

#### **NEWSLETTER WEEK COMMENCING**

21st January 2024

#### **SERVICES NEXT WEEK**

4th Sunday of Epiphany - 28th January 2024

10 am Holy Communion with Diddy Disciples. Rev'd Lindiwe Maseko preaching and presiding.

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 starting up again on 14<sup>th</sup> January from 5pm to 6pm. See you at JC – where faith, friends, and a fun come together!

### LITTLE GROOVERS

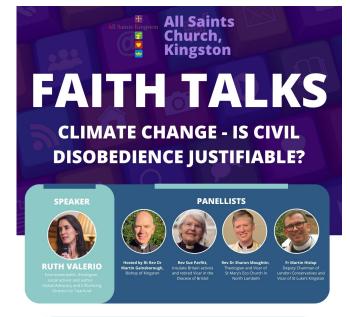
Were back on Tuesday morning from 9.30 until 12.00 during term time. The aim of the Stay & Play group is to provide a fun environment for children and somewhere for parents and carers to meet and make friends too. It costs £3.50. Looking forward to seeing you all. For more information please email: littlegroovers.SJtE@gmail.com

#### **TAKING PART IN OUR SERVICES**

We are always looking for people to come and help us with our services. This could involve reading a lesson, organizing coffee, writing and reading prayers, or even serving as a Sidesperson, welcoming everyone through the door. If you are interested in joining the rota, please speak with Evie. Full training will be provided for all roles.

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: <a href="mailto:stjohnschurch.kingston@gmail.com">stjohnschurch.kingston@gmail.com</a>.

**WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER** Keep up to date with events at St John the Evangelist signup by emailing <a href="mailto:stjohnschurch.kingston@gmail.com">stjohnschurch.kingston@gmail.com</a>





BAR FROM 6.15PM, TALK FROM 6.30PM

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Faith Talks: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/kingston-upon-thames/all-saints-church-kingston/faith-talks-climate-change/2024-01-31/18:15/t-nozkgpx

#### LENT PILGRIMAGE FOR CLIMATE

The Rt Revd Dr Martin Gainsborough, Bishop of Kingston, invites you to join him on a journey of prayer, repentance and vision for justice in our response to the climate and ecological crisis. Everyone is welcome, and walks are accessible to all ages. There are six separate walks taking place across the Diocese of Southwark during Lent. For further information visit: bit.ly/3ROkDPy

#### Weekly Eco-tip

Avoid using clingfilm; use re-useable stretch covers for bowls and plates, especially when microwaving food.

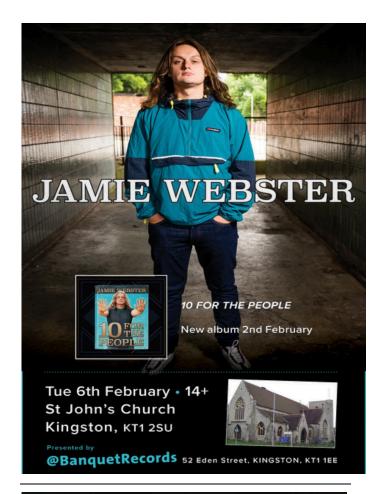
#### UP COMING CONCERTS @ ST JOHN'S CHURCH



We are delighted to be hosting these forthcoming events for Banquet Records:











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



#### This Week's Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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. Amen.



"Mindfulness reveals a set of simple yet powerful practices that you can incorporate into daily life to help you be more present, and may break cycles of anxiety, stress, unhappiness and exhaustion"

Mark Williams

Mandy Beck, has *Trained to Teaching MBCT at the Oxford Mindfulness Centre and acquired a trained teacher certificate in 2023.* She is offering the following:

8-Week Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy Course Wednesday 7pm - 9pm Date: 31/1/2024 - 20/3/2024

Location: The course will be on Zoom

Practice day

In addition, I invite you to attend a practice day to be held Date: 09/03/2024

Saturday 10am to 4pm

Location: St John hall, Robin Hood Lane, Kingston Vale, SW15 3PY
The practice day offers the opportunity for extended period of practice.

This course will cost £40 including the practice day or £20 for the practice day alone.

Places are limited and the last course was over-subscribed so places will be offered on a first come first served basis. The course is suitable for most adults. To find out more and if this is for you, and to book a place please email Mandy: mandy.beck@alty.org

#### More Street Pastors are needed in Kingston!

Are you interested in joining Kingston Street Pastors and serving on the streets once a month in the night time? Copy and paste this link to watch the video below to find out more:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y\_XAQThIrvc 2024 Street Pastor training courses begin in February, June and September. Contact

kingston@streetpastors.org.uk to find out more.

Never to be forgotten;

Never to be missed!

OH YES IT IS .....
IT'S TIME FOR THE
SPRING GROVE FRINGE PANTO

DICK WHITTINGTON

Friday 9 February 8.00 pm Saturday 10 February 2.30 and 7.30 pm

Licenced bar (essential)
<a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sqf">https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sqf</a>

#### **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



Are you looking for a new challenge for 2024, do you have any experience of teaching children or maybe you did an ESOL course in your gap year. Refugee action Kingston are looking for volunteers who can help with their homework club which they run at the church. If you are interested or require more information then please email Jenny Arokiasamy jenny.arokiasamy@refugeeactionkingston.org.uk

#### **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).

# SERVICES THIS WEEK (No live streaming on Mondays)

Mon, 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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