

The Parish Church of All Saints

6 January 2019 - Epiphany

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 choir vestry.

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 **Missa Brevis in Bb (Haydn)**.

The service starts on page 1 of the white booklet.

The opening hymn is 47.

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

**O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples
of the earth: mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith, may at last
behold your glory face to face; 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 60:1-6**; which is then followed by the reading from the New Testament, **Ephesians 3:1-12**.

The **Gradual Hymn** is **48** after which we remain standing and turn to face the centre of the church from where the Gospel is read.

Today's Gospel is **Matthew 2:1-12** - 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 52** 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 choir will sing the motet **Here is the little door (Howells)**

*Here is the little door,
lift up the latch, oh lift!
We need not wander more,
but enter with our gift;
Our gift of finest gold.
Gold that was never bought or sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;
Incense in clouds about His head;
All for the child that stirs not in His sleep,
But holy slumber hold with ass and sheep.*

*Bend low about His bed,
For each He has a gift;
See how His eyes awake,
Lift up your hands, O lift!
For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword.
(Defend with it thy little Lord!)
For incense, smoke of battle red,
Myrrh for the honoured happy dead;
Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet;
Touched by such tiny hands,
and Oh such tiny feet.*

After Communion the Priest will say:

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been
drawn by your light discern the glory of your
presence in your Son, the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The **Final Hymn** is **49**.



NOTICES AND NEWS

Mon 7 Jan	Lunchtime Recital – Vladimir Shlyapnikov (Organ)
Sat 12 Jan	7.30pm Sally Mays Memorial Concert
Mon 14 Jan	7.00pm Harmonica Ensemble & Piano Sonata
Sat 19 Jan	5pm Heart of Kingston Charity Art Festival
Sat 26 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 afipacker123@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

TONIGHT 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 late to book a place. The sign-up sheet is by the south door.

All Saints – 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 lpacker123@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.

No right answers – 17 January at 7pm

Faith discussion group in the United Reformed Church.

Just War Theory at the Quaker meeting house

Prof Martyn Frost will give a talk on Just War Theory on Monday 28th January at 7.30pm in the Quaker Meeting house next to the Kingfisher Leisure Centre. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Scriptural Reasoning - 22nd January 1.30-3pm

The next chance to reflect on, and learn from, our sacred texts alongside our Jewish and Muslim sisters and brothers. This time at the Kingston Liberal Synagogue, Rushett Road, Long Ditton, Surrey KT7 OUX

Winter Night shelter

As in previous years we will be hosting the winter night shelter on Monday nights in February and March. Volunteers to help serve food either in the evening or morning, or to sleep overnight will be needed. Let us know if you think you can help.

Readings for 13 January 2019

9.30am Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

6pm Isaiah 55:1-11; Romans 6:1-11

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

JANUARY

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 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sunday mornings.

Administrator: Sarah Grant Duff
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THE READINGS

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:1-12.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was

in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.