



All Saints Church, Kingston-upon-Thames

The Ancient Parish Church of Kingston

17 December 2023 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

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

The Celebrant today is the Vicar, Revd Joe Moffatt and the Preacher is Charlie Thompson, currently training for ordained ministry and on placement at All Saints.

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

- 10 Long ago, prophets knew
- 14 The advent of our God
- 16 Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
- 7 Hills of the North, rejoice

Introit

The Advent Prose (v.3)

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know me and believe me, I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Mass Setting

Mozart *in B flat*

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of
the just, that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Motet

Parsons 'Ave Maria'

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum:
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructum
ventris tui.
Amen..

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the
Lord is with thee; blessed art
thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb.
Amen*

Readings

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Post Communion Collect

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

News and Events

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6pm today – please join us for our traditional carol service followed by mulled wine and mince pies. This service is always very popular so come early for good seats.

MINCE PIES WANTED FOR TODAY – 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 today, at 6pm. They can be dropped off at the office or with the cafe, before 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.

Advent Discussion Group – The Advent discussion group led by Sarah Williams in the Heritage Gallery concludes on Wed 20th Dec 10:30-12noon. The discussions are 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

Lunchtime music at All Saints – the last lunchtime concert of 2023 will be held Monday 18th December and is at 1.15pm with Stephen Westrop (organ).

Carol Singing at The Bishop (the riverside pub) – this will be on Wednesday Dec 20th 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.

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 20th Dec at 10am.

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 19th December, pick up a form at the south door or from URC with further details, remember no buses or trains run on Christmas Day so arrange your own transport.

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 20th**. 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. Last session of the term is today.

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

Dates of Church Closure for Christmas and New Year Period

Christmas Day – the church will close after the morning service from 11:30am

Boxing Day – the church will be **closed all day**.

Otherwise, currently there are no other plans for the church to be closed.

Please note that the café will not be open on Christmas eve, Wednesday 27th, New Years Eve (31st Dec), New Years Day (1st Jan), & Tues 2nd Jan.

Weekday services after Christmas

Tuesday 26th church closed – there will be no 12 noon Communion service.

Wednesday 27th – the Communion service will take place as usual at 12 noon.

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Thursday 28th – the Communion service will take place as usual at 12 noon.

Christmas & Epiphany Services:

Sunday 24th – Christmas Eve

Holy Communion at 8.00am

Choral Eucharist at 9:30am

Crib Service at 4pm & 5:30pm

Midnight Mass at 11pm

Monday 25th – Christmas Day

Holy Communion at 8.00am

Festival Sung Eucharist at 9:30am

Sunday 7th January

Epiphany Carol service with dedication of Saxon Embroideries at 6pm.

Following the successful installation of the Embroidery of Athelstan in 2022, we are pleased to invite all members of the congregation to the unveiling of the next three embroidery panels in a special Epiphany service and drinks reception event on Sunday January 7th here at All Saints Kingston, Market Place, KT1 1JP.

The Embroideries are of Edmund, Eadred and Eadwig and, as before, have been designed by award winning contemporary artist and designer Jacky Puzey, based on original designs by Sophia Pearson and then embellished with hand embroidery and beading by Beatrice Mayfield, contemporary hand embroiderer and visiting lecturer at the Royal school of Needlework.

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