



All Saints Church, Kingston-upon-Thames

The Ancient Parish Church of Kingston

24 December 2023 (4th 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

11	O come, O come, Emmanuel!
21	A great & mighty wonder
185	Sing we of the blessed Mother
33 (omit *)	Of the Father's heart begotten

Introit

The Advent Prose (v.4)

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not
tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy
transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: For I am the
Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

Mass Setting

Byrd Mass for four voices

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Motet

Rachmaninov '*Bogoroditsye Dyevo*'
*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

Romans 16: 25-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Post Communion Collect

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News and Events

Christmas Day Collection - will be given to the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. This is the Anglican Church hospital in Gaza City that was recently bombed and has now been re-opened. If you wish to make your own donation you can do so via: [The Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association - Donate now \(cafonline.org\)](#)

Epiphany Carol Service with dedication of Saxon Embroideries - 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 at 6pm**. 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.

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 is on Jan 3rd**. 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. Next session 7th January at All Saints.

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.

Wednesday 27th – there will be midweek evensong at 5:30pm.

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.

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