



All Saints Church, Kingston-upon-Thames

The Ancient Parish Church of Kingston

7 January 2024 (Epiphany)

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

47	As with gladness men of old
48	Bethlehem, of noblest cities
55	Hail to the Lord's Anointed
49 (t. ii)	Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Mass Setting

Haydn *Little Organ Mass*

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face; 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**

Motet

Cornelius *The Three Kings*

Three Kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews
may be.

Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.
How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;

Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o'erfloweth.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Thy word, Jesu, inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Psalms 72, vv 10-15

- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, the needy and those who have no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba; may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long.

Ephesians 3:1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born

king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Post Communion Collect

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News and Events

Weekly Eco-tip

Look out for products that are in containers made from recycled materials.
Remember to recycle these containers afterwards.

Christmas Day Collection – we are pleased to announce that £807.70 was raised from the Christmas day collection. This money has been sent to the Archbishops' Joint Appeal for Gaza and Jerusalem and 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 \(cafonline.org\)](https://www.cafonline.org)

Parish Quiet Day. As part of our Lent reflections, Sarah Williams will be running a Parish Quiet Day at the House of Prayer, East Molesey on 20th 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)

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 Carol Service and drinks reception **today, 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.

Find out more about the Seven Saxon King Embroideries – this is a chance to find out about the Seven Saxon Kings Embroidery Project, including the process of making the embroideries and handling the samples, as well as learning about the rich imagery inspired by each King's reign. This will take place on Wednesday 10th January, 10.30am-12pm, East End, All Saints Church and will be led by Sandy Cragg. All are welcome.

Coffee and cakes on 14th January – the choir will be serving cakes after the service on 14th January. All donations will go towards their robe fund – we hope you come and support them.

Senior Playworker/Family Support Worker needed – Kingston WelCare and All Saints Church are joining forces to run a new children's project across both sites. We are seeking to employ a Senior Playworker/Family Support Worker to work 21 hours/week (over 4 days) planning activities and supervising volunteers to run groups for pre-school children and after school/holiday clubs. Please contact Kate Shrimpton in the office for further written details of the role and Sue Skrobanski, the director of Kingston Welcare at Director@kingstonwelcare.org.uk to schedule a discussion and request an Application Form and Job Description. The closing date for applications is 7th February 2024.

Mindfulness Course – Rev Mandy Beck, Team Vicar of St John's in Kingston Vale, is offering an 8-Week Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy Course (Mandy is a qualified MBCT teacher). It will take place on Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm starting on 31st January and ending 20th March. The course will be on Zoom. You can also attend a practice day on Saturday 9th March, 10am to 4pm at St John's Hall, Robin Hood Lane, Kingston Vale, SW15 3PY. For more information please see the leaflet available at the welcome desk.

Faith Talks – Climate change: is civil disobedience justifiable?

The first of the series of Faith Talks, hosted by Rev Dr Martin Gainsborough, Bishop of Kingston, will take place at 6pm on Wednesday 31st January at All Saints Church. The main speaker is Ruth Valerio, environmentalist, theologian, social activist and author.

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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