



All Saints Church, Kingston-upon-Thames

The Ancient Parish Church of Kingston

19 November 2023 – 2nd Sunday before Advent

You are very welcome to All Saints Church for this Sung Eucharist. The Celebrant is the Revd Joe Moffatt, and the preacher is the Revd William Allberry.

The service is filmed and broadcast on our YouTube channel. Please sit in the back three rows if you want to avoid being filmed.

Please stay for refreshments in the east end of the church after the service and do remember to always keep your belongings with you.

Hymns

339	Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
377	Immortal, invisible, God only wise
307	Sweet Sacrament divine
449	Soldiers of Christ arise

Mass Setting

Hassler *Missa octo vocum*

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal
life: grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious
kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save

them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalms 90, vv 1-8

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8 You have set our misdeeds before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did

you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Motet Tallis ‘*O sacrum convivium*’

O sacrum convivium in quo sumitur;
recolitur memoria passionis eius,
mens impletur gratia;
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received;
the memorial of his passion is renewed;
the soul is filled with grace;
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

Post Communion Collect

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

News and Events

Cake & Tea to raise money for the Choir Robe fund - the choir will be serving cakes after the service today. All donations will go towards their robe fund, we hope you can stay for coffee, but if not, you might like to ‘buy’ a cake or two to take home.

Bereavement Café - this is a space to talk about bereavement and to find mutual support and encouragement from others who understand the experience of loss. No booking necessary. **Every other Wednesday** 2.00 - 3.30 pm at All Saints Church. **Next session on Nov 22nd.** Flyers are available in the church with further details.

Dedication of new Sculpture – a new sculpture, *Christus* by Peter Eugene Ball, will be dedicated at our 9:30am service next Sunday 26th Nov. This has been gifted to All Saints by Revd Jim Bates, vicar here from 1992-2005. Jim will be our guest preacher at this service and will be joined by his wife Eppie.

Advent Carol Service – join us for a wonderful candlelit service to start the season of Advent on Sunday 3rd December at 6pm.

Advent Discussion Group – Sarah Williams is running an advent discussion group beginning Wed 6th Dec for 3 weeks 10:30-12noon in the Heritage Gallery. The discussions will be based on the book ‘The Art of Advent’ by Jane Williams, copies of which are available from the church shop, all are welcome. For further information or to sign up please contact sarah@allsaintskingston.co.uk

Leaders needed for Children’s Church could you help lead our Sunday morning sessions? Training, resources and support provided. Once every 5-6 weeks. If interested please talk to libbylazenby@googlemail.com or Eithne ejfray@btinternet.com

Youth Café - this runs from 4-5pm every Sunday in term-time in the church café. It's open to all Young People aged 11-18.

Lunchtime music at All Saints - the autumn season continues at 1.15pm on 20 November with Felicia Toni (piano).

'Handel's Messiah' - Hampton Choral Society's next concert at All Saints Kingston is on November 25th at 6:30pm. It will be with a full professional orchestra and soloists. Doors open 5:45pm. Tickets available on the door or via their box office 02089415394.

Lifting Young Voices Christmas Concert at All Saints - we invite all parishioners and friends to our "Lifting Young Voices" Christmas Concert at 5pm on Tuesday 28th November. This is a wonderful opportunity to begin the Christmas season early with beautiful music from the voices of All Saints junior choir and St John's and St Joseph's schools. The Café will be open before and after the concert selling mince pies and beverages. The concert is free, but donations are very welcome at the door afterwards.

Singers & Musicians needed – all abilities welcome! – Carol singing and fundraising for Christian Aid on Wednesday 13 December 5-6pm in Clarence Street. Meet at the United Reformed Church, Eden Street from 4.30pm.

Help needed with Christmas Trees - please could Liz have help to erect and put lights on 15 trees for the Christmas Tree Festival from 4-6pm on Thursday 7th Dec. Many hands make light work. Thank you. Liz Deller. lizdeller@icloud.com.

Environment Photography Competition - the Eco Church group are encouraging church members to consider submitting a photograph or two to Kingston Heritage Service's annual photography competition, which has the Environment as this year's theme, with the focus on Climate Change, Nature, Wildlife and Recycling. The closing date is 31st December. Full details are available by searching 'Capture Kingston' online.

Fabric Wanted – the Sewing Group for Refugees needs dressmaking fabric at **St John the Evangelist**, WEDNESDAYS only, between 10 and 3. For more info contact Sandy: sandycragg26@gmail.com

JOURNEY OF THE MAGI Friday 15 December 6.00pm at St John's, Spring Grove - a sparkling Christmas production of dance, theatre, song, and poetry, inspired by T. S. Eliot's poem. The performance lasts for 90 minutes with a 20-minute interval. The show is suitable for children age 4+ and even younger ones when sitting with an adult. TICKETS - £10 Adults; Children go FREE. The ticket includes one interval drink on the house. To book, please go to **Eventbrite** and search by title.

Services This Week:

Tues Holy Communion at 12 noon

Wed

Holy Communion at 12 noon

Choral Evensong at 5:30pm

Thurs

Holy Communion at 12 noon

Destress Meditation at 5:30pm

Sunday

Holy Communion at 8am

Choral Eucharist at 9:30am

Choral Evensong at 6pm

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