

The Parish Church of All Saints

30 December 2018 – The First Sunday of Christmas

You are very welcome to All Saints this morning for this 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 choir vestry.

Children leave after the first hymn and return for the Communion.
The mass setting today is **A New English Folk Mass (NEH 541)**.

The service starts on page 1 of the white booklet.

The **Opening Hymn** is **39**.

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

***Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own
image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our
humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
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
1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26.

The New Testament reading today is
Colossians 3:12-17.

The **Gradual Hymn** is **25** 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 2:41-end** – the text is on the back of this pew sheet.

Our preacher today is the **Rev'd Mark Stafford**.

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

After the Peace we sing the **Offertory Hymn 22** 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 white booklet.

While the congregation comes forward to receive Holy Communion the Cantor sings the Communion chant **Fili, quid fecisti** & **Psalm 26**.

After Communion the Priest will say:

*Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of
an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

The **Final Hymn** is **36**.

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 times.



NOTICES AND NEWS

Sun 6th Jan 6pm Epiphany Carol Service
Sat 19th Jan 4pm MIND Charity Art Festival
Sat 26th Jan Burns Night

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

A very big Christmas thank you

To everyone who has worked hard at this time to help make our Christmas celebrations go smoothly. The choir, of course, work very hard at these seasons but so do people arranging flowers, stewarding services, and preparing for them, not to mention the great Christmas Tree Festival team. A very huge thank you to everyone.

Just before you return that unwanted present ...

...you could think about donating it to the Burns Night fundraiser for All Saints as a raffle prize. We'll need donations for the end of January.

Epiphany Carol Service

Sunday 6th January at 6pm. The last of our Christmas services. Do come and join us.

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.

All Saints Kingston – Kingston University 'Finding ideas in surprising places' Book Group meets

Monday 4 February 7pm – 8:30 pm, with drinks from 6:30 pm. Martin Corner introduces **Aleksandr Solzhenityn's *One day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich***. KU Main Penrhyn Road Building, Room 0031. More information from lgpacker123@gmail.com, 020 8549 1960.

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 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.

Keith Long – thank you!

Keith will no longer be working for the ASK Trust as of the end of this year. With diligence, skill, good humour and great dedication he has served the Trust and, by it, our church, for which we have a great deal to thank him. "By their fruits you will know them" – we just have to look around on a Sunday morning to see the fruits of Keith's labours. Thank you Keith!

No right answers – 17 January at 7pm

Faith discussion group in the United Reformed Church.

Readings for 6 January 2018

9.30am Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12;
Matthew 2:1-12

6pm Epiphany Carol Service

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St JOHN'S NOTICES AND NEWS

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www.inclusive-church.org.uk

SERVICES

JANUARY

Sun 6th THE EPIPHANY

10am All Age Communion

Sun 13th THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

10am Parish Communion with baptism of
Florence and Charlotte Wickson and children's
church

12 Baptism of Huxley Owen

Sun 20th THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

9am Holy Communion

10am Sacred Space and children's church

12 Baptism of Millie Colyer and Mollie
Woodbridge

Sun 27th THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

10am Parish Communion and children's church

LITTLE GROOVERS is closed for Christmas. Back 8th
January.

CONTACTS FOR ST JOHN'S

Vicar: Revd Vicky Maunder

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Vicky works part time and is available on
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THE READINGS

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:41-52

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.