



# All Saints Church, Kingston-upon-Thames

*The Ancient Parish Church of Kingston*

## 10 December 2023 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

You are very welcome to All Saints Church for this Sung Eucharist.

The Celebrant and Preacher today is the Vicar, Revd Joe Moffatt.

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 keep your belongings with you at all times.

### Hymns

- 5 Hark! A herald voice is calling
- 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
- 282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me
- 15 The Lord will come and not be slow

### Introit

*The Advent Prose (v.2)*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

### Mass Setting

*Byrd Mass for five voices*

### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Motet

Bruckner 'Virga Jesse'

Virga Jesse floruit:  
Virgo Deum et hominem  
genuit:  
pacem Deus reddidit,  
in se reconcilians ima  
summis.  
Alleluja.

*The rod of Jesse hath  
blossomed: a Virgin hath  
brought forth God and man:  
God hath restored peace,  
reconciling in Himself the  
lowest with the highest.  
Alleluia.*

## **Readings**

### **Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### **Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

### **Post Communion Collect**

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **News and Events**

### **Weekly Eco-tip**

Recycle foil pill packets at Superdrug or other pharmacies.

**Advent Discussion Group** – Sarah Williams is running an advent discussion group beginning Wed 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sarah@allsaintskingston.co.uk)

**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.

**Thames Youth Orchestra & All Saints Choir, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – join Thames Youth Orchestra and All Saints Choir for their Winter Concert. Tickets will be available on the door from the organiser. Doors open 6:45pm for a 7:30pm start.

**Lunchtime music at All Saints** - the last lunchtime concert of 2023 will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December and is at 1.15pm with Stephen Westrop (organ).

**Carol Singing at The Bishop (the riverside pub)** – this will be on Wednesday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9pm and is a carol sing-along led by Joe, all welcome and bring friends! Come and have a very merry time! There will be a collection in aid of Kingston Food Bank.

**MINCE PIES WANTED** - we would be most grateful for donations of MINCE PIES, either shop bought or homemade. We give them free to members of the Congregation after the Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols on SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER at 6pm. They can be dropped off at the office or with the cafe, before or on the day of the service. If you are going to make any we would need an ingredient list attached to the package in case of any allergy enquiries. Thank You.

**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.

**Help with the Church Christmas Tree** - please could Liz have some strong hands to help erect the big Christmas Tree in the East end on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am.

**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 Dec 20<sup>th</sup>** Flyers are available in the church with further details.

**Free Christmas Day Lunch at URC** - on your own for Christmas? Join Kingston URC for lunch, games and singing! Booking is essential, latest booking date 19<sup>th</sup> December, pick up a form at the south door with further details, remember no buses or trains run on Christmas Day so arrange your own transport.

**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](mailto:libbylazenby@googlemail.com) or Eithne [ejfray@btinternet.com](mailto:ejfray@btinternet.com)

## Christmas & Epiphany Services:

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6pm

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve

Choral Eucharist at 9:30am

Crib Service at 4pm & 5:30pm

Midnight Mass at 11pm

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day

Festival Sung Eucharist at 9:30am

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Epiphany Carol service with Saxon Embroidery launch at 6pm

#### 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

Requiem Choral Evensong at 6pm

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