



The Parish Church of All Saints

19 November 2023 (2nd Sunday before Advent)

Welcome to Choral Evensong. The Revd Sarah Williams is officiating and preaching this evening. The service is filmed and broadcast on our YouTube channel. Please sit in the back three rows if you want to avoid being filmed.

<u>Hymns</u>	388 (t.1)	Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
	486	We have a gospel to proclaim
	246 (t.1)	Holy Father, cheer our way

Responses Tomkins

Canticles Stanford *in G*

Psalm 89 (vv 19-37)

- 19 For the Lord is our defence: the Holy One of Israel is our King.
20 Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst: I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
21 I have found David my servant: with my holy oil have I anointed him.
22 My hand shall hold him fast: and my arm shall strengthen him.
23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
24 I will smite down his foes before his face: and plague them that hate him.
25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
26 I will set his dominion also in the sea: and his right hand in the floods.
27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father: my God, and my strong salvation.
28 And I will make him my first-born: higher than the kings of the earth.
29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore: and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
30 His seed also will I make to endure for ever: and his throne as the days of heaven.
31 But if his children forsake my law: and walk not in my judgements;
32 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments: I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges.
33 Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him: nor suffer my truth to fail.
34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips: I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail David.
35 His seed shall endure for ever: and his seat is like as the sun before me.
36 He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon: and as the faithful witness in heaven.
37 But thou hast abhorred and forsaken thine Anointed: and art displeased at him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be: world without end. **Amen.**

Readings

1 Kings 1:15-35

So Bathsheba went to the king in his room. The king was very old; Abishag the Shunammite was attending the king. Bathsheba bowed and did obeisance to the king, and the king said, 'What do you wish?' She said to him, 'My lord, you swore to your servant by the Lord your God, saying: Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne. But now suddenly Adonijah has become king, though you, my lord the king, do not know it. He has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the children of the king, the priest Abiathar, and Joab the commander of the army; but your servant Solomon he has not invited. But you, my lord the king—the eyes of all Israel are on you to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. Otherwise it will come to pass, when my lord the king sleeps with his ancestors, that my son Solomon and I will be counted offenders. 'While she was still speaking with the king, the prophet Nathan came in. The king was told, 'Here is the prophet Nathan.' When he came in before the king, he did obeisance to the king, with his face to the ground. Nathan said, 'My lord the king, have you said, "Adonijah shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne"? For today he has gone down and has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's children, Joab the commander of the army, and the priest Abiathar, who are now eating and drinking before him, and saying, "Long live King Adonijah!" But he did not invite me, your servant, and the priest Zadok, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon. Has this thing been brought about by my lord the king and you have not let your servants know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?' King David answered, 'Summon Bathsheba to me.' So she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. The king swore, saying, 'As the Lord lives, who has saved my life from every adversity, as I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel, "Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne in my place", so will I do this day.' Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, and did obeisance to the king, and said, 'May my lord King David live for ever!' King David said, 'Summon to me the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.' When they came before the king, the king said to them, 'Take with you the servants of your lord, and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. There let the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan anoint him king over Israel; then blow the trumpet, and say, "Long live King Solomon!" You shall go up following him. Let him enter and sit on my throne; he shall be king in my place; for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.'

Revelation 1:4-18

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. I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man,

clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

Anthem Schutz *Jauchzet dem Herrn, SWV 36*

Jauchzet dem Herrn alle Welt
Dienet dem Herrn mit Freuden.
Kommt vor sein Angesicht mit Frohlocken
Erkennt, dass der Herr Gott ist. Er hat uns
gemacht, und nicht wir selbst, zu seinem Volk
und zu Schafen seiner Weide
Gehet zu seinen Toren ein mit Danken. Zu
seinen Vorhöfen mit Loben. Danket ihm, lobet
seinen Namen
Denn der Herr ist freundlich und seine Gnade
währet ewig und seine Wahrheit für und für.

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness, and come
before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he
that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his
pasture.
O go your way into his gates with
thanksgiving, and into his courts with
praise;
be thankful unto him, and speak good of
his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is
everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to
generation.*

News and Events

Weekly Eco-tip

Make a shopping list. This will help to cut down impulse buys whilst also allowing you to buy what you need and avoid waste.

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

Bereavement Café - this is a space to talk about the pain of 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.

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 at 5:45pm and tickets available on the door or via their box office: 020 8 941 5394.

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.

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.

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

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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