



# All Saints Church, Kingston-upon-Thames

*The Ancient Parish Church of Kingston*

**25 February 2024 (2nd Sunday of Lent)**

Welcome to this Service of Choral Eucharist. 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.

**Hymns**

339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
76 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said (omit \*)  
208 In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer  
338 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow (omit \*)

**Mass Setting** Berkeley *Missa brevis*

**Collect** Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Motet** Berkeley *The Lord is my Shepherd*  
The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

## Readings

### **Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

### **Psalm 22, vv. 23-end**

- 23 O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;
- 24 For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor: he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.
- 25 My praise is of thee in the great congregation: my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the Governor among the people.
- 29 All such as be fat upon earth: have eaten and worshipped.
- 30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him: and no man hath quickened his own soul.
- 31 My seed shall serve him: they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.
- 32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness: unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

### **Romans 4:13-25**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of

Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **Mark 8:31-38**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

### **Post Communion Collect**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **News and Events**

**Fasting for Lent** – our Eco group are encouraging us to consider adopting a 'Carbon Fast' for Lent by fasting from either driving, long showers or meat/dairy. Please see the leaflet on the welcome desk or the ebulletin for more details.

**Confirmation Courses** – these will start in March, leading up to a Confirmation Service at All Saints on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Let us pray... Evensong Sermons for Lent 2024**

- 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 is now available with further information on how to book a place.

**Lunchtime Recitals** – the next lunchtime recitals will be on 26 Feb with the Orpheus Wind Trio. 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](mailto: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 Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**. Flyers are available in the church with further details.

**Radio 3 Evensong Broadcast from All Saints** – the BBC are broadcasting Choral Evensong from All Saints on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, featuring the Tiffin School Choir. This will be pre-recorded on Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. You are welcome to join the congregation for this recording. Doors open at 3pm and you must be seated by 3:15pm. Please note that the church and café will be closed from 1pm on that day.

**E-Bulletin** - we are now sending out an e-bulletin every fortnight to those on our email database. Please check if you are receiving this and if not (and you would like to be added), please email [comms@allsaintskingston.co.uk](mailto:comms@allsaintskingston.co.uk)

**Book Group** - the next meeting will be today, 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](mailto: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 – or bring your own. All welcome.

**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

Distress Meditation at 5:30pm

**Sunday**

Holy Communion at 8am

Choral Eucharist at 9:30am

Choral Evensong at 6pm

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