



NEWSLETTER WEEK COMMENCING

28th January 2024

SERVICES NEXT WEEK

2nd Before Lent - 4th February 2024

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

JOIN OUR LENT COURSE EXPLORING PRAYER

As we approach the season of Lent, the Kingston Team Ministry invites you to embark on a journey of exploration into the transformative power of prayer. Join us in discovering various ways to communicate with God and deepen your spiritual connection.

When: Tuesdays, at St John the Evangelist starting from February 20th, 2024. (see flyer for other Lent Course options)
Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Duration: 5 weeks

Just drop me an email if you are interested.
Everyone is welcome. Read the flyers for more info.



Let us pray...

Evensong Sermons & Discussion Groups for Lent 2024

We warmly invite you to join us during Lent as we seek to draw closer to God through prayer. There are many ways to pray. Our guest preachers are all well-known for their books, talks and prayer-based ministries. Through their Evensong sermons and the discussion groups that follow, we offer the opportunity to learn about, reflect on and experience different prayer practices as we journey through Lent together. Let us pray....

Sermons at 6pm Choral Evensong at All Saints Kingston

- Feb 18th Gemma Simmonds: [Praying with St Ignatius](#)
- Feb 25th Richard Carter: [Praying with a Community](#)
- March 3rd Stephen Cherry: [Praying with Humility](#)
- March 10th Mark Oakley: [Praying with Poetry](#)
- March 17th Pete Greig: [Praying with the Spirit](#)

Join us in-person or watch via [All Saints Kingston: Services - YouTube](#)
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Lent Discussion Groups will reflect on the previous Sunday's sermon (which can be watched on YouTube). They will provide opportunities to learn and experience the ways of praying that have been talked about.

Each group will meet for five weeks, from the week beginning Feb 19th to the week beginning March 18th. The sessions will normally last 1.5 hours.

Please sign up via the relevant email. There is no charge. Attendance at every session is not essential. Please come to as many as you can.



Tuesdays 3.00pm - 4.30pm
Venue: St John the Evangelist, Spring Grove, Kingston
Leader: Rev Lindiwe Maseko
Booking: vicarstjohnskingston@gmail.com



Tuesdays 7.00 - 8.30pm
Venue: St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale
Leader: Rev Mandy Beck
Booking: mandy.beck@alty.org



Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Venue: Kingston United Reformed Church
Leader: Rev Joe Moffatt
Booking: joe@allsaintskingston.co.uk



Wednesdays 10.30am - 12noon
Venue: All Saints Kingston
Leader: Rev Sarah Williams
Booking: sarah@allsaintskingston.co.uk



Wednesdays 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Venue: Online via Zoom (hosted by Kingston URC)
Leader: Rev Lesley Charlton
Booking: kingstonurc@gmail.com

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 14th January from **5pm to 6pm**. **See you at JC – where faith, friends, and a fun come together!**

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. 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: stjohnschurch.kingston@gmail.com.

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

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

Look out for products that are in containers made from recycled materials. Remember to recycle these containers afterwards.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN 23rd March 2024 @ 10am.



During Lent we will be having a Big Spring Clean of the church. If you can spare an hour or two it would be much appreciated. Everyone is welcome. Please speak to Lindiwe or Frances or email: stjohnschurch.kingston@gmail.com

UP COMING CONCERTS @ ST JOHN'S CHURCH



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

All Saints Church, Kingston

FAITH TALKS

CLIMATE CHANGE - IS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE JUSTIFIABLE?

SPEAKER

RUTH VALERIO
Environmentalist, theologian, social activist and author. Global Advocacy and Influencing Director for Tearfund.

PANELLISTS

Hosted by Rt Rev Dr Martin Gainsborough, Bishop of Kingston

Rev Sue Parfitt, Theology Bible activist, and retired Vicar in the Diocese of Bristol

Rev Dr Sharon Moughtin, Theologian and Vicar of St Mary's Basil Church in North Lambeth

Rt Martin Hogg, Deputy Chairman of London Communities and Vicar of St Luke's Kingston

WED 31 JAN 6.15 PM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, KINGSTON KT1 1JP

BAR FROM 6.15PM, TALK FROM 6.30PM

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Faith Talks – Climate change: is civil disobedience justifiable? The first of the series of Faith Talks, hosted by Rev Dr Martin Gainsborough, Bishop of Kingston, will take place at 6pm on Wednesday 31st January at All Saints Church. The main speaker is Ruth Valerio, environmentalist, theologian, social activist and author. Please see details below for the link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/kingston-upon-thames/all-saints-church-kingston/faith-talks-climate-change/2024-01-31/18:15/t-nozkpax>

FRANK CARTER & THE RATTLESNAKES

STRIPPED BACK SET



DARK RAINBOW

New album 26th January

Fri 26th January • 14+
St John's Church
Kingston, KT1 2SU



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JAMIE WEBSTER



10 FOR THE PEOPLE

New album 2nd February

Tue 6th February • 14+
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GRUFF RHYS



SADNESS SETS ME FREE

New album 26th January

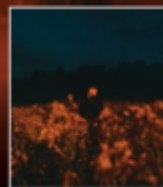
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BENJAMIN FRANCIS LEFTWICH



SOME THINGS BREAK

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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



Licensed bar (essential)
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sgf>

This Week's Collect

Almighty God,
 whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
 the wonder of your saving presence:
 renew your people with your heavenly grace,
 and in all our weakness sustain us by your
 mighty power; 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.

Bereavement Café

Aplacetotalk
 with people who understand

ALL SAINTS KINGSTON

The Bereavement Café is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement and to find mutual support and encouragement from others who understand the experience of loss. No booking necessary.

Every other Wednesday 2.00 - 3.30 pm at All Saints Church, Market Place, KT1 1JP.

8th and 22nd November
 6th and 20th December
 3rd, 17th and 31st January
 14th and 28th February

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8 week mindfulness course

"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@almy.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 nighttime? 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. To find out more:

Tel: 020 8547 0566

Email: kingston@streetpastors.org.uk

Website: www.kingston.streetpastors.org.uk

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	CHURCH CONTACTS
(No live streaming on Mondays)	Vicar (Day off – Friday): Rev. Lindiwe Maseko vicarstjohnskingston@gmail.com Tel: 07851048782
Mon, Tues, Wed - Morning Prayer at 9am.	Parish Administrator: Evie Ng stjohnschurch.kingston@gmail.com
Sundays – Holy Communion service with Diddy Disciples at 10am. & 1st Sundays of the Month – All Age Holy Communion Service at 10 am	Hall bookings: Frances Hazelgrove parishhall@stjohnskingston.co.uk