

# All Saints Church, Kingston- upon-Thames

The Ancient Parish Church of Kingston

# 21 January 2024 (3rd Sunday after Epiphany)

Welcome to this Service of Choral Eucharist with Holy Baptism.

A special welcome to the family and friends for twins James Sebastian and Elliot Christopher Lawrance Selby who are to be baptised today. The celebrant and preacher 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 always keep your belongings with you.

<u>Hymns</u>	345	Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
	339	Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
	280	Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness
	443	Rejoice, the Lord is King

#### Ireland in C **Mass Setting**

## Collect

Almighty God,

whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence:

renew your people with your heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness

sustain us by your mighty power;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

#### Palestrina 'Sicut Cervus' Motet

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontem aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te.

Deus.

As a deer longs for springs of water, so my soul longs for you, O God.

## **Readings**

#### Revelation 19:6-10

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

#### John 2:1-11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## **Post Communion Collect**

Almighty Father,

whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## **News and Events**

### **Weekly Eco-tip**

Reduce plastic waste by swapping from shower gel/shampoo/hand gel to soap form. Can also use a refill store to avoid plastic waste with hand gel, washing up liquid, washing liquid, etc.

<u>Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration</u> - you are invited to attend the 2024 Holocaust Memorial Day Community Event which will be taking place on: Sunday 28 January from 1.30 - 4pm at Kingston University, Town House. Please register for a free ticket via Eventbrite.

Faith Talks – Climate change: is civil disobedience justifiable? - the first of the series of Faith Talks, hosted by the Bishop of Kingston, will take place here at 6pm on Wednesday 31st January. The main speaker is Ruth Valerio, environmentalist, theologian, social activist and author. Please pick up a leaflet from the Welcome Desk. Admission is free but it would help us if you book now via <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk">www.ticketsource.co.uk</a> (search Kingston Faith Talks).

<u>Parish Quiet Day</u> - as part of our Lent reflections, Sarah Williams will be running a Parish Quiet Day at the House of Prayer, East Molesey on 20<sup>th</sup> February 10am – 3pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided but you are asked to bring your own packed lunch. The day will be reflective in nature with a focus on silence, prayer and Scripture. Everyone is welcome. A donation of £10 per person would be appreciated to cover the costs of the day. For more information or to sign up, please email Sarah (sarah@allsaintskingston.co.uk)

<u>Lent Pilgrimage for Climate</u> - The Rt Revd Dr Martin Gainsborough, Bishop of Kingston, invites you to join him on a journey of prayer, repentance and vision for justice in our response to the climate and ecological crisis. Everyone is welcome, and walks are accessible to all ages. There are six separate walks taking place across the Diocese of Southwark during Lent. For further information visit: **bit.ly/3ROkDPy** or see posters.

## Let us pray... Evensong Sermons & Discussion Groups for Lent 2024

We warmly invite you to join us during Lent as we seek to draw closer to God through prayer. There are many ways to pray. Our guest preachers are all well-known for their books, talks and prayer-based ministries. Through their Evensong sermons and the discussion groups that follow, we offer the opportunity to learn about, reflect on and experience different prayer practices as we journey through Lent together.

### Sermons at 6pm Choral Evensong

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Gemma Simmonds: Praying with St Ignatius
Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Richard Carter: Praying with a Community
March 3<sup>rd</sup> Stephen Cherry: Praying with Humility
March 10<sup>th</sup> Mark Oakley: Praying with Poetry
March 17<sup>th</sup> Pete Greig: Praying with the Spirit

**Lent Discussion Groups** will reflect on the previous Sunday's sermon (which can be watched on YouTube). Each group will meet for five weeks, from the week beginning Feb 19<sup>th</sup> to the week beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Tuesdays 3.00pm 4.30pm at St John the Evangelist, Spring Grove, Kingston
- Tuesdays 7.00 8.30pm at St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale
- Tuesdays 7.30pm 9.00pm at Kingston United Reformed Church
- Wednesdays 10.30am 12noon at All Saints Kingston
- Wednesdays 7.30pm 9.00pm on Zoom (hosted by Kingston URC)

A leaflet will soon be available with further information on how to book a place.

Champions for Change (Mind in Kingston) - invites you for a hot lunch meal with hot drink\* on Tuesday 23rd January, between 1pm-2pm\*\* at All Saints: "Come along and nourish your bellies with a heartwarming meal and then afterwards explore our living library, a collection of stories shared by our Champions" \*Meal will be a chilli dish with vegetarian option. \*\*First 60 people will receive a free hot meal, this is on a first come first served basis

Lunchtime Recitals – the spring season of lunchtime recitals begins on Monday 29th January at 1:15pm with Julia Dewhurst (soprano), Stephen Westrop (piano). The next recital on 5th February is Michael Bevan (piano). These are free to attend and everyone welcome.

More Street Pastors are needed in Kingston! - are you interested in joining Kingston Street Pastors and serving on the streets once a month in the night time? Watch the video below to find out more: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y\_XAQThIrvc 2024 Street Pastor training courses begin in February, June and September. Contact kingston@streetpastors.org.uk to find out more.

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 17th. Flyers are available in the church with further details.

Chess Group – join the drop-in chess group at 10am for two hours every Wednesday unless rescheduled by group leader. This is for any level (no experience required). Refreshments are available to buy from the church café. Free to attend with a suggested donation to church costs. Boards will be available - bring your own if you have one. Everyone welcome.

**Book Group** - the next meeting will be today, 21st January at 12.00 noon in the café. They will be reading 'Charlotte' by David Foenkinos. For more information contact annenicholson2@icloud.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.

#### 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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