



The Parish Church of All Saints

21 January 2024 (3rd Sunday of Epiphany)

Welcome to Choral Evensong. The Revd William Allberry is officiating and preaching this evening. The service is filmed and broadcast on our YouTube channel. Please sit in the back three rows if you want to avoid being filmed.

<u>Hymns</u>	467	Through all the changing scenes of life
	425	O Love, how deep, how broad, how high!
	200	Jesus calls us!

Responses Shepherd

Canticles Stanford *in A*

Psalms 33

- 1 REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
- 2 Praise the Lord with harp: sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.
- 3 Sing unto the Lord a new song: sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true: and all his works are faithful.
- 5 He loveth righteousness and judgement: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap: and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
- 9 For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.
- 11 The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever: and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah: and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.
- 13 The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men: from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
- 14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them: and understandeth all their works.

- 15 There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host: neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
- 16 A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man: neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
- 17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him: and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
- 18 To deliver their soul from death: and to feed them in the time of dearth.
- 19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord: for he is our help and our shield.
- 20 For our heart shall rejoice in him: because we have hoped in his holy Name.
- 21 Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us: like as we do put our trust in thee.

Readings

Jeremiah 3:21–4:2

A voice on the bare heights is heard, the plaintive weeping of Israel's children because they have perverted their way, they have forgotten the Lord their God: Return, O faithless children, I will heal your faithlessness. 'Here we come to you; for you are the Lord our God. Truly the hills are a delusion, the orgies on the mountains. Truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel. 'But from our youth the shameful thing has devoured all for which our ancestors had laboured, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonour cover us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our ancestors, from our youth even to this day; and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.' If you return, O Israel, says the Lord, if you return to me, if you remove your abominations from my presence, and do not waver, and if you swear, 'As the Lord lives!' in truth, in justice, and in uprightness, then nations shall be blessed by him, and by him they shall boast.

Titus 2:1-8, 11-14

But as for you, teach what is consistent with sound doctrine. Tell the older men to be temperate, serious, prudent, and sound in faith, in love, and in endurance. Likewise, tell the older women to be reverent in behaviour, not to be slanderers or slaves to drink; they are to teach what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be self-controlled, chaste, good managers of the household, kind, being submissive to their husbands, so that the word of God may not be discredited.

Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who

gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem Crotch 'Lo, Star-led Chiefs.

Lo! star-led chiefs Assyrian odours bring,
And bending Magi seek their infant King!
Mark'd ye, where, hovering o'er His head,
The dove's white wings celestial glory shed?

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..

Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration - 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 www.ticketsource.co.uk (search Kingston Faith Talks).

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)

Lent Pilgrimage for Climate - 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 18th Gemma Simmonds: Praying with St Ignatius
- Feb 25th Richard Carter: Praying with a Community
- March 3rd Stephen Cherry: Praying with Humility
- March 10th Mark Oakley: Praying with Poetry
- March 17th 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 19th to the week beginning March 18th.

- 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_XAQThlrvc 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 – or bring your own. Everyone welcome.

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.