



NEWSLETTER WEEK COMMENCING

Sunday 3rd December 2023



SERVICES NEXT WEEK

2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 am Holy Communion Service with Diddy Disciples. Rev'd Lindiwe Maseko preaching & presiding.



LITTLE GROOVERS

Tuesday mornings from 9.30 until 12.00 during term time. The aim of the Stay & Play group is to provide a fun environment for children and somewhere for parents and carers to meet and make friends too. It costs £3.50. For more information please email: littlegroovers.SJtE@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome to join us for the Christingle Service at 10 am on Sunday 3 December 2023!



Ever wondered what oranges, candles, sweets, raisins, and ribbons have to do with Christmas and Christ? The mystery unfolds at our Christingle Service! Discover the meaning behind these items and experience a festive celebration that will warm your heart. The service promises joy, reflection, and a special Christingle creation for everyone. Bring your friends and family to share in this unique Christmas tradition.



THANK YOU!

The takings at our Christmas Fayre in partnership with St John's PSA topped £3,700. We will know the final profit once expenses are in. Thanks again to everyone who helped organize and participated in a great social occasion for our community, with special thanks to Adrianne Colyer and Jo Cochran.

St John's Junior Church Sundays during term time at 5pm.



JC is a hub where young people can worship, have fun bible studies, ask questions, grab a bite to eat and grow in their faith. We're doing this Sunday term time from **5pm to 6pm**. We're also on the lookout for volunteers to help during the sessions. I will be glad to hear from you. **See you at JC – where faith, friends, and a fun come together!**

PART-TIME CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER HOURS: 6 HOURS PER WEEK

We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic person to join our team as a Part-Time Children and Families Worker. If you have a passion for working with children and families, we would love to hear from you! To learn more about this exciting opportunity and to request an application form, please contact Rev'd Lindiwe Maseko at St John the Evangelist Kingston. You can reach her via mobile at 07851048782 or by email at vicarstjohnskingston@gmail.com.

JOIN US FOR

CHRISTMAS

Services & Events

03.12	Christingle Service	10 am
10.12	Holy Communion	10 am
15.12	Journey of Magi	6 pm
17.12	Holy Communion	10 am
17.12	Candlelight Carol Service	5.30 pm (The Spring Grove); 6 pm (Church)
24.12	Holy Communion	10 am
24.12	Crib Service	4 pm
24.12	Midnight Mass	11 pm
25.12	All Age Holy Communion	10 am
31.12	Holy Communion	10 am
07.01	Epiphany All Age Holy Communion	10 am

*St John the Evangelist, Kingston
Grove Lane, KT1 2SU*

CAROLS FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Come and join us on Wed 13 December to enjoy singing carols for a good cause from 5-6pm in Clarence St outside M&S or meet beforehand at the United Reformed Church in Eden St from 4.30pm.

Singers and musicians of all abilities – we need you !



Carol Singing and Fundraising for Christian Aid

Clarence Street, Wednesday 13th December at 5-6pm

Meet beforehand at the United Reformed Church

Eden Street from 4:30pm



Organised by Kingston Christian Aid Group. See your church rep.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER Keep up to date with events at St John the Evangelist - signup by emailing stjohnschurch.kingston@gmail.com

PARTICIPATION. If you have been a regular at the St John's for six months or more, please ensure that your name is added to the Parish Electoral Roll - ask Sides people for details or email: stjohnschurch.kingston@gmail.com.

Crib Service 24 December 2023 @ 4pm



For unto us
a child is born!

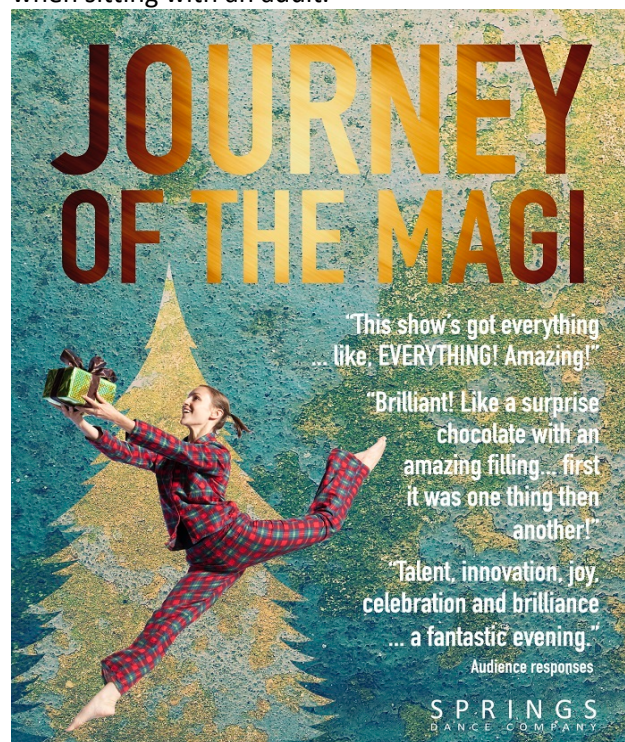
Would your child/children like to take part in this year's Crib service? Please let Evie know. There are lots of parts so it would be great to have as many children taking part as possible.

There will be a rehearsal on Christmas Eve before the main performance at 4pm that afternoon. Rehearsal time to be confirmed. Everyone is welcome to come and be part of this lovely St John's Tradition.

JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

St John's Church - Friday 15 December 6.00pm

Please **BOOK NOW** for a sparkling Christmas production of dance, theatre, song and poetry, inspired by T. S. Eliot's poem. The performance lasts for 90 minutes with a 20-minute interval and is suitable for children age 4+ and even younger ones when sitting with an adult.



"This show's got everything
... like, EVERYTHING! Amazing!"

"Brilliant! Like a surprise
chocolate with an
amazing filling... first
it was one thing then
another!"

"Talent, innovation, joy,
celebration and brilliance
... a fantastic evening."

Audience responses

SPRINGS
DANCE COMPANY

St John's Church, Grove Lane, Kingston,
KT1 2SU. Friday 15 December 2023,
6.00pm, £10 Adults, Children go FREE.
<https://jomstjohnkingston.eventbrite.com>



LINDEN WIND CONCERT
St John's Church – Saturday 16 December 7pm



This Week's Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of
heaven that He might rule over all things as Lord and
King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in
the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order
to worship at His feet; who is alive and reigns with
You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LEGENDARY SILENT AUCTION ONLINE

Please visit:

www.jumblebee.co.uk/stjohnschurchlegendarysilentauktion2023 to bid in our Silent Auction

in aid of Church funds. It closes at noon
on Saturday 9 December. We are adding
new lots so it's not too late to make a
donation of your time or talents or a prize
or gift worth £20 or more. Please email:
tonyhardy@fifty3.net if you can help.

**NB: (The Auction is not in partnership with St John's
PSA. It was just only the Christmas Fayre that was
shared between church and PSA).**



What is Las Posada



Mary and Joseph's
journey from
Nazareth to
Bethlehem in time
for the birth of Jesus
has been celebrated
for many centuries

in Latin American countries with the traditional
festival of 'Las Posadas' which is Spanish for 'the inns'.
The Posada reminds us of the challenges of Mary and
Joseph's journey where they were unable to find
anywhere comfortable to stay so that Mary could have
her baby. In Latin American countries, children dress
up as Mary and Joseph or carry statues of them as
they process through the neighbourhood. Here we
celebrate the tradition by doing a variation of the
Posada. People take it in turns to host Mary and
Joseph each day before they proceed to their next
host on the list. We will commission the Posada at the
Christingle service. If you would like to host the
posada please sign up at the welcome desk in church
or email Evie, specifying your preferred day. Don't
forget to provide three date options in case your first
choices are taken.

UP COMING CONCERTS @ ST JOHN'S CHURCH



Saturday 9th December from 7pm until 9.15pm
Duo are an acoustic 2 person guitar band.

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who
might be interested in volunteering to join our bar
team. We are grateful to all our volunteers as events
like the one above heavily rely on their dedicated
support. We are always looking to add more team
members to ensure smooth operations. If you are
interested in helping or know someone who might be,
please do not hesitate to email Michael Wraight at
barstaffatstjohns@gmail.com

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Website: <https://southwark.anglican.org>

GIVING TO ST JOHN'S

Huge thanks to all who support St John's through regular monthly or weekly giving. We rely on you to keep our church afloat and to help meet our £4,000 monthly contribution to the Diocese, which pays for ministry here and supports parishes with fewer resources than ours.

If you would like to contribute via a monthly bank standing order or make a one-off gift, our account details are as follows:

Kingston St John's DCC

Sort code: 60-60-02

Account number: 11610220



Please mark your donation as "Gift."

Alternatively, you can simply point the camera on your phone to the QR code below and follow the link to givealittle.co.uk. You can also find this link on our website - click on the "DONATE" button at the top right. (Please indicate if you are able to Gift Aid).

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding - everybody is responsible!

All volunteers in church are encouraged to learn basic safeguarding awareness with free online training available through the Diocese at the Safeguarding Training Portal. Safeguarding guidance A Safe Church, particularly sections 4 & 6 are useful for everyone to know. Our Parish Safeguarding Officers (PSO's) are Pat Askey & Grant Vanstone. They can be contacted on: Grant - 07976 822992 and Pat - 020 8546 3840 or email safeguarding.stjohnskingston@gmail.com

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon (*no live streaming*), **Tues**,
Wed - Morning Prayer at 9am.

Sundays – Holy Communion service with Diddy Disciples at 10am.

&
1st Sundays of the Month – All Age Holy Communion Service at 10 am

CHURCH CONTACTS

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