

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

## WORSHIP

11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

**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.*

### HYMNS

**Opening:** Gather us in (words inside this sheet)

**Gradual:** Transform us (words inside this sheet)

**Offertory Hymn:** 309 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

**Final Hymn:** 270 Jesus is Lord

*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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to  
glory; 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

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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



Among them Ann Cooper, Phyllis Keates, Caroline Hellicar, Cyd, Phil Harvey, Florence Hicks, Helen Keates, Stanley Ball and the Hallidan family.

### And for those who have died

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 morning services.

**Readings for next Sunday:** Genesis 9.8-17,  
Mark 1.9-15

### 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.

**DO STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS  
AFTER THE SERVICE**



### 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

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## St JOHN'S NOTICES AND NEWS

[www.stjohnskingston.co.uk](http://www.stjohnskingston.co.uk)

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

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

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sat 24 Book Fair and Café 10.00-2.30pm

**March** Sat 10 Film and Music Quiz

### SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

**Wed 14 ASH WEDNESDAY**

6.30pm Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

**Sun 18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

9am Holy Communion

10am Sacred Space and Children's Church

**Sun 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

10am Parish Communion & Children's Church

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – There will be a Holy Communion service with the Imposition of Ashes at 6.30pm in the High Altar Chapel this 14<sup>th</sup> February.

**LITTLE GROOVERS** our friendly parents/carers and toddlers/babies group will be meeting in church as usual this Tuesday from 9.45-11.15am, £1.50 per family.

**ADMITTING CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THE HOLY BREAD AND WINE AT COMMUNION** – would your child like to receive the Holy bread and wine at communion? We welcome children to do so here. They are formally admitted to receive communion in a service after two preparation sessions. Vicky will be running these soon. Please speak to her for more information.

### VISION MORNING

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the Vision morning on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Some very clear actions emerged from the discussions:

- To open the church on Saturday mornings and explore holding a monthly café church then.
- To explore further what we can offer for our older children and youth
- To develop our website and social media presence
- To introduce more regular opportunities for Bible study and reflection in small groups

If you have skills to offer or interests in any of these areas please have a chat with Vicky. More information about our vision and priorities will be available soon.

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY TOTAL:** Thanks to everyone who bought their Children's Society box to the counting party on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017. We raised £518.12 this year which is fantastic. Thank you to the 10 people who took a box for the first time! We look forward to seeing how well we have done at the end

of this year. Save the date - Christingle service and counting party Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.

### FILM & MUSIC QUIZ SATURDAY MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>:

Tickets for the Legendary Film and Music Quiz are now on sale! Tickets are £20 to include a welcome drink and supper and it's all in aid of the first phase of the regeneration of St John's, new heating and lighting, happening this year! You can reserve a table of eight, or a smaller number of tickets and we'll put you on a team; we just need to know guest names where possible and how many are vegetarians. And speaking of food, in previous years some of you have very kindly cooked a pot of food to a recipe provided - if you'd be willing to do the same again, we'd really appreciate this, please let us know, thank you. For tickets email Katharine [stjohnsevents@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stjohnsevents@hotmail.co.uk) To offer to cook, or for any other info, contact Mimi [mimifagan@gmail.com](mailto:mimifagan@gmail.com) tel 07764 188653. **We've now sold 75% of tickets, so please do get your bookings in quickly to avoid disappointment!**

**SAINTS ALIVE!** The latest magazine is now here to be delivered to the homes in our parish. Please take your bundle as soon as you can. Thank you.

**OUR BOOK FAIR AND CHURCH CAFÉ will be here again on Saturday, 24 February - open from 10.00am to 2.30pm.** Come and have a relaxing browse through the many good books we have to offer. Sit and chat to friends over a cup of tea or coffee and home-made cake. The refreshments will be sold in aid of Refugee Action Kingston.

### PENRYHN FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY BOOK

**GROUP:** A partnership between Kingston University Faith and Spirituality Service and our Team of Churches. The Group is for students and staff at the University and anyone from the local area who wishes to join. The aim is to read short texts (including but not only short novels) which are not obviously about religion or belief but which do raise interesting ideas which affect or link with religion, belief, ideology and so forth. The new group will meet on Monday 12 February, 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the University's Penrhyn Road Building (opposite Surrey County Hall), Room 0031. Wine, coffee etc from 6:30 pm. Martin Corner and the new University Faith Adviser Louise Walton will introduce Isaac Asimov's 'The Caves of Steel'. Read, enjoy, reflect and discuss. Please log your interest with Leslie Packer – 020 8549 1960 or [lpacker123@gmail.com](mailto:lpacker123@gmail.com) or Louise Walton [Louise.Walton@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:Louise.Walton@kingston.ac.uk)

**Are you on the church mailing list?** There are new member's forms at the back of the church you can fill in with your contact details to pass on to Vicky.

**Please take a lent leaflet with information about what is happening at the church during lent.**

**On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** Open Anglicanism Whitelands College is holding an evening on "What is truth. Understandings of truth in different disciplines" at Whitelands College, Roehampton University 6pm to 7.30pm. Bishop Richard is giving one of the talks on "Truth in the natural sciences". To book a place and, if needed, to reserve a parking spot, please contact the Whitelands College Officer: Paul Coward -020 8392 3511 [paul.coward@roehampton.ac.uk](mailto:paul.coward@roehampton.ac.uk)

**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 from our Sister Churches**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, KINGSTON**

12 February 1.15pm Lunchtime Concert Alice Bishop (soprano)  
22nd April Annual General Meeting 11am

**ASK Topical Lunch, Thursday 15 February.** 'Kingston Food Bank – The organization I wish we didn't need'. Hear how the bank works, from **Organiser Paul Pickhaver**. Ask questions - share your views – take part in the discussion. 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.**

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**HYMN**

**Transform us as you, transfigured,  
stood apart on Tabor's height.  
Lead us up our sacred mountains;  
search us with revealing light.  
Lift us from where we have fallen,  
full of questions, filled with fright.**

**Transform us as you transfigured,  
once spoke with those holy ones.  
We, surrounded by the witness  
of those saints whose work is done,  
Live in this world as your Body,  
chosen daughters, chosen sons.**

**Transform us as you transfigured,  
would not stay within a shrine.  
Keep us from our great temptation  
- time and truth we quickly bind.  
Lead us down those daily pathways,  
where our love is not confined.**

*Words: Sylvia Dunstan Tune: Picardy*

**HYMN - Gather us in**

**Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our  
dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in – the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young – our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of  
history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in – the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your  
daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is  
shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us for ever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in – all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

*Words and music Marty Haugen*  
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## BIBLE READINGS

### 2 KINGS 2.1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Thanks be to God

### 2 CORINTHIANS 4.3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God

### THE GOSPEL – MARK 9.2-9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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