



The Parish Church of All Saints

28 January 2024 (4th Sunday of Epiphany)

Welcome to Choral Evensong. The Vicar, Revd Joe Moffatt 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>	249	Round me falls the night
	209	Lo! God is here!
	206	Christ is our corner-stone

Responses Shepherd

Canticles *Gray in F minor*

Psalms 34

- 1 I WILL always give thanks unto the lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
- 5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
- 11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 What man is he that lusteth to live: and would fain see good days?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from evil: and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
- 14 Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace, and ensue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and his ears are open unto their prayers.
- 16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil: to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart: and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
- 19 Great are the troubles of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
- 20 He keepeth all his bones: so that not one of them is broken.

- 21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
- 22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants: and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Readings

1 Samuel 3: 1-20

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.' Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.' As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 14: 12-20

So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church. Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unproductive. What should I do then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also. Otherwise, if you say a blessing with the spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say the 'Amen' to your thanksgiving, since the outsider does not know what you are saying? For you may give thanks well enough, but the other

person is not built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking; rather, be infants in evil, but in thinking be adults.

Collect

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

Anthem Poulenc '*Videntes Stellam*'.

Videntes stellam magi gavisii sunt gaudii
magno:
et intrantes domum,
invenerunt puerum, cum Maria, matre eius,
et procidentes adoraverunt eum.
Et apertis thesauris suis,
obtulerunt ei munera:
aurum, thus et myrrham.

*Seeing the star, the magi rejoiced with
great joy;
and entering the house,
they found the boy, with Mary, His mother,
and fell down and worshiped Him.
And having opened their treasures,
they offered Him gifts:
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

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..

Candlemas, Christingles and Junior Choir Next Sunday we will be celebrating Candlemas with a special service at 9.30am. This will involve the making of Christingles in Children's Church and the first appearance of our new Junior Choir in our Sunday worship. Then at 6pm we have a special candlelit Choral Evensong.

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).

Confirmation Courses – these will start in March, leading up to a Confirmation Service at All Saints on Sunday May 12th at 6pm. We will run a group for Young People (aged 11 and above) and a group for Adults. Please see Joe or Sarah if you're interested. The timing of the sessions will be dependent on the availability of candidates, but the Young People's group will likely be on Sunday afternoons and the Adult group on weekday evenings.

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. The walk on Feb 24th leaves from this Church at 10.30am and goes via Richmond Park to Wimbledon Common. For further information visit: bit.ly/3ROkDPy or see posters.

Let us pray... Evensong Sermons for Lent 2024

- 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.

Lunchtime Recitals – the start of the spring season of lunchtime recitals has been postponed until Monday 5th February and will be with Michael Bevan (piano), 12 Feb will be Mitra Alice Tham (piano). These are free to attend and everyone is welcome.

Saxon Kings Update – Edward the Elder, first in the series, is now in production in embroiderer Jacky's Bath studio. We need to raise the money for framing him - could you help by hosting a coffee morning for your friends and neighbours? Either at home, or by arrangement in the Church café, and Leo or Sandy could bring along the embroidered samples for viewing. Contact Sandy at sandycragg26@gmail.com

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 31st**. Flyers are available in the church with further details.

Book Group - the next meeting will be on Sunday 25 February at 12.00 noon in the Church café. They will be discussing The Second Sleep by Robert Harris, a dystopian thriller. New members would be very welcome. For more information contact annenicholson2@icloud.com

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.

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.