



# ST JOHN'S KINGSTON CONNECT NEWSLETTER

Grove Lane | Kingston | KT1 2SU

Welcome to the St John's Newsletter! Here's the update of what's happening in and around our church and community. Visit our website [www.stjohnskingston.co.uk](http://www.stjohnskingston.co.uk).

## Services and Events in the Weeks ahead:

### Week Commencing of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Day / Date	Time	Service / Event
<b>Mon – Wed</b>	9:00am	Morning Prayer in church
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10:00am	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Service</b> with Diddy Disciples. Rev'd Lindiwe presiding & David Campanale giving talk.
	6:30 pm	<b>Joint Carol Service with KMC</b> (starting with carol singing at the Spring Grove at 6pm) featuring Berrylands Belles.
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	10:00am	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Holy Communion with Diddy Disciples– Rev'd Lindiwe presiding & Rev'd Michael Stokes preaching.
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	4pm	<b>Crib Service.</b> Costume fitting at 2:45 and Rehearsal at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers
	11 pm	<b>Midnight Mass</b> first HC service of Christmas.
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10 am	<b>Christmas Day All Age Holy Communion Service</b> , Rev'd Lindiwe presiding and Julie Bishop, Lay Licensed Pastoral Minister, preaching.

## COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare  
and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of  
the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

St John the Evangelist, Kingston

## Advent and Christmas Services & Events 2025

Come and share the hope, peace, joy, and love of the Christmas season. Everyone is warmly welcome — just as you are.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November – 10.00am**  
1st Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion with Diddy Disciples

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 10.00am**  
2nd Sunday of Advent – Christingle All-Age Service (for The Children's Society)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 4.00–6.00pm**  
Christmas Party with Little Groovers, Diddy Disciples, and Junior Church

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 10.00am**  
3rd Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion with Diddy Disciples

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 6.30pm (carolling from 6.00pm)**  
Carols by Candlelight – beginning at The Spring Grove with the Berrylands Belles

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 10.00am**  
4th Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion with Diddy Disciples

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve**  
4.00pm – Crib Service  
11.00pm – Midnight Mass

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10.00am**  
Christmas Day – All-Age Holy Communion

## Diddy, Little Groovers and Junior Church CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
4-6PM**

**at St John's Church  
Kingston  
Grove Lane,  
KT1 2SU**



Why not join us tomorrow evening at **St John's Church, Grovelane, Kingston** from 6pm at the Spring Grove for Carol singing and at 6:30 pm in church for the Carol service featuring the Berrylands Belles.



**Kingston Methodist Church**

**18:30pm Joint Carol Service**  
featuring **Berrylands Belles Choir**  
We start with Carols at the Spring Grove at 6 pm

**BERRYLANDS BELLES CHOIR KTS**

**Everyone is welcome**

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**★ JOIN US FOR ★**  
**MIDNIGHT MASS**

**Celebrate the start of Christmas at our 11:00 PM service on 24th December**

Come and experience the joy of Christmas with carols, readings and the first Holy Communion of Christmas. All are welcome — bring your family, friends, and festive spirit!

**St John the Evangelist Kingston KT1 2SU**  
Let's welcome the light of Christ together on this special night.



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR NOTICE**

**Little Groovers will restart on Tuesday 3rd February 2026, as the church will be used for exams during January.**

Thank you for coming along each week — it has been lovely to have you all with us.

We wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New.



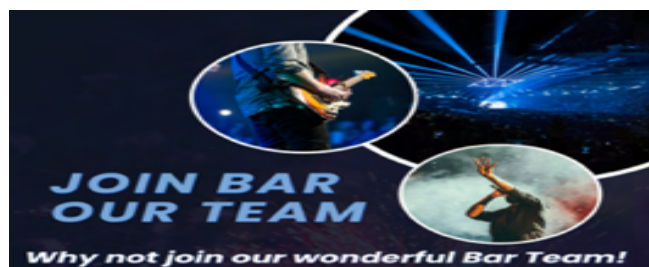
**ST JOHN'S KINGSTON**  
**CRIB SERVICE**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**ALL CHILDREN WELCOME TO DRESS UP IN THEIR FAVOURITE NATIVITY CHARACTER COSTUMES!**

**ARRIVE AT 2:45PM FOR FITTING REHEARSAL AT 3:00PM**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL THE CHILDREN, PARENTS & EVERYONE THERE!**

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**JOIN BAR OUR TEAM**

**Why not join our wonderful Bar Team!**

A massive shout-out to our amazing bar team! We're endlessly grateful for the energy, enthusiasm and dedication they bring to the team. You too can be part of this brilliant bunch! 🍹 We're always looking for friendly faces to join in, keep things running smoothly, and share in the fun along the way. If that sounds like you — or someone you know — just drop a note to our Church Warden, Michael Wraight, at [barstaffatstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:barstaffatstjohns@gmail.com) He'd love to hear from you!





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## 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT

FEATURING

**TOM'S ELTON TRIBUTE (SIR EL TOM JOHN)**



**SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2026 7.30PM**

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH, KINGSTON UPON THAMES,  
KT1 2SU**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING OF CELEBRATION!!**

[BUY TICKETS](#)

DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

LICENSED BAR \* PRIZE RAFFLE \* DONATIONS  
PLEASE BRING CASH OR CARD FOR PAYMENTS

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE JANKI SAYE FOUNDATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTIVE  
TECHNOLOGY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

[www.jankisaye.org](http://www.jankisaye.org) Charity registration no: 1161371



**JankiSayeFoundation**  
enabling solutions for people with disabilities

The Janki Saye Foundation was founded in 2015 by sisters Sheila and Mala as a legacy to their mother Janki.

The aim of this charity is to provide grants to fund assistive technology for people with complex disabilities and special needs.

**Assistive technology communication and reading devices can transform lives by bridging the gap between limitation and liberation.**

Communication devices provide a voice to people with disabilities which impact speech and motor skills. They empower individuals to express themselves and communicate their thoughts, wants and needs to those around them.

*Whether it's a child saying "I love you" for the first time, a stroke survivor telling you their story, or someone simply ordering a coffee on their own – these are the moments that make them feel less isolated and more connected.*

Reading (text to speech) devices help enhance independence and improve the quality of lives of people with visual impairments.

*For someone who's blind or visually impaired, access to information isn't a luxury – it's a lifeline. Whether it's reading a book, navigating a menu, or sending a message, every interaction with text is a potential barrier... or a bridge.*

Over the last 10 years we have awarded grants to 76 very deserving beneficiaries. We have helped individuals living with conditions which have included motor neurone disease, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, stroke, traumatic brain injury, sight loss and neurodivergence.

We are a small charity which is run entirely by volunteers and we rely on the generosity of donors and supporters. With very minimal operating costs, we are able to ensure that all monies raised go towards funding grants.



[www.jankisaye.org/donate](http://www.jankisaye.org/donate)

# SUPPORTING ST JOHN'S CHURCH

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## REGULAR SERVICES

Mon – Wed – 9:00 am Morning Prayer.

### 1st Sunday of the Month

– All-Age Holy Communion Service at 10:00 am

### 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the Month

– Holy Communion Service with Diddy Disciples at 10:00 am. Junior Church at 4:30 pm term time.

### 3rd Sunday of the Month

– Said Holy Communion Service at 9:00 am  
– Reflections Service with Diddy Disciples in church and Morning Junior Church in the Parish Hall at 10:00 am.  
Junior Church at 4:30 pm (term time)

## CHURCH CONTACTS

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## PARISH SAFEGUARDING

We take safeguarding seriously as a church. If you have any concerns, please contact:

**Parish Safeguarding Officers:**

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