

St John the Evangelist, Kingston



Baptism of Christ – January 10th 2021

Welcome to anyone new to St John's. If you would like to know more about us and our Church - please ask.

If you would like us to pray for you, then please let us know.

Service of Holy Communion for Facebook

We listen to the opening organ voluntary

All In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen

The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

**that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us
in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 forever.

All Amen.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Homily

Prayers of Intercession

Appropriate intercessions may be made.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

We listen to the organ music, as the table is prepared, and we make our offerings to the work of the Church.



Despite the Church being closed we still need to be mindful of the ongoing mission and ministry costs and if possible, contribute to meeting these. If you would like to donate to the work of the Church, you can do so by scanning this QR code and following the link to givealittle.co.

Thank you.

As we reflect on our giving to the Church, we join together in our offertory prayer

All Heavenly father
 In this time of doubt, loss, and confusion
 your church continues to be a beacon of light and hope.
 Help us never to forget your generosity to us
 In Church and at Home we place before you our offering to support
 the work of your Church
 In Jesus name
 Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer E

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks
 in sickness and in health,
 in suffering and in joy,
 through Christ our Saviour and Redeemer,
 who as the Good Samaritan
 tends the wounds of body and spirit.
 He stands by us and pours out for our healing
 the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope,
 turning the darkness of our pain
 into the dawning light of his kingdom.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 and as we obey his command,
 send your Holy Spirit,
 that broken bread and wine outpoured
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
 On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
 and, taking bread, he praised you.
 He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.
 When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
 Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
 Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
 So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
 in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
 Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
 we proclaim his death and resurrection
 until he comes in glory.
 Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
 help us to work together for that day
 when your kingdom comes
 and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
 Look with favour on your people,
 gather us in your loving arms
 and bring us with St John and all the saints
 to feast at your table in heaven.
 Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
 for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come;
 thy will be done;
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation;
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever.
 Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed

The president receives communion.

Prayer after Communion. We listen to the organ music

All Almighty God,
 we thank you for feeding us
 with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
 Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
 to be a living sacrifice.
 Strengthen us
 in the power of your Spirit
 to live and work
 to your praise and glory.
 Amen.

The peace of God,
 which passes all understanding,
 keep your hearts and minds
 in the knowledge and love of God,
 and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Organ Voluntary

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

Reza, Mehrzad, Faezeh Mick and Ann, The Hallidan family, Phoebe, Ethel, Michael, Nicole,
 Pamela, Anne, Jill, Millie, Anne, Omid, Shaida, Christopher and his family, Arthur and
 Elizabeth.

CHURCH SERVICES ONLINE

For now, St John's will be offering the following online services. All services will be broadcast live on Facebook.

- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - Morning Prayer 9am** broadcast on Facebook from Church
- **Wednesday 1pm Holy Communion** broadcast on Facebook
- **Church open for private prayer daily 6 - 7.30pm**
- **Sunday – Holy Communion** will be broadcast on Facebook at 10am
- **Church open for Private prayer 11am – 1pm**
- **Evening prayer** broadcast on Facebook **7pm**

If you miss any of these, they are saved on the Facebook page so you can follow them in your own time.

As always, if you need any additional support, help, prayer, shopping done or anything else please get in touch and we will help you as best we can.



CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

St John's is open every Wednesday for private prayer and reflection from **6-7.30pm** (subject to change in line with government and diocesan guidance). Whilst the Church is open, like all other public spaces, we are still required to maintain social distancing and other measures to stop the spread of COVID-19. If you can volunteer to come and sit in Church that would be brilliant, please let Mark know.

NOTICES AND NEWS

ACTS 435

Acts 435 is a crowd funding giving site where those in need can make an appeal via our Church. Please talk to Mark in confidence if you need help or would like to make a referral for support.

FOOD4KIDS

Food4 kids will continue to be available for as long as our local Schools are closed. Until our local schools return, St John's church will be offering free meals to any child in need. Pre-packed, pre-cooked takeaway and heat at home cooked food (may contain nuts and other allergens). If you would like free meals for your child please call 0208 546 9542.

WHERE ARE ALL THE CHILDREN?

At home on Zoom! Diddy Disciples, our worship group for babies, toddlers and young children aged 0-6yrs continues every Sunday morning at home at 11am. Each session is 20 minutes of song, storytelling and prayer along with lots of ideas of creative activities you can do at home together. All children are very welcome to join. Please contact Emma and Mimi diddyatstjohnskingston@gmail.com

GIVING TO ST JOHN'S

We are experiencing a shortfall in income over expenses of over £2,500 a month this winter. We are so grateful for your continued support and if you would like to donate to the work of the Church, you can help in one of these ways:

1). If you are a regular giver but haven't reviewed your weekly or monthly gift for some time, are you able to increase it?

2). If you have been thinking about setting up a standing order but haven't got round to it yet, please can you do so? Our account is: **Kingston St Johns DCC, Sort code: 60-60-02, Account No: 11610220** Please mark your standing order as 'Gift'.

3). If you would prefer to make an occasional donation, you can do so via bank transfer, in cash or via card reader at a service. Or you can scan this QR code and following the link to givealittle.co.

Thank you once more. Please contact Tony if you have any questions. tonyhardy@fifty3.net

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