Christmas Day 8am (said BCP Communion) and 9.30am Choral Eucharist

All Saints Christmas Cards

We now have 2 designs of our own Christmas Card for sale through Cards for Good Causes in the East end of the church.

Christmas (Tree Festival) is coming ...

Can you help “lifting and shifting” and putting the trees into position around the church on Monday 10th December. If you, or anyone you know, are able to help, please get in touch with Vikki Hone vbiggs@ymail.com

Scriptural Reasoning

This is a chance for us to join with Jewish and Muslim friends to look together at our sacred texts, to learn about them, explore them, reflect

upon them and think about how they help guide our lives. It's a tried and trusted method that we thought we'd try locally with the Liberal Jewish Synagogue and the Surrey Islamic Centre. The first meeting will be at **1.30pm on Tuesday the 11th December** in the Choir Vestry/Heritage room. Everyone is very welcome.

Burns Night

Saturday the 26th of January for dancing and general carousing – it's not too early to book a table or a place. The sign up sheet is by the south door.

An outing to watch the Leopard

Jeremy Jeffreys would be happy to organise a trip to the Southbank to see this great Luchino Visconti film on 9th (4.20pm), 23rd (4.10pm) or 29th (1.50pm) December. See him or Jonathan if you're interested.

ASK Office closure: disposal of surplus equipment

At the end of the year the ASK Trust will be closing its office, currently located in the Guildhall, and there are a number of items of office equipment that we will become surplus to requirements. The main item is an Optiplex 9030 computer, but there are also an HP Officejet 6600 printer, two under-desk drawer pedestals and a selection of extension cables, staplers, hole punches and other small items. If you are interested in having any of these, please contact either Jonathan or Keith Long (on klong@whereenglandbegan.co.uk). For the most part they are free to anyone who is prepared to collect them (early in January), although for the computer and possibly the printer we would expect a donation to the Trust's funds.

MINCE PIES!! MINCE PIES! ! MINCE PIES! !

Donations of mince pies, both shop bought and home made are needed for the Community Carol Service at 4.30pm on Sunday 16th December.

This very busy service attracts hundreds and we offer free mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

Last year your response was magnificent and we would be most grateful for all donations. The pies could be left in the office or cafe at any time before the service.

Donald Trunk on sale

Juliet Coombe will be selling her book Donald Trunk after the 9.30 service on Sundays in the run up to Christmas which includes a £2 donation to the church.

No right answers - January 17th at 7pm

Faith discussion group in the United Reformed Church

Music with Soul - December 12th

Worship service using secular music, the topic this time "You are not alone". All Welcome

Readings & Music for 16 December 2018

9.30am Zephaniah 3:14-end Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18
 Mass Palestrina Missa Papæ Marcelli
 Motet: Parsons Ave Maria

4.30pm Community Carol Service

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**Could you
provide a lot
for the Silent
Auction? Do**

you have business contacts who could provide event tickets, meals out, flights, weekends away home or abroad, or signed merchandise? Please contact Tony Hardy tonyhardy@fifty3.net if you can help. Thank you!

Also needed bottles of every kind for the bottle tombola, home-made cakes, biscuits and festive treats for the cake stall and new items for adults or children for the gift stall. Please bring any donations to church during the evening of Friday 30th or on the Saturday morning from 9am. Thank you.

Christmas Services

Sunday 16th December 6pm Candlelight Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service. Children are invited to come

dressed up as angels, shepherds or kings.

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 10am Christmas Communion for all ages.

Everyone is very welcome.

We'll be getting together **a community choir for the Candlelight Carol Service** on Sunday 16th at 6pm. Anyone is welcome to sing, it doesn't matter if you've not sung before, lots of help is provided! There are 3 practices in the church on Tuesdays 27th November, 4th and 11th December; do come along, bring a friend, or for more info contact Mimi, mimifagan@gmail.com

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