

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## WORSHIP

8<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Vicky is taking our service  
and preaching today.**

*Everyone is very welcome at this service.*

*If you have very young children there are busy bags with activities in you can pick up near the welcome table to use during the service if needed. If your child gets restless you are welcome to take them to the children's quiet area where there is a bit more space for them and books and paper and crayons for them to use.*



**We give a warm welcome to the family and friends of Jasper Chapman who is to be baptised this morning.**

## HYMNS

**Opening:** 354 Now thank we all our God

**Gradual:** 39 As the deer pants for the water

**Processional:** 337 Morning has broken

**Offertory Hymn:** 464 Take my life, and let it be

**Final Hymn:** 317 Lord, the light of your love

*During this hymn a collection is taken. If you are a UK tax payer you can donate by Gift Aid and for every £1 you give, St John's gets an extra 25p. Please put your donation in one of the Gift Aid envelopes in the back of the seats, adding your name and address. If you would like to give regularly by Gift Aid please see Jo Need. Thank you very much for your support.*

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you 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**

**THE READINGS are on the back page**

**COMMUNION:** *Everyone is warmly invited to receive communion or a blessing. We gather in a circle around the altar. Please join the end of the line in a clockwise direction. The sidepeople will guide you.*

## POST COMMUNION.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**DO STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS  
AFTER THE SERVICE**



## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Please pray for those who are ill  
and those in particular need of prayer**

Among them Ann Cooper, Lorna Pearce, Phyllis Keates, Caroline Hellicar, The Higgins Family, Graeme Benson, Cyd, Percy Wraight and Florence Hicks



**And for those who have died**

Among them John Foskett.

Canon John Foskett, former vicar of St John's, has died aged 78. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Our prayers are with his wife, Mary and 4 children.

There is a special prayer area at the high altar chapel where you can light a candle. Do write any requests for prayers for situations or people on a slip of paper and pin it to the board there. All requests will be remembered at our weekday evening services.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Isaiah 25.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

## CHILDREN'S SAFETY IN CHURCH

We are always pleased to welcome children into our church. We wish their experience to be enjoyable and safe but our buildings and grounds contain obvious and hidden hazards. Parents and carers remain responsible for the safety of their children or wards at all times whilst on our premises. Please ensure they are safe.

**St John's is a member of Inclusive  
Church.**

[www.inclusive-church.org.uk](http://www.inclusive-church.org.uk)

## St JOHN'S NOTICES AND NEWS

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### October

Sat 14 Book Fair and Church Café 10.00-2.30pm

#### November

Sat 11 12.00-4.30 Keep the Home Fires Burning - event

Sat 25 12pm – 4.00 Christmas Bazaar

### SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S in OCTOBER

Sun 15 **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

9.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Sacred Space and Children's Church

Sun 22 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

10am Parish Communion & Children's Church

Sun 29 **LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

10am Parish Communion & Children's Church

6pm Service remembering those who have died

**Are you a University Student? Welcome! Please introduce yourself to Vicky our vicar after the service. We hope you have a happy and successful time at university.**

**LITTLE GROOVERS** our friendly parents/carers and toddlers/babies group meets in the church on a Tuesday from 9.45-11.15am, £1.50 per family. We shall also be here in school half term.

**MESSY PLAY FOR THE UNDER 5's will be back on Wednesday 25th October 10 – 12pm.** Come and join in the Messy mayhem this half term. Lots of Arts, Crafts and Messy play for the under 5s to enjoy. Coffee, Cake & Refreshments include for all. £3 per family.

**THE BOOK FAIR AND CHURCH CAFÉ will be here next Saturday 14 October from 10.00-2.30pm.**

**This will be the last time this year** so don't miss the chance to come and find some good books and enjoy homemade cakes and real coffee and tea served all day. If you have not been before you will be amazed at the large variety of good second-hand fiction and non-fiction and lovely books for children of all ages we have to offer, at very reasonable prices. So do come and have a browse or just sit with friends and chat. The proceeds from the sale of refreshments will be for **OXYGEN** which conducts focused, long term youth work in Kingston.

**VISION DAY** Thank you to all who were able to come to the Vision Day last Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. If you weren't able to come you are warmly invited to add your thoughts about our church life to the display at the back of church. There are post it notes available to use. Notes on the day will be circulated soon and everyone is invited to reflect, pray and be part of the conversation about where God is leading us as a church.

### KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

*Raising funds for our new church heating!*

**11<sup>th</sup> November 12.00-4.30pm**

Celebrating wartime community spirit with a convivial afternoon for all the family -  
Music and nostalgic singalong  
Hearty Luncheon  
Home brew competition  
G+T Happy Hour  
Potato Car Race  
Community Kitchen Cookbook  
Grow Your Own with Hogsmill Community Garden  
Crafts and Games

Get involved: put your home brew forward for the competition, make a potato car, bring your musical instrument and rally the crowd with a wartime classic in our singalong.

Recipe Ideas: We would love to know your family favourite and classic recipes to include in our Community Kitchen recipe book, ideally with a potato theme! Please send nominations to Jennifer at [jen\\_smith\\_81@hotmail.com](mailto:jen_smith_81@hotmail.com) or simply hand in a photocopy!

For more details and to get involved search St John's Church Events on Facebook.

**And also.....please think about our**

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2017

**25th November 12pm - 4pm**

It's our biggest fundraiser of the year.

This year we have lots of new and exciting stalls, as well as the old favourites.

Do you think you could help? This could be donating Raffle Prizes, bottles for tombola, items for the gift stall, quality pre-loved toys or perhaps you are a dab hand in the kitchen and can make some mince pies or cakes.

We are also looking for people to help on the day with setting up, running stalls & clearing away.  
(A sign up sheet will go up nearer the time)

Please also support the Silent Auction... can you offer something? Lots we have had in the past include; ironing, wrapping Christmas presents, baking a cake, cooking a meal, a stay in your holiday cottage. The possibilities are endless. Or please donate a gift, voucher, or bottle worth £10+

Any help is very welcome and greatly appreciated.

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**YOUNG CHURCH LEADERS:** Would you like to join our group of young church leaders? We are in urgent need of some more people to help with the important work of running our children's church sessions as some of our helpers have had to drop out. The more people there are the less commitment you will have to make. Training will be given if needed. Our children really enjoy their sessions so please consider joining the other helpers. Please contact Carolynne Cotton at [carolynnecotton@gmail.com](mailto:carolynnecotton@gmail.com) if you can help.

**All Souls Service** There will be a service remembering those who have died on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. If you would like a loved one remembered at the service please write their name on the sheet on the welcome table at the back of church.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS GROUP**

Would you like to be part of a group of people who pray at home for people and situations for which prayer is requested. Luanne Higgins, our warden for pastoral care, will coordinate the group. Please contact her for more information.  
[luannehiggins@tesco.net](mailto:luannehiggins@tesco.net)

**THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO FILL A SHOEBOX.** Forms for the 2017 Link to Hope shoebox appeal are available, so if you'd like to start filling a box with small gifts for a needy family or elderly person in Eastern Europe, do please ask Isobel or pick one up from the charities table in church. **It's particularly important this time to look at the form before you buy anything, as the list has changed since last year.** There's also a request to be sure and use a traditionally shaped shoebox (size 8 is ideal), rather than a boot box, as this avoids complications when the boxes are all packed into big cartons for the journey. **The boxes need to be given to Isobel or left in church by 31 October.**

**We are invited to attend the first part of the Deanery Synod Meeting on Thursday 19 October 2017 at St Paul's Church, Kingston Hill, KT2 7SF (corner of Queens Road/Alexandra Road) 7.30 pm for 8.00pm-9.00pm**

*Free parking is available in Alexandra Road and surrounding roads after 6.30 pm*

Speaker: Ian Christie, Kingston Area Environmental Adviser and a senior lecturer in the Centre for Environmental Strategy at Surrey University.

Subject: Reducing our impact on the environment: a theological and practical response.

We hope that Ian's presentation will be interactive, with opportunities for questions and answers.

There will be an information table, with material to take away or sign up to.

**All Saints Kingston Topical Lunch, Thursday 19 October. Lene Wood**, Kingston Dementia Development Co-Ordinator, shares her expert knowledge of **'Everything you need to know about dementia'**, including the risk (about 1 in 11 – less bad than often feared); how to keep your mind alert; how to recognise the early stages; and where you can get help and support. Lunch at the ASK East End Café from 12:00 pm – or bring your own sandwiches. Talk starts at 1:00 pm. Finishes 1:45 pm.

### **SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month:** 10am Family Communion

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month:**

10am Parish Communion with children's church

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:** 9am Holy Communion

10am Sacred Space with children's church

**Weekday Services:** Morning Prayer is said at 9am on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

### **CONTACTS FOR ST JOHN'S**

**Vicar:** Revd Vicky Maunder

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**ST JOHN'S IS PART OF THE KINGSTON TEAM MINISTRY WITH ALL SAINTS IN KINGSTON TOWN CENTRE AND ST JOHN THE BAPTIST KINGSTON VALE.**

### **NOTICES AND NEWS from our SISTER CHURCHES**

#### **ALL SAINTS CHURCH, KINGSTON**

9 October 1.15pm Lunchtime Concert – Elia Stavrou (piano)

#### **All Saints' musical talent...**

...takes centre stage at the next two Kingston Chamber Concerts, here in the East End of the church. **Saturday 14 October** for 'A Shakespeare Miscellany' of words and song, presented by counter-tenor Robin Blaze and friends. **Saturday 28 October** for William Summers' London Abel Quartet – Haydn, Mozart and Devienne. Concerts 19:30 – 21:30; doors and bar open 6:45 pm. Tickets £15, students £5, from Leslie Packer or via [kingstonchamberconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonchamberconcerts@gmail.com).

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## BIBLE READINGS

### PHILIPPIANS 3.4b-14,

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL – MATTHEW 21.33-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**