



All Saints Church, Kingston- upon-Thames

The Ancient Parish Church of Kingston

1st September 2024 (14th Sunday after Trinity)

**ALL SAINTS
KINGSTON**

Welcome to this Service of Choral Eucharist. The Celebrant is Revd Sarah Williams and the Preacher is Revd William Allberry. We welcome back the 'lower voices' in our choir (alto, tenor, bass), returning from their summer break.

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.

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| Hymns | 490 | Judge eternal, throned in splendour |
| | 337 | As pants the hart for cooling streams |
| | 362 | Glorious things of thee are spoken |
| | 265 | Lord of beauty, thine the splendour |

Mass Setting *Byrd Mass for three voices*

Collect Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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**

Readings

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

Moses spoke to the people; he said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to

him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?
- 2 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life: and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.
- 3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour.
- 4 He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes: and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.
- 5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not: though it were to his own hindrance.
- 6 He that hath not given his money upon usury: nor taken reward against the innocent.
- 7 Whoso doeth these things: shall never fall.

James 1: 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating

with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Motet

Viadana Exultate justi

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.
Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery,
the instrument of ten strings.
Sing to him a new canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise.
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.

Post Communion Collect

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News and Events

Planned Giving Appeal Thank you to those who have already responded to our appeal for new and increased pledges to give by bank standing order. The new pledges and increases so far received will provide an additional £4,200 per year. If you haven't already done so, please consider helping us by reviewing your regular giving. The average weekly amount that is currently given to All Saints is £18.08 per household. The average across the Diocese of Southwark is £21.60. Please pick up pledge forms from the welcome desk or the homepage of our website. If you're increasing an existing Standing Order, please inform our Treasurer, Alastair Deller:
giving@allsaintskingston.co.uk

Prayer Space - the next date for the Ignatian prayer space is **11th September, 5.30-6pm in the church.** All are welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Sarah Williams sarah@allsaintskingston.co.uk

Kingston Faith Talks: The Economy, how do we build an economy which works for us all? – join us for our next in what has been a very popular series of Faith Talks on **Wed 11 Sept at 6:15pm** with main speaker Bishop Peter Selby, author of 'Grace and Mortgage'. Reserve your free space via: www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-church-kingston

Kingston Chamber Concerts – returns to the church on **Thursday 12th Sept at 7:30pm** with Purcell's Muse. A musical journey to celebrate the grand masters of the Baroque. Tickets will be available on the door and in advance.

Heritage Open Day – to coincide with National Heritage Week, the church will be having a Saxon King Embroidery Day on **Saturday 14th September**. This includes talks on the embroideries with premier showings of a short film on the project. It's also 'Ride and Stride for Churches' day, more information for this can be found on their website: [Surrey Churches Preservation Trust | Surrey churches](http://SurreyChurchesPreservationTrust.org.uk)

Youth Café – is back after a summer break. It will run monthly 4-5.15pm. We have a great programme of events coming up starting with 'Meet and Milkshakes' on **15th September** at ASK. Delicious milkshakes, cookies and lots of games on offer. All 11-18 year olds are welcome so come along and bring your friends!

Offline Social – join Elaine Hallam, (actor, singer and coach) for an 'Offline' Social on **Saturday 28th Sept at 7:30pm** in the church, connect face-to-face, making new friends, no screens in sight! Read, draw, write and create. Live acoustic ambient music. For more details see the website or Eventbrite where you can also get tickets for the evening.

Book Group – will not meet in August. Next meeting will be on **29th September** when the book will be 'The Archaeology of Grief' by Sarah Tarlow.

The Big Sleep Out – this is a unique opportunity to gain insight into the realities of homelessness and help Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness raise vital funds to support their programs and services. All Saints is putting together an amazing team to "Sleep out so that others don't have to" in the churchyard on **4th October** – would you like to spend the night with our very own Sarah Cogger, Joe Moffatt and Roshan Jathanna? Then let us know and we'll add you to the team! If sleeping out on the cold ground, under the stars in October isn't your thing, please consider a donation. Cash donations to the café. Or donate online via the welcome page of the parish website.

Come & Sing: The Messiah – on **Saturday 5th October** with All Saints Choir. Please pick up a flyer in church for full details on how to register to sing with All Saints Choir at this exciting event. If you don't wish to sing and just want to come and listen, you can do this as well!

Kingston Food Bank – do a wonderful job in providing food and other essential items for families who are struggling. We have a large box by the entrance to the Cafe for items to be placed in for collection, which are then taken to Kingston Food Bank every Wednesday morning. Please consider how you can support this excellent work - a list of non-perishable items regularly required can be found with the box, do pick up a copy.

Link to Hope Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal – forms are now available in church for the 2024 appeal, with full details, please read it carefully if you'd like to take part. You will be helping hard pressed people living in desperate circumstances in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria. Bring filled and wrapped boxes, with completed forms attached, into church by the end of October.