

All Saints Kingston

21 November 2021 – Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent
(Live and streamed service from the Church)

Please see the notices at the end; note that this service is filmed and broadcast on YouTube.

Please remember to turn off your mobile phone and consider continuing to wear your mask

*The setting of the mass today is by **Langlais Messe Solennelle***

*We stand to sing **Hymn 345**– **please wear a mask.***

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.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Old Testament reading

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. **Daniel 7: 9-10; 13, 14**

The New Testament reading

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. **Revelation 1:4b-8**

*We stand to sing **Hymn 443** – please wear a mask*

The Gospel is announced

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. **John 18:33-37**

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the Sermon by today's preacher **Rev'd William Allberry***

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.**

Intercessions

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.**

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory **Hymn 352** – *please wear a mask.*

***A collection will be taken. You may wish to use the card reader in the central
crossing.***

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 and then we say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

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.

[Those joining from home may wish to say the Prayer of Spiritual Reception:

**Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me
and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.
As the hem of your garment,
touched in faith,
healed the woman in the gospel,
so may I be healed.
Although I cannot receive you in the sacrament,
I can through this offering of my prayer,
receive you in my heart; grant this for Christ's sake. Amen]**

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us

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Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world
grant us peace

The Motet: Philips Ecce Vicit Leo

Ecce vicit Leo de tribu Juda,
radix David,
aperire librum,
et solvere septem signacula eius.
Alleluia.

Dignus est Agnus qui occisus est,
accipere virtutem,
et divinitatem,
et sapientiam,
et fortitudinem,
et honorem,
et gloriam,
et benedictionem.
Alleluia.

*Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
the root of David,
hath prevailed to open the book
and to loose the seven seals thereof.
Alleluia.*

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power,
and godliness,
and wisdom,
and strength,
and honour,
and glory,
and blessing.
Alleluia.*

The priest prays the Post Communion prayer:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Then we say together:

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise
and glory. Amen**

Hymn 613 – please wear a mask.

The Blessing, after which the minister says:

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

Notices

Choral Evensong: Wednesdays at 5.30pm (during term time)

One of Kingston's best kept secrets, and well worth discovering for yourself, this short service (about 35 minutes) has become a well-established part of our weekly round of services. *'An oasis of peace and tranquility in the middle of my busy week'*. *'Beautiful music in beautiful surroundings – a real tonic for my spirituality'*. Why not give it a try?

Flowers in the church

If you would like to mark a special occasion by sponsoring flowers (either round the candles or on the columns or a pedestal) please contact Faith or Sandy. Please note we don't have flowers in Advent or Lent.

Oberammergau Passion Play 2022

Rev'd William Allberry and Joan are leading a group to see the 10-yearly passion play in Germany in May next year – put back from 2020. The tour includes a 5-night holiday in the lakes and mountains of Austria finishing with two nights in the Passion Play village. Full details from William on 07818 641576 (wallberry49@gmail.com). (Please note: the Holy Land pilgrimage planned for February next year will be put back to February/March 2023.)

Events Stewards

If you would like to become a steward at concerts and other events held at All Saints, please contact either John Dewhurst (Churchwarden) or Jenny (PA to the Rector) in the Vestry Office, for more information. One of the main benefits of volunteering for this role - you attend events for free!

Refugee Family Arriving Soon in Kingston

The charity Kingston Community Refugee Sponsorship (KCRS) is sponsoring a Syrian family that will be arriving very soon and living in the Berrylands area of Kingston. It is important that they improve their ability to converse in English. KCRS is looking for volunteers who would be willing to meet regularly with the mother and/or father to help them become familiar with the area in which they are living – shops, buses, parks etc, and to give them an opportunity to practice conversational English among other tasks. If you might be interested to volunteer some of your time then contact Enrique Marten, the volunteer coordinator at kcrsvolunteers@gmail.com to know more about this opportunity.

All Saints Advent Shop

Our unique Advent Calendar Card and Advent Candles are now on sale in our Shop. All at £3.50, purchased through the café. Don't forget to buy our Christmas Cards too! £4.50 for a pack of 10.

Lunchtime recital: Monday 6th December 1.15pm

Stephen Westrop – organ recital. All are very welcome. Admission is free.

Book group

All Saints Book Group is continuing to meet on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12 noon. This month we are reading 'Personal Pleasures' by Rose Macauley, a series of essays on enjoying life. The next meeting to discuss this will be on Sunday 28th November. New members are very welcome, whether or not you've read the book. For

more information, please speak to Anne Nicholson or email at annenicholson2@icloud.com.



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With Thanks*

Readings for 28 November – 1st Sunday of Advent

9:30am
6:00pm

Jeremiah 33.14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end, Luke 21.25-36
Advent Carol Service

PA to the Rector: Jenny Bridges
Email: info@allsaintskingston.co.uk

The Vacancy: Update 2

The process of appointing a new Rector

Now that Jonathan's four weeks of annual leave has come to an end, All Saints is officially in a Vacancy. The process of seeking his successor has now begun. The Archdeacon of Wandsworth, who will be leading the process on behalf of the Diocese of Southwark (our Patrons, King's College, Cambridge, will also have an involvement) met the PCC on Tuesday 16th November to discuss the recruitment process with them. The next step is for the PCC to elect two of its members to represent All Saints in the appointment process. This election will take place at the next PCC meeting, which is on 8th December. The PCC will also, in consultation with the congregation, to draw up an advertisement and a 'Parish Profile', a document which describes the parish, sets out our priorities and outlines the kind of priest we would like to appoint. This will be a necessarily lengthy process because of the amount of consultation which is involved, not only at congregation level but also with the Diocese, the Archdeaconry and the Kingston Deanery. The timeline provided by the Archdeacon's office provides for the advertisement appearing throughout March with interviews taking place on 11th May. If we are fortunate enough to be able to make an appointment at the first time of asking, our new Team Rector could be in place towards the end of the Summer. But we all need to be aware that it could easily take longer than that.

Managing the Vacancy

The Churchwardens, in the absence of a Rector, carry the ultimate responsibility for the parish on behalf of the Bishop of Southwark. Beyond this, John Dewhurst will support Jenny Bridges (Parish Administrator and PA to the Rector) in the day-to-day administration of the parish and managing the building as a community resource, Kevin Davis will support Pippa Joiner (Learning and Engagement Officer) in her work with RBK, and William Allberry will support Pippa in her oversight of our volunteer teams as well as holding authority for services and their music. PCC meetings will continue as planned, chaired by John Dewhurst. These are substantial responsibilities, and your patience and support will be much appreciated.

What sort of Rector should we be looking for?

Now that the recruitment process has officially begun, the Churchwardens and PCC will be very shortly be asking the congregation to email them with ideas about the sort of Rector we should be looking to appoint. What qualities, skills and aptitudes do we think are essential, which are merely desirable and which might actually be unimportant to us? In the meantime, please be giving these important questions your consideration. This will be the first stage of the consultation process, and the congregation's views will be extremely important.

Contact details for Jonathan

Jonathan is no longer using his 'All Saints' email address, and the auto-responder will offer some other people to contact instead. His mobile telephone will also not work. However, he can be contacted on (ask902@googlemail.com). This mailbox will be checked a few times each week and Jonathan has said that he will gladly reply if you'd like to stay touch.