

# All Saints Kingston

16 February 2020 – 2nd Sunday before Lent

*Welcome. If children want them, there are activities that take place elsewhere during the service - just come forward at the end of the first hymn to join the others. During the service, the choir sings some parts on our behalf in order to help us to pray.*

*The setting of the Mass today is **Missa brevis (Berkeley)***

*Silence is kept. We stand to sing:*

## **Hymn 436**

In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The minister invites everyone to recall their shortcomings.  
After a few moments we say together the prayer of confession.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*The Choir sings the Gloria:*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*The Collect*

**Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen**

*We sit for readings from the Old and New Testament. We stand to sing:*

**Hymn 349** *At the end the gospel is announced.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the reading:*

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

*We sit for the Sermon, after which silence may be kept. Today's Preacher is the Rev'd, **Sandy Cragg***

*We stand for the Creed:*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father  
God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*We sit or kneel to pray for the World, our Community and Ourselves  
During the prayers this response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

*and at the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus  
Christ. Amen.**

*Silence may be kept, after which we stand for the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Hymn 263** *during which a collection is taken for the work of our church and the bread  
and wine for Communion are brought to the altar.*

# Holy Communion

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.**

*The priest says the first part of the eucharistic prayer, before the Choir sings:*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light yet, in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with [N and] all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ

our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*All:*     **Amen**

*Sit or kneel for 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.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread with the words:*

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.**

*Silence may be kept.*

*The priest invites everyone to receive communion.*

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.

*Everyone is welcome to come to the altar to receive communion or a blessing. The sidespeople will direct you.*

*The Choir sings:*

- Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*Followed by the motet **O Salutaris hostia** (Tallis)*

O salutaris hostia  
quae caeli pandis ostium,  
bella premunt hostilia:  
da robur, fer auxilium  
Uni trinoque Domino  
sit sempiterna gloria,  
qui vitam sine termino  
nobis donet in patria.

O saving victim  
who opens the gate of heaven,  
hostile wars press on us:  
give strength, bring aid.  
To the Lord, three in one,  
be everlasting glory,  
for life without end  
he gives us in (his) Kingdom.

*The priest prays the post communion prayer:*

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Then we say together:*

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We sit for the notices then stand to sing:*

**Hymn: 397**

*The Blessing after which the minister says:*

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

**Organ voluntary: Dubois - Toccata**

## **NOTICES AND NEWS**

**ASK Topical Lunch Thursday 20 February, 1:00 – 1:45pm.**

In the United Reformed Church, Eden Street. **Kingston Borough Leader Liz Green** reports on the year just gone; looks ahead; and invites your feedback. If you have a question to ask, contact [lgpacker123@gmail.com](mailto:lgpacker123@gmail.com) with a contact phone number.

**The Children's Society Collection Boxes**

Thanks for all those that returned their boxes. We collected a magnificent £641. New boxes are available from Geoff Warman or the office in the mornings.

**Support the Mayor's Charity and get rid of old mobile phones!!**

The Mayor is raising money for Oxygen and the Kingston Centre for Independent Living in many ways but one of them is to recycle old phones. Do you have an old mobile or two you don't know how to get rid of? Well now its easy. Simply bring it to All Saints and we will pass it on to the Mayor's team who will wipe all the old data and recycle or reuse if possible. So bring in those phones!

## **Would you like to administer the chalice, read lessons or say the prayers?**

If so please talk to one of the Wardens or Jonathan

### **Ash Wednesday Wednesday 26th February**

Choral Eucharist with ashing at 7.30pm. All Welcome. **(Please note: NO Choral Evensong)**

### **Lent Talks - "Leadership" Thursdays in Lent from the 4th March at 1.10pm**

Looking at the leader as a:

*Teacher* - Rev Ken Walker, Baptist Minister

*Pastor* - Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark

*Prophet* - Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark Cathedral

*Servant* - Dr Karen North, Senior Lecturer, St Mary's University

*Critic* - Prof Martin Jones, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Kingston University

All are very welcome.

### **Lent Group - Tuesday 25th February 7pm and Thursday 2nd April 6pm (in the Choir Vestry)**

A challenging Jesus. This year we are suggesting something different for Lent: a course of personal meditation and reflection on some passages taken from the Gospels. The point is not to generate argument or discussion, but to deepen our intimacy with the figure of Jesus as he is presented in those texts. The passages chosen convey a Jesus rather different from his churchy stereotype; there is a sense of strangeness with which we have to struggle, challenging us to re-acquaintance. Though this course is offered primarily for personal use, there will be points when we can gather to share our experience of living with those passages; not Bible study in a traditional way, but a communicating, as far as we wish, the experience of living with those texts over a period of time. Contact the office for a course booklet or come to the Choir Vestry on Tuesday 25th February at 7pm.

### **Film outing**

Federico Fellini's 1975 film *Amarcord* in a new 4K restoration. Saturday 29 February at 18:30. At BFI Southbank. See Jeremy Jeffries if you're interested.

### **Thursday Coffee morning**

All are very warmly welcome to join the group having a coffee and putting the world to rights at 11am on Thursday morning!

### **Music with Soul - a date for the diary**

Will meet again on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm. Spiritual reflection using contemporary secular music. All Welcome.

### **Religious communities and mental health: Developing constructive, supportive responses**

Organised by the School of Law, Social & Behavioural Sciences at Kingston University this should be a very interesting and relevant session starting at **6.30pm on Thursday 27th February** in Room 5002, John Galsworthy building, Penrhyn Road campus, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2EE. All are very welcome

### **Genesis 1:1-5 and 26-28**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

### **Romans 8:18-25**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### **Matthew 6:25-end**

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

### **Readings for 23 February 2020**

9.30am Exodus 24:12-end; 1 Peter 1:16-end; Matthew 17:1-9

6pm Ecclesiasticus 48:1-10; Matthew 17:9-23