



ALL SAINTS
KINGSTON

Annual Report

2025-2026



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Overview

Summary of the year –The Vicar, Revd Joe Moffatt, John Dewhurst & Roshan Jathanna, Church Wardens

In another year of many memorable highlights, top billing must surely go to the marvellous celebration on 4th September of the 1100th anniversary of the coronation of King Athelstan in Kingston. The day began with the arrival of a large group of pilgrims from Malmesbury Abbey, where Athelstan was buried, followed by a midday visit to Kingston Station where a South Western Railway locomotive was named '*King Athelstan*' by Bishop Martin. After lunch, four more of the 'Saxon Kings' embroideries were unveiled (because of circumstances beyond our control, King Ethelred the Unready was ironically not finished in time for the big day) followed by a fascinating talk about Athelstan to a packed audience by the eminent historian Tom Holland. The day culminated in a glorious festival service led by Bishop Martin, with guests from Malmesbury and Tamworth (the ancient capital of Mercia) as well as from our own Royal Borough, with music provided by the combined choirs of All Saints and Tiffin School. The sermon was preached by the Very Revd Professor Sarah Foot, Dean of Christ Church Oxford and the author of an authoritative scholarly biography of Athelstan.

Meanwhile, the four strategic priorities of the Mission Action Plan (Children & Young People, Communications, Community Partnerships and Eco Church) have each been steadily advanced. The church has continued to be open on seven days each week for almost every day of the year, thanks to our huge team of volunteers.

A 'Growing Leaders' course, designed to bring on the next generation of leaders for our church community and involving seven members of our congregation as well as participants from our two sister churches in the Team Ministry, took place across the year, culminating in an act of celebration and thanksgiving at the morning service on 7th December. The clergy team and members of the congregation provided each participant with individual mentoring support throughout the year.

We were delighted to welcome Revd Michael Stokes as a Pioneer Curate following his ordination as Deacon at Southwark Cathedral in June. His arrival at All Saints was celebrated with a Parish Lunch, and we look forward to hosting the Kingston Episcopal Area Ordination Service in July, when he will be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Kingston. We were also delighted to welcome Revd Sylvie Collins-Mayo, Professor of Sociology at Kingston University, to our ministry team as a non-stipendiary Assistant Priest. She was licensed by the Archdeacon of Wandsworth during the morning service on 6th April. Charlie Thompson, an Ordinand from the congregation of St Paul's Wimbledon Park, who has spent three years with us as part of his training for the Ministry at St Mellitus College, will be ordained at Guildford Cathedral in June prior to taking up a curacy at St Martin's, East Horsley. Aysha Taha has now left us to begin her training for the Ministry.

The steady daily rhythm of Sunday and weekday services has continued unbroken throughout the year, with (from the Sunday before the 2025 Annual Meeting to Palm Sunday 2026):

150 Sunday services (8.00am Holy Communion, 9.30am Eucharist, 6.00pm Choral Evensong);

196 weekday services (Holy Communion at 12.00 noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and Choral Evensong on Wednesdays at 5.30pm.

There were five services across Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The introduction of occasional 9.30am All-Age services, which feature our Junior Choir, has enabled the provision of Choral Matins at 11.00am on these Sundays. In addition to the Ordination Service, special services during the year included the Nine Lessons and Carols service, the Civic Remembrance Service, the historic Crown Court Service and the annual Mayoral Service. Our choir was joined at a special 'Royal' Choral Evensong on Sunday 18th May by the choir of the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court. We were also joined by the choir of St Mary Magdalene, Richmond, for Choral Evensong on 26th June. A well-attended and extremely moving service to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Allied victory in the Far East in 1945 took place in the Holy Trinity Chapel on Friday 15th August.

During the past year there have also been thirteen baptisms, two weddings and a wedding thanksgiving service. The monthly 'Wholeness and Healing' services in the Holy Trinity Chapel on Sunday mornings following the main service have proved to be very popular. A short annual commemoration of Merton Priory, the patron of our church from its foundation in the mid-12th century until the Reformation, took place during Choral Evensong on 11th May.

Our well-attended occasional series of Faith Talks continued in July with an excellent presentation by the Very Revd Nicholas Papadopolus, Dean of Salisbury Cathedral, about his personal experience of the Israel – Palestine conflict. Evensongs during Lent featured a series of sermons about 'Thorny Passages in the Bible,' which were followed up in weekly discussion groups, both in person and online. Following the 2024 Lent series of sermons, which were preached by visiting priests, this year our own Team Ministry clergy took up the challenge of tackling these challenging passages of scripture.

Two more very successful Parish Quiet Days took place at the House of Prayer in East Molesey during the year.

The social side of All Saints life was anything but neglected during the year. A second Parish Lunch took place in November, this one to celebrate our Patronal Festival, whilst an exhilarating Burns' Night and pop gigs by a 'Blondie' cover band and an 'Athelstan Rocks' band night provided something different for everyone and served to demonstrate just what an incredibly flexible space our ancient building can provide.

The 'Growing Faith Through Singing' project, funded by the diocese of Southwark continued strongly throughout the year (see report below). We were delighted to host a day conference for representatives of other churches from around the country, which culminated in a service of Choral Evensong sung by our own choir.

We would once again like to thank all those who in their various ways ensure that All Saints continues to be a thriving community which brings faith to life in the centre of Kingston.

Diocese Vision 2024-2035 (brief summary) – Revd Joe Moffatt

All Saints is part of the Diocese of Southwark and fully embraces the Southwark Vision for 2024-2035. This is to be **Christ Centred and Outward Focused**, as we walk together, discerning God's wisdom and guidance in our shared pilgrimage of faith.

The priorities for the Vision are:

- Maintaining the highest possible number of stipendiary clergy whilst continuing to grow lay ministry
- Growing existing churches and establishing new worshipping communities
- Becoming younger and more diverse
- Deepening discipleship
- Seeking the healing of our communities and our world

Each of these priorities has a series of objectives which are intended to enable parishes and congregations to play their full part in growing God's Church and blessing God's world.

Deanery Synod report – Isabel Isaacson, PCC Secretary

Deanery Synods represent the parishes within a particular Deanery. The Deanery Synod provides a link between the PCC of each parish in the Deanery and the Diocesan Synod. Each parish elects its Deanery Synod representatives at the ACPM every three years. The number of representatives is based upon the size of the relevant electoral roll. All Licensed Clergy in the Deanery are automatically members of the Deanery Synod.

Kingston Deanery Synod meets three times each year (normally during February, June and October) and matters of interest to the deanery are discussed as well as news from the Diocese and also from individual parishes. The first meeting of 2025 focused on the Ministry of Youth and included a contribution from Katy Miller, our music intern, in relation to the Raising Young Voices project. There was also feedback from the Archdeacon's Parish Conversations.

The June meeting looked at the diocesan links with Zimbabwe / Matabeleland and Revd Lindiwe Maseko, who took part in a visit to that area in November 2024, shared some reflections with Synod members. Sophie Roberts, Diocesan Environmental Officer, was invited to the October meeting to give a presentation to Synod on her role in helping churches to care for creation, and to work towards climate justice.

Team Ministry report – Revd Joe Moffatt, Team Rector

The Kingston Team Ministry is a group of three parishes: St John the Evangelist, Kingston (in Sprig Grove); St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale (in Robin Hood Lane) and All Saints Kingston (in the Ancient Market Place).

An important aspect of our team ministry is the mutual support that the clergy provide for each other. We meet up for an hour every week to discuss our work and pray for each other. We also provide holiday

cover and pulpit swaps. We were delighted to see the clergy team expand with the licensing of Rev Sylvie Collins-Mayo as an Associate Priest in March and Rev Michael Stokes as Pioneer Curate in June. We look forward to Michael's priesting on July 4th 2026.

Another significant joint activity is the Lent Course that we do together in mixed groups, with each church hosting sessions at different times of the week. Our theme for 2025 was 'Speaking of God' and we reflected on a superb series of sermons by chaplains who all worked in challenging settings. We will repeat the format in 2026, focussing on 'Thorny Passages of the Bible'.

A notable development in 2025 was the running of a Growing Leaders course. Nine participants from our churches were commissioned at the end of the year, having met together every month as a group and also with individual mentors. They are now all exploring future lay leadership roles within our churches. This is a great encouragement.

In 2025 we also introduced a joint annual service for Ascension Day. St John the Baptist hosted an outdoor communion in their wonderful church garden, culminating in the release of helium balloons, carrying our prayers heavenward. In 2026 we will gather at All Saints on May 14th.

There is also a joint Parish Weekend Retreat which is planned for June 5-7, 2026, at Storrington Priory in the Sussex Downs. This is an opportunity to build friendships across our three churches as well as enjoy time in prayer and relaxation.



Finally, I'd like to celebrate the launch of an exciting new initiative at St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale, called Wellspring. Rev Mandy Beck, the Team Vicar, writes:

'Wellspring a community which aims to bring life in all its fullness to its members and the community in which it is set, caring for the whole person body, mind and spirit.'

'Since its launch in October, more than 50 people have joined. To care for our bodies, we offer exercise classes, walks and nutrition talks. For mental wellbeing, we host social activities such as games nights, film nights and community lunches. For spiritual development, we gather for meditations in nature, poetry by the fireside and times of mindfulness and reflection.

'As fellow team churches, we would value your prayers for this growing work. If you would like to join us at any of our activities, you would be most welcome. More information can be found on our website:

www.inthevale.org.uk/wellspring.'

PCC report – Isabel Isaacson, PCC Secretary

The All Saints PCC met 6 times during 2025 APCM and there were also 4 meetings of the PCC Standing Committee during this period. There are 12 elected and co-opted members and 11 ex officio members including the clergy, wardens and Deanery Synod representatives. The average attendance was 18. The PCC's regular business includes the monitoring of the Church's finances, reviewing Church life and events, health and safety issues including safeguarding, and preparing for forthcoming services and other events. The work of the PCC is greatly assisted by the appointment of sub-committees to look in detail at particular issues. The Standing Committee is formed from members of the PCC and is constituted as follows: the Vicar, the Churchwardens, the Honorary Treasurer, the Deputy Churchwardens and the PCC Secretary. Meetings usually take place every two months, alternating with PCC meetings.

The progress in all our MAP priorities is detailed in a separate report.

Key Areas

Finance - Gareth Williams, Honorary Treasurer

Please see separate report



Fabric Inspection - John Dewhurst, Roshan Jathanna, Church Wardens & Paul Thompson, Assistant Church Warden



The Churchwardens are required to inspect the church building and the churchyard at least once each year, or to arrange for this to be done on their behalf (*The Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure, 1991*). The Churchwardens are required to present an annual report on the condition of the building to the Church Council and then to the Annual Parishioners' Meeting.

The Churchwardens can report, on the basis of the annual Fabric Inspection and an associated Risk Assessment, both carried out early in February 2026, that the church building continues to be structurally sound, watertight, secure, safe, in good decorative order (except for two long-standing areas of damp penetration at the West End, which are the subject of on-going monitoring by the architect) clean and tidy, well-lit and heated, and is accessible by wheelchair. As confirmed by the most recent Quinquennial Inspection report (2023) the external condition of the building is no worse than may be expected for a building of its age. Work to address the recommendations of the report are ongoing, subject to financial constraints. A major restoration project is planned for the East End exterior, involving a decayed pair of buttresses, a dilapidated and undecipherable early 19th century tablet monument and the flint surface of the gable wall. Tenders for the proposed work are currently being sought from recommended heritage building contractors, in consultation with our architect

With the exception of the dilapidated condition of the low perimeter wall to the north of the churchyard (by the bus stop), which has been fenced off and is now the subject of remedial action by the Council), the churchyard is judged to be safe. Work was done in December 2024 to secure some loose or cracked paving slabs in the drive-in) and despite frequent overnight littering it is generally clean and tidy, thanks in no small part to the continuing work of the Gardening Group and to the good relations with the RBK street cleaners that continue to be fostered by Sarah's Cafe. The churchyard is not judged to pose any threat to neighbouring buildings. Two lime trees in the north churchyard were felled during the Autumn, having been identified as diseased during an RBK H&S survey of the churchyard trees. These two trees will be replaced with lime saplings later in the year.

Gas, electricity and lightning conductor safety certificates are all up to date, as is the church's Public Liability Insurance. **A more detailed report is available on request.**

Safeguarding - Alex Crook, Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding is at the heart of all we do at All Saints and is an integral part of our ministry and mission. As Parish Safeguarding Officer ("PSO") I endeavour to respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation as they arise, liaising as necessary with the clergy at All Saints, our Churchwardens and seeking advice from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team where appropriate. I am grateful for the guidance and support I have received from the Diocesan Safeguarding Team during the course of this year which has been timely, insightful and helpful. Our clergy team ensure that we care pastorally both for any victims/survivors of abuse and also those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse.

I work with the PCC to implement the policy and procedures found in the House of Bishop's Promoting a Safer Church safeguarding policy statement and the House of Bishop's safeguarding policies and practice guidance. The PCC must promote a safer church for all in our church community and it ensures there is a plan in place to raise awareness of safeguarding matters, promote training and ensure that safeguarding is taken seriously by all those in the church community. I support the PCC in doing this and ensure that our safeguarding policy is reviewed and included on our website. My contact details are also advertised within the All Saints building.

Our parish continues to promote Safe Recruiting for volunteers in accordance with the procedures set out in A Safe Church. Our volunteers have DBS checks and these are renewed every 3 years. To reflect our commitment to the highest standards of safety, our parish—in line with guidance from the Diocese of Southwark—now partners with Thirtyone:eight to manage our Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. As a leading independent Christian safeguarding charity, Thirtyone:eight provides us with a streamlined, secure, and expert-led system for vetting our staff and volunteers. This transition ensures that our background checks are processed efficiently and stay fully compliant with the latest national legislation, giving us an extra layer of professional oversight in our mission to protect the vulnerable.

We have a volunteer handbook to support our volunteers in their roles and we observe the correct ratios for adults and children who participate in groups. Volunteers are aware of and work to the House of Bishop's safeguarding guidance and we keep a register of training, asking that all volunteers take part in online safeguarding training every 3 years. We also ensure that risk assessments are carried out for all new and existing parish activities where children and adults who may be vulnerable are participants.

We continue to use a shared secure online safeguarding account which is only accessible to a restricted number of people who need access to it. This secure safeguarding account contains electronic files relating to safeguarding, including a document recording DBS checks and safeguarding training records.

This year, we have fully integrated the Church of England Parish Dashboard into our governance to ensure that safeguarding remains at the heart of our church's life. This digital tool has been invaluable in allowing us to conduct a rigorous, ongoing self-audit of our safeguarding processes. Rather than a once-a-year check, the dashboard provides a real-time "traffic light" overview of our compliance with national standards. It automatically generates detailed reports for the PCC to review at every meeting, ensuring that safeguarding is a standing item on our agenda.

The primary strength of the dashboard lies in its clarity; it clearly celebrates where work has been completed—such as up-to-date DBS checks and completed training modules—while transparently highlighting areas where further action is required. This systematic approach ensures that no requirement is overlooked, providing our PCC with the assurance that we are proactively maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Mission Action Plan Priorities

A) Children and Young People - *pioneer new ways to engage with children and young people*

Growing Faith Through Singing- Pioneer Curate, Revd Michael Stokes

Junior Choir

This priority area of our Mission Action Plan has seen significant growth over the past year. Most visibly, our Junior Choir has grown from around 20 to over 30 members, thanks to a new recruitment strategy through the primary schools we work with. This growth now enables us to establish a separate Children's Choir for our younger choristers, ensuring every child receives high-quality musical training and faith development appropriate to their age and stage.

Worship

Our All-Age service (9.30am, one Sunday a month) has gone from strength to strength alongside the choir, with chorister attendance now regularly reaching 90%, and regularly being our largest regular service each month. Choral Matins continues to offer a distinctive and increasingly valued service, growing from 30 to 50 average worshippers.



Schools Outreach

Our Lifting Young Voices programme is now present in six schools, delivering curriculum music lessons to over 420 children every week. Whilst we lost one school partnership due to funding challenges, we welcomed three new schools — a net gain that reflects the growing reputation of the project. All six schools attended our most recent Spring Event, which brings children, families, and the parish together to celebrate everything the children have learned.

Teaching and Training

Our teaching has developed significantly this year. A new curriculum has been introduced covering vocal technique, a varied repertoire of sacred and secular music, and music theory and notation. We have also invested in our Choral Trainers through regular observations and team teaching. We are delighted to welcome Michael Burt as Principal Choral Trainer, working alongside our Director of Music and the wider choral training team.

New Initiatives: Toddler Groups and Holiday Camp

Beginning in June two new groups called "Little Singing Saints" will start, one aimed at babies, and another for older toddlers. This will continue to expand our singing and faith offering so that a child, and their family, can be engaged in our community from birth through to 18 and beyond.

In October Half Term 2026, we will run our first Lifting Young Voices Holiday Camp, in partnership with St John the Evangelist church. This is an exciting opportunity to reach children who are interested in choral singing but are not currently connected to any of our partner schools — broadening the reach of our mission into the wider community.

Supporting Other Parishes

Building on our success, we have begun supporting other parishes in the Diocese of Southwark to establish or develop their own choral missions. We currently have a pipeline of seven parishes, with one preparing for a secondment in September 2026. Our training and professional development provision will be extended to partner parishes, raising the quality of music-led mission across all our sites. To support this growing network, new branding for Lifting Young Voices is being developed — while All Saints' own Junior and Children's Choirs will remain firmly under the All Saint's name.

Community and National Connections

Our community links continue to grow. Our Junior Choir has been invited to perform at the Kingston Music Service summer singing festival — a wonderful recognition of the quality our choristers have achieved. We are also developing our national profile as a leader in music-led mission through the Growing Faith Music Network and the Major Parish Churches network.

Priorities for the Year Ahead

- Launch the Children's Choir alongside the Junior Choir, delivering stronger, age-appropriate teaching to a growing number of young singers.
- Address the challenge of school funding contributions while broadening engagement with local schools.
- Deliver the October Holiday Camp, reaching new children from across our community.
- Grow support for partner parishes through secondments and shared training, laying the foundations for a Lifting Young Voices network.

Youth Café – Pioneer Curate, Revd Michael Stokes

Throughout 2025 our Youth Cafe met monthly, sharing in a range of activities. We have deepened our relationship with Youth Ministry in Communion, a Southwark initiative to bring together youth from parishes like All Saints. This has included attending four events with over 60 other young people from Southwest London. We have also run a youth confirmation course where three young people have explored the faith further. However, in 2026 a decision has been made to not run the Youth Cafe monthly. Rather we will focus our efforts on deeper participation in Youth Ministry in Communion. We will also continue to explore how youth ministry can develop with other parish mission, such as a Youth Choir.

School Workshops – Sarah Cantrill, Story Storks



Our delivery partner, Sarah from Story Storks, has been in demand through 2025 and 2026, facilitating the 'Coronation Workshops' in the church to local schools. Sarah has developed a booking portal on the Story Storks website, which not only makes the admin process far easier on Jenny, but is now starting to attract schools from further afield, including as far as Croydon and London Bridge!

In June 2025, Sarah secured a grant from the Kingston 2025 team to deliver a fantastic show in partnership with King Aethelstan School, telling the story behind the naming of their school. An expert script written and directed by Sarah was performed brilliantly by some 240 children for their families and local dignitaries.

Sarah also devised and delivered the Coronation re-enactment at the civil service marking 1100 years since Athelstan's crowning, noted by Professor Sarah Foot for being "very moving."



Jenny Bridges, Operations Manager

In 2025 we continued to have standalone bespoke workshop provision with schools who approach us directly with a specific heritage ask such as Kingston Academy (Yr 7).

April 2025 to April 26 we welcomed approximately 9 individual schools to 19 workshops in total. All Saints continues to look at new ways to expand on delivery as popularity grows.

B) Communications – ‘raise our profile and extend our outreach through better communications’

Communications Strategy: Progress Report– Kate Shrimpton, Comms Manager



A central aim of our Communications Strategy is to engage both existing and new audiences, encouraging more people to make use of All Saints and to begin or deepen their faith journey with us. Over the past year, a coordinated approach to both online and in-person communications has increased our visibility, strengthened engagement, and enhanced brand recognition for All Saints Kingston.

The rebrand and new logo are now fully embedded across our communications, with consistent use across signage, posters, leaflets, and formal documents. This visual identity will shortly be strengthened through the launch of a complementary logo for the *Lifting Young Voices* project. Designed to sit confidently alongside the All Saints branding, this new logo will support cohesion across the growing number of internal LYV groups and provide a clear and professional brand for partner parishes establishing their own new choral traditions. Improvements to the YouTube channel, including the introduction of clear picture thumbnails for each service, have enhanced accessibility and improved the overall presentation of online worship content. This is particularly helpful for visitors looking for specific content, such as our Lent sermon series for the discussion groups, our highly regarded faith talks series or our Athelstan anniversary services and events.

Our digital reach continues to grow. The website now attracts an average of 18,000–20,000 visitors per month and plays a central role in raising awareness of our services, projects, and events. The fortnightly emailed newsletter (E-bulletin) is approaching 500 subscribers and maintains an average open rate of 70% and social media channels have sustained growth, with 550 Facebook followers and 770 Instagram followers. These platforms are used not only to promote services and events, but also to share engaging, meaningful content that encourages deeper involvement with All Saints.

Our bi-monthly volunteer leader forum meetings continue to foster an open dialogue with our hugely dedicated volunteers whose generosity of time enables All Saints remain a visible and accessible part of the life of Kingston. Communications activity supports this work by creating leaflets to signpost groups and events, encouraging visits, and highlighting the vital role volunteers play in sustaining this ministry of welcome. Overall, strong foundations are now in place to support continued growth, deeper engagement, and expanded outreach in the year ahead.

C) Partnerships – ‘invest in our partnerships so that we better understand the needs of our community’

Local Ecumenical Partnership with Kingston URC- Revd Joe Moffatt

Our formal partnership with Kingston United Reformed Church continues to be very fruitful. We share Lent Courses and Services during Holy Week. We run an enquirers course called ‘What Christians Believe’ which uses material from the Emmaus Course: a dozen people have participated, four of whom went on to be baptised and confirmed. And we continue to rent a ‘back office’ in the Richard Mayo Centre (the suite of rooms behind the URC church). This helps our admin and clergy teams keep in close touch with our URC counterparts. I continue to value meeting Lesley Charlton, the Senior Minister, on a fortnightly basis for mutual support.

Bereavement Café- Sheila Bryant, Assistant Church Warden



Created In November 2023, with support and training from Princess Alice Hospice, the Café provides a safe space to talk for anyone seeking support after the loss of a loved one.

The group meets every other Wednesday afternoon from 2-3pm, We have a loyal team of volunteers, who facilitate the conversations and Sarah Cogger kindly offers a hot drink.

In 2025, we joined with PAH to host a Light up a Life service and plan to make this an annual event in December.

We are grateful to Kate Shrimpton, Communications Manager, for providing leaflets and social media publicity.

WelCare Stay & Play groups - Kate Shrimpton, Comms Manager



The joint initiative Stay & Play groups between All Saints Kingston and Kingston WelCare continue to provide welcoming and supportive spaces for local families during term time. The programme includes a weekly pre-school Stay & Play session and a bi-monthly after-school craft session for primary-aged children.

Through a play-based approach and active listening techniques, the team offers parents and carers a safe environment in which to share experiences, access information about local support services, and build meaningful connections with other families. These opportunities help to reduce isolation and foster supportive peer

relationships within the local community.

The sessions are intentionally inclusive and largely non-religious, ensuring that families from all backgrounds feel comfortable and welcome. However, the programme also creates gentle pathways into the wider life of All Saints. A highlight of the year was a popular Christmas session led by curate Michael Stokes, who shared the Christmas story with the pre-school children in a creative and accessible way. Families attending Stay & Play are encouraged to make use of the church café and children's corner, helping them to feel at home within the building and supporting All Saints Kingston's wider commitment to hospitality, community engagement, and mission. The WelCare Stay & Play groups continue to be an important part of All Saints' outreach to families, offering practical support, friendship, and a welcoming first step into the church community.

Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH) - Julian Adams KCAH Trustee



As part of its Mission Action Plan commitment to invest in partnerships in order to better understand the needs of our community, All Saints has continued to support and promote the work of KCAH in various ways throughout the year. Fund raising continued through various events including a cake sale and the very well supported carol singing in *The Bishop's* pub shortly before Christmas. As important as its financial support, All Saints has also continued to highlight the issue of homelessness by dedicating one of the sermon slots at a Choral Eucharist to

promote the work of KCAH and the pressing need for housing assistance in the borough. We learnt how the charity's Housing Advisory Service (which aims to prevent homelessness in the first place) is seeing record volumes of calls. This situation is driven by the lack of available social housing in the borough, increasingly unaffordable rentals in the private sector and the current cost of living crisis.

Christian Aid (including Christmas Tree Choirs) – Sue Watts



All Saints continues to be an active member of the Kingston Christian Aid Committee. The joint service at the beginning of Christian Aid Week was held at Kingston Methodist Church this year with a collection of £635. A successful Quiz Night, street dancing on the Flag Day, sponsoring walkers for the London Freedom Walk, as well as cake and plant sales meant that, together, the Kingston churches raised £10,982 (Off-line: £9552 and Just Giving: £1430) for the work of Christian Aid. Donations via the traditional red envelopes amounted to a quarter of the money raised. On-line donations were made through a Just Giving page or by using its associated QR code.

The year ended with carol singing in Clarence Street and the very successful 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree' at All Saints. The total raised during the year was 10% lower than for 2024.

Thanks are due to Isabel Isaacson and Sheila Bryant for organising the fundraising efforts and to our volunteers for giving their time and energy to support the ever important work of Christian Aid. At All Saints we would welcome new volunteers to participate in our fundraising efforts especially during Christian Aid Week in May.



Three local choirs (Euphonix, Eclipse and Canbury Singers) came to sing for an hour around the Christmas tree on the three Sunday afternoons before Christmas. This was very well received by those sitting in the café or passing through the church, who stood to listen and even joined in with the singing. The three chosen charities: Christian Aid (Middle East Crisis Appeal), Refugee Action Kingston and Kingston Welcare, each received £378.

We extend grateful thanks to the choirs for their generous participation in this event.

Kingston Faith and Belief Forum – Revd Joe Moffatt

In my second year as chair, the Forum has gone from strength to strength. Meetings are now attended by over 30 representatives from across most of the major faith traditions. Topics discussed have included some very contentious issues: Assisted Dying, Responses to Gaza and Community Safety. These have been conducted with great respect and deep listening to each other.

Two major events have been organised: a Faith Walk during Interfaith Week in November, which involved 80 people visiting 6 places of worship; and the annual Holocaust Memorial Day event in January, including an address from a survivor of Bergen-Belsen. Affiliated groups like the Dialogue Society (Muslim) and Namaste (Hindu) actively invite forum members to a range of other interfaith events. I will be going on an multi-faith group visit to Sarajevo, organised by The Dialogue Society, in May 2026.

The active involvement of Kingston Mosque and both the Orthodox and Liberal Synagogues is particularly significant, given the conflict in the Middle East. The mutual concern that they have for each other is a sign that we mustn't lose hope of a better future.

The Forum produces a very informative monthly ebulletin. All our welcome to signup via this webpage: [About us - Kingston Faith and Belief Forum](#)

'Churches Together' in Kingston – Revd Joe Moffatt

We have good relations with a number of churches near the centre of Kingston, in particular: Kingston URC, Kingston Methodist Church, Kingsgate Church, St Raphael's RC Church and our Anglican neighbours (St John's Spring Grove, St Peter's Norbiton, St Paul's Kingston Hill, St Luke's, St John's Hampton Wick). There is a Minister's meeting every term, and we have joint Prayer Services three times year. We hosted this service in January during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The churches also come together for the Walk of Witness on Good Friday.

D) Eco Church – 'work to become an Eco Church'

Overview – Teresa Beynon, Chair Person Eco Group



This year the Eco church group has been building on the foundation laid by Graham Nash, inching toward fulfilling the requirements for the A Rocha Silver Eco church award in 2026. The commitment and energy of the eight person Eco church team, supported by John Dewhurst and Joe, have been an immense encouragement.

Worship and teaching – Teresa Beynon



As part of the King Athelstan celebrations, a 130 mile pilgrimage walk was organised and completed by Rev William Allberry, the Mayor of Malmesbury, and others, with some pilgrims joining for one or more leg of the journey. Many churches were visited along the way offering hospitality and sharing their history.

The Palm Sunday service started by the river, and reminded us this year of the elements, being both windy and cold. We join annually in a walk of witness with other churches in Kingston on Good Friday. Both Harvest Sunday, led by our own clergy, and Creation Sunday, led by Terezie Wickenden, a local environmentalist, celebrated the wonder and productivity of the earth we share, with the Eco church team leading the prayers on Creation Sunday. Some of the eco church team have attended diocesan carbon literacy training.



Buildings and energy (including Net Zero)

See Fabric report



Land and nature (Churchyard Gardening Group) – Carys Griffiths



This year has been an interesting one as we have joined forces with the ECO group for certain aspects of our gardening, such as preparing the ground for “Sow to Sew” Flax growing and roping off a NO MOW area with stronger stakes and ropes, adding signs to draw public attention to such areas.

Thanks to Chris, Shin and Teresa, the Compost Bin has been moved to a more suitable position near the Wood Pile. Geoff and Mary Warman as usual have been keeping the hedges under control and due to a mostly mild season no winter break was taken this year.

For various reasons the Team has shrunk in number recently, therefore anyone who is interested in giving us a helping hand can get in touch through the Church Office. Looking after the plants and keeping the surrounding area clear and tidy is very satisfying and makes our patch of Green a welcome oasis in the centre of Kingston.

Community and global engagement – Anne Froud & Teresa Beynon

ASK hosted both [Habitats & Heritage](#), who care for our natural and historic environment, and ‘Sow to Sew’, who cultivate flax on small sites, which we are growing this year by the West door. We repeated the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch in January and registered one of our very old yew trees in ‘Love Your Yew’ week in February, run by [Caring For God's Acre – the conservation charity for burial grounds across the UK – Protecting Wildlife, Preserving Heritage, Involving People](#). The hedging for biodiversity project has been postponed until the wall repair has taken place.

Donations to two environmental charities were enabled through an Ecogroup cake sale on Creation Sunday for [Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project](#). An engaging piano concert by Terezie Wickenden on behalf of the [World Land Trust - Saving habitats, saving species](#), raised enough to purchase ten acres of land through the trust.

The Eco-board in Sarah's café, is regularly updated, as is the website, with news, local recycling and wildlife initiatives. This Lent we featured a ‘Carbon Fast’. Our churchyard Green Quiz, pitched toward 5-11 year olds, was launched in 2026, and includes prizes! An eco-tip is included in the fortnightly newsletter. Advertising enabled town-wide donations of candles, taken to the Scrubbery which with empty tin cans will enable them to make about 90 trench candles for Ukraine. We intend to repeat the collection annually.

Anne continues to actively represent us on the Kingston Environmental Forum, which brings together local campaigners, activists and organisations concerned with the natural environment. The renovated memorial gardens will shortly be inviting help to plant the memorial gardens.

Lifestyle – Samantha Taylor & Liz Deller, Assistant Church Warden

Creation Sunday overlapped with Fairtrade fortnight (22nd Sept – 5th Oct) in 2025. On Creation Sunday, Terezie Wickenden offered suggestions to further reduce our carbon footprints, encouraging personal energy audits, highlighting local recycling projects, such as the monthly ‘Repair Café’ and ‘Save the World’ furniture and Citizen Zoo's rewilding project in Tolworth.

Fairtrade products are promoted through using fairly traded tea, coffee and sugar for refreshments after church services. Chocolate in biscuits is supplied by a Fairtrade partner. The shop includes Fairtrade goods, this year including Easter eggs, Christmas decorations from Kashmir, crosses from El Salvador. A Fairtrade review will be undertaken in October 2026.

Practical lifestyle eco tips are offered fortnightly in the newsletter. During Lent this year, we promoted the ‘Carbon Fast’, suggesting small, weekly, carbon reducing lifestyle changes. Copies of a nature-based Prayer Walk are available by the Eco board. Creation care offers a lifestyle carbon audit tool for individuals or families who want to understand their own carbon footprint [About | Creation Care](#).

Worship Groups

Music Dept – David Condry, Director of Music



The music department of All Saints Kingston has, as ever, had a full, exciting and successful year, continuing to go from strength to strength. The year has seen some changes in staffing, with Michael Burt taking up the new role of Principal Choral Trainer, responsible for the development and delivery of the Lifting Young Voices Curriculum. His extensive experience as a church musician and classroom teacher has proved invaluable to the continued growth of the LYV programme. Michael was thrown in at the deep end shortly after starting work, as he was called upon to cover the conducting duties during

David Condry's paternity leave during Advent. For this we are enormously grateful, especially for his musical direction of a very beautiful Advent Procession service. Sadly, we said goodbye to Seb Maclaine in September, who has moved on to full-time operatic and performance work. We wish him every success for his career. We are very fortunate to have both Carl Jackson and Alan Erdelyi as honorary associate organists. Michael Burt has also taken on the duties of playing for most Wednesday evensongs, in addition to some Sunday services. Our organ scholar, Hannah Chilton, has continued to demonstrate her growing talent, accompanying an increasing number of choral services, as well as playing for non-choir Sundays and all-age services.

The outstanding work of the LYV project is covered elsewhere in this annual report; however, it must be noted here how grateful we are for the superb musicianship offered by our Lay Clerks, Emma Smellie and Freddie Ingles. Their loyalty and professionalism have significantly contributed to the continued progression and growth in the choir's standard. We are delighted that we will soon be in a position to announce the appointment of a new Tenor Lay Clerk.

Also leaving us last year was Katy Miller, who, after seven years of service to the choir as chorister, head chorister, choral scholar and music department intern, left to go to university in Sheffield, with a choral scholarship at Sheffield Cathedral. Her constant hard work, loyalty and dedication to the choir have been greatly missed.

Musically, the choir has continued to flourish. Building on the success of last year's concert performance of JS Bach's *St John Passion*, the choir has now an established pattern of concerts each term, in addition to the regular pattern of choral services. Most notably, in January the choir gave an astounding performance of Rachmaninov's *All-night Vigil* (commonly known as the "vespers"). The concert was very well attended and raised a significant sum in support of the work of the music department. This is a famously demanding work, not only because of the linguistic difficulties and musical complexity, but also because it requires a professional level of stamina. We should all be rightly proud to have such a talented and dedicated choir.

Following these musical successes, we are now in a position to undertake a professional recording. In May, the choir will be recording a CD of Christmas music with Priory Records. We hope to have this available for sale by the end of September or early October.

Recruitment has continued apace, thanks in no small part to the Junior Choir proving not only to be a wonderful opportunity for young people in its own right, but also as a perfect training ground for potential choristers. We now have five such young singers, who have progressed from the Junior choir into the auditioned treble line. After Easter we will be launching a children's choir for children aged 5-7 and in June we will introduce singing groups for mothers and babies and for mothers and toddlers - so we will have a music department which offers opportunities to everyone from birth, all the way through to becoming an adult member of the choir.

I am always grateful to every member of the choir for their exceptional loyalty, professionalism and dedication. I look forward to the year ahead and the opportunities which it brings.

Bellringers - Paul Flavell, Tower Captain



Ringling:

Our team has around 20 ringers so we usually ring all 12 bells on Sundays mornings and evenings. We ring methods as well as rounds and call changes which is extremely satisfying and developing our abilities. It's a really fun group and we enjoy our social get togethers after ringing as well. The ringers have had barbeques and curries together and our Annual Dinner was held at the Black Horse in Kingston in February.

We welcome Matthew Davies to our team and Catherine and Charlotte are progressing really well. Max (16) has recently rung his first full peal and is in the Surrey squad for the National Young Ringers Competition in July. We're very proud of him! Congratulations to Mary who is now an accredited ART bell handling teacher. Kate and I are grateful Mary has taken some of the load of teaching from us. We very much enjoy the support of our regular local visitors and other visitors from towers have included Hereford Cathedral, Trinity New York, Manchester Cathedral, Washington DC and Dublin.

On 8 May we rang for the 80th anniversary of VE Day and in July for the King Athelstan celebrations with a group from Dorset. We also rang for the launch of Kingston 2025 to celebrate the 1100th anniversary of Athelstan's coronation, including the unveiling of the Seven Saxon Kings Embroidery project.

Our outing included Ditchat, Shepton Mallet, Cheddar, Chilcompton and Midsomer Norton. On the Sunday morning we were applauded by the congregation at Radstock after ringing for service! The 2026 outing will be a day outing to Southampton and Romsey.

We had a spring clean in June and again in November to keep the ringing chamber spick and span. Thanks to all who helped with this.

The flag has been put up for the usual church festivals including All Saints Day.



The bells have undergone a major renovation in 2026 which included the following items:

- Rebusing, refacing and repainting the clappers
- Cleaning out and regreasing the bearings
- Replacing gudgeons (pivots) on the 11th bell
- Cleaning down, undercoating and repainting the bell frame.

We're grateful to all our sponsors who contributed to the project, including a very generous bequest from Shirley Bolton in memory of Andrew and a grant from the local Surrey Bellringers. Further details can be found here: [We are home! - Kingston Bell Ringers](#)

Finally, can I thank all the ringers for their continued support, Kate Flavell for her work as Secretary, Kate Corney as our Social Secretary, Chris Ridley for being our Treasurer, Paul Corney for steeple keeping and finally So-Shan for her excellent social media posts which show us to be such a vibrant and active tower.

Children's Church – Eithne Fray, Assistant Church Warden



Children's Church currently meets roughly monthly, in the Choir Vestry during the Sunday Morning Eucharist and we have four leaders who take it in turns to lead the sessions.

The children and their leader go out to the Choir Vestry at the end of the first hymn and some parents like to join us for the session too.

A children's version of the Gospel for the day is told and children are encouraged to do some artwork or activity on this to help them to learn more about Jesus and of God's love for us all.

Later in the session there is a collection taken and one of the children takes this to the Altar at the Offertory. At the end we all join the main Congregation to receive Communion or a Blessing.

The children take home with them whatever they have made, pictures they have coloured etc as a reminder of the Gospel Story.

Servers - Libby Lewin



The servers are a small team who assist the vicar during the service and include a crucifer who carries the cross and two acolytes who carry the candles during the Sunday morning service. You may also see the crucifer and acolytes during special services around Christmas and Easter time and for some Evensong services.

About half the team have been trained as a thurifer which is when incense is used during the service. A big thank you to those who have served over the past year or so. We are actively looking to expand the team, so please get in touch if you would like to join the team.

Sidespeople – Elwyn Griffiths

2025-2026 was an eventful year in the life and work of All Saints, with a busy schedule for the morning and evening services Sidespeople, including duties at extra seasonal services and major events such as Civic, Diocesan and Ordination Services, as well as the Athelstan Coronation Celebrations. For some special services the church was full to capacity.

Currently we have 18 dedicated volunteers for the 9-30 am Sunday service and 10 for Evensong, who also serve at the midweek Choral Evensong; some volunteers are on both lists. New volunteers are always welcome.

There are usually three Sidespeople on duty at 9-30 am, their main role being Welcomers at the West and South doors. Sidespeople have several other duties, including handing out hymn books, service and information sheets, arranging children's busy boxes, taking the collection and directing the congregation at communion. For large congregations, 6 Sidespeople maybe on duty and are also involved in finding and allocating seats. Their work supports that of the Churchwardens in ensuring the smooth running of services and they help tidy up the church afterwards.

Readers & Intercessors - Anne Nicholson

There are currently twelve congregation members who regularly read lessons and prepare and lead intercessions at the Sunday morning Choral Eucharist Service. Training for Intercessors is planned and it is hoped this will encourage more people to come forward for this important role. There are others who read regularly at Evensong, Matins and at special services.

John Dewhurst

Readers at Choral or Sung Evensong, and at Said Evening Prayer during choir holidays, are drawn from members of the congregation (currently at least twelve of whom are regular readers) and also from the Choir.

Refreshments – Sian Adams



Refreshments provide a great opportunity to build our community, welcome newcomers and offer hospitality on special occasions. Fifteen volunteers take turns, roughly once a month, to serve freshly brewed coffee and tea after the 9.30 Sunday service. Others help more occasionally, but together we have also been able to offer refreshments after Lent Evensongs, in November following the 'Light up a Life' Service, in September to the Athelstan Pilgrims, to a visiting Choir in May and to celebrate the recent re-dedication of the Bells. We operate on a donation basis, sometimes with a fundraising focus. Cake contributions have come from the Choir, the Bellringers and members of the congregation, while beneficiaries have included: Christian Aid, A Rocha (a Christian environmental charity), Kingston Welcare and the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal.

Many thanks to all who contribute. We are always in search of new volunteers, so do get in touch if you would like to be involved.

Faith & Nurture Groups

Lent and Advent Discussion Groups- Curate, Revd Sarah Williams



Our Lent offering for 2025 involved a series of Evensong sermons which formed the basis for discussion groups during the week. Our theme was "Speaking of God" with chaplains from a range of settings outside of the institutional church preaching on how they speak of faith and God in their different contexts.

For Advent 2025, a group met on Wednesday mornings for discussion on the book O Come Emmanuel, Reflections on the Advent Antiphons. Both the Lent and Advent groups were well attended and the feedback was very positive.



In addition, we also maintained what has now become an established pattern of Advent and Lent Parish Quiet Days at the House of Prayer, East Molesey. They offered the opportunity to step away from the busyness of everyday life for a time of reflection and prayer. In Lent 2025 the theme of our Quiet Day was the Transfiguration and in Advent we reflected on Christ the King. Both Quiet Days had 15-17 attendees. A further Quiet Day was held in March 2026 and we are looking forward to our first Parish Retreat weekend at Storrington in June 2026. Seeking quiet time for prayer has also been offered through our monthly Ignatian prayer space where a small group meet to pray using the Examen or Imaginative

Contemplation, devotional exercises developed by St Ignatius of Loyola.

During 2025, we also ran an Enquirers Course for those interested in exploring the Christian faith. It was a real joy when four of the attendees were baptised at our Easter dawn service. This was followed up by a confirmation course and six candidates were confirmed by Bishop Martin in June 2025.

In September 2025, we began a year-long programme of faith and nurture courses for people at all stages of faith. This included the Southwark Diocese Racial Justice course run by our ordinand, Charlie Thompson and a How to Understand the Bible course which was a personal overview of the Bible by Rev Joe Moffatt with contributions from clergy colleagues. Future events include GraveTalk which is a Café space to open up discussions around death and dying.

Growing Leaders – Curate, Revd Sarah Williams

From January to December we ran a Growing Leaders course, led by Rev Sarah Williams and Rev Joe Moffatt. It is designed to encourage emerging leaders with a focus on the characteristics and skills of Christian leadership. The course consists of monthly in person teaching and discussion sessions, away days, projects to promote reflection and growth and a one to one mentoring facility for each participant. Seven participants from ASK took part in the course and two from St John the Baptist. We started the course with a 24 hour residential at the Kairos Centre in Roehampton in January which was followed by the monthly sessions. The course concluded in December with a commissioning of the ASK participants at our 9.30am service on 7th December. It was a privilege to walk alongside those participating in the course and it has been wonderful to hear since the course concluded how God has been working in their lives and where they feel God may be calling them to serve.

Other Groups & Activities

Saxon Kings Embroidery Project – Revd Sandy Cragg



Last year saw the official unveiling of the 6 panels on the 1,100th Anniversary of Athelstan's Coronation, as the Mayors of Kingston, Malmesbury, Tamworth, Oldenburg (our twin town in Germany), the Bishop of Kingston and Joe lifted off their curtains. Present also were Embroiderer Jacky Puzey and Beader Beatrice Mayfield, with the original student designer Sophia Pearson.

The Book of Names which raised money for the Project was

introduced and blessed at the All Souls Service. It will be displayed in a specially made cabinet near the panels later this year.#

The 7th panel is now in progress. As per our usual procedure, the Team – David (History Advisor) Leo (Art Advisor) Joe, John, Joni, Penny, Kate and Sandy – approved the design, samples of agreed areas were made by Embroiderer Jacky and Beader Beatrice. Herewith is a photo of the sample of the dragon ship at the lower left of the panel – its first public showing. We expect King Ethelred to be finally ready and installed in early autumn.



The Panels are fully funded from donations and we are now fundraising for Phase 2 – watch for details.

Concerts & Recitals - Keith Long



There were 28 Monday lunchtime recitals in 2025. Artistes, who embraced a wide range of musical styles, ranged from established professionals to students at London's music schools. We have also now started a regular programme of organ recitals on Friday lunchtimes – there were four of these in the autumn term, with the inaugural recital being given by Carl Jackson. Audience numbers remain gratifyingly high, and audience members donated a total of over £5,300 (net of expenses) to the church's music fund over the year. We are extremely grateful to the artistes, who all contribute their services free of charge and so help in the continuation of both series, which have become an established part of the town's musical life.

Listening Service – Sandy Cragg



One of the team of 17 listeners greets people in the cafe each morning. Many casual greetings are exchanged, creating an atmosphere of warmth and welcome. The team are trained to facilitate more in-depth encounters where appropriate and over 400 such have taken place over the last year. These vary from listening to people who live alone and may not have spoken to another human being for days, now that buses and shop tills have a tap-your-card system. Just chatting to a sympathetic person can feel like a lifeline. Every imaginable problem can also come up and the listeners just listen and show they understand and care. Many of life's problems have no solution but people can leave feeling lighter and encouraged, their burden less heavy for sharing. If you would like to know more, or would be interested in joining the team, see Sandy Cragg.

Welcome Desk Vergers – Sheila Cheek



The Verger team currently has 35 members, 12 of whom have a regular weekly shift, some who cover shifts perhaps once or twice monthly and some who fill in the gaps wherever necessary. Several members of the team have given up volunteering for differing reasons but we have also gained roughly the same number of volunteers so the total number of volunteers has remained more or less the same. Most of the time, the shifts are 90% filled each month. The most difficult shifts to fill are still at the weekends and at celebration times when naturally people want to spend time with their families. Nevertheless, there are Verger shifts three times a day from Monday to Saturday and two on Sundays. When the café is closed we need to have twice as many vergers which can cause a problem.

I work closely with Kate, the Communications Officer, in finding and inducting new team members. We've tried to ensure that all vergers are clear in their duties whilst on shift and to that end, a list was compiled to help clarify the probable duties. Visitors to the church are very pleased to have someone on 'door duty' to welcome them into the church. The Church remains an inviting place for not only the local community but also visitors from farther afield.

Coffee Group – Carys Griffiths



The number fluctuates weekly, but everyone is made to feel welcome. We usually have a short light hearted quiz or game to keep everyone on their toes with plenty of time to socialise over a cup of tea or coffee. It has become a regular feature on our calendar at Christmas to go for Breakfast and a little retail therapy at The Squires Garden Centre, Twickenham. We have also ventured across the road to Huffkins [J.L] when the church café is unavailable for our use. It is always a happy gathering and we welcome anyone who would like to join us either on a regular basis or on an occasional visit 11.00am 'till 12.30pm every Thursday.

Poetry Group – Sheila Bryant, Assistant Church Warden



This group takes the place of the Praying through Poetry sessions which were held from January to June 2025. Sheila Bryant, inspired by the Lent sermon and book, *A Splash of Words*, by The Very Revd Dr Mark Oakley (Dean of Southwark Cathedral), presents the works of traditional, and contemporary established poets for discussion by the group. The sessions are held, on, or close to, the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:15–6:15pm in the choir vestry.

Book Group - Anne Nicholson



We continue to meet monthly and now have seven committed members. Since the book group was formed we have enjoyed the wide range of books suggested by the Church Times Book Club accompanied by an informative article and questions to focus our discussion. Sadly the Church Times stopped their book club page at the beginning of 2025. We have decided to continue on our own either trying to access the Church Times archive or choosing books ourselves. New members are always welcome.

English Conversation – Revd William Allberry



We continue to meet in the church fortnightly on Friday afternoons, offering free, informal conversation sessions to anyone who wants to develop their spoken English. Our regulars are mostly refugees, and they seem to enjoy the informality and to share the friendship that's offered. We are not a language school: many of our guests are able to attend formal language courses at Kingston College and elsewhere; but just we aim to help them to express themselves so as to be able to cope with ordinary day-to-day situations.

Knitting Group – Catherine Fennemore



The group meets in the church on Tuesday between 10.00am and 11.45am After many happy and rewarding years knitting for **MALAWI** our nearest collector is now too far away for our connection to remain viable. During the past year we have established a good relationship with the local (Teddington) branch of the **SALVATION ARMY**. The items we produce find welcoming homes around the borough. We have continued to provide a very large number of blankets (including cot blankets), T-shirts, jumpers, fish & chip sets and various winter garments such as hats, scarves and gloves in small, medium and large sizes.

Blankets from crocheters are also warmly welcomed. If that is your skill then join us.

We have several gifted members in our group who knit wonderful toys which are deeply loved by the recipients.

Many friends of the group continue to provide wool of all sorts which is much appreciated and put to good use.

Other Café Based Groups - Jenny Bridges, Operations Manager

Chess Group



The chess group has now been running since January 2024, and they meet weekly, Wednesdays 10am until 12 noon (sometimes later). Anyone can join the sessions, whatever skill level. It has continued to grow in popularity, and once a month a 'blitz' session is held in the Choir Vestry, which is a fast-paced variant where each player has a limited time to make all their moves! Members of the local chess club attend and run regular sessions and are on hand to give a friendly welcome and advice. For more about Kingston Chess Club visit:

[Kingston Chess Club | Established 1875](#)

Embroidery Group



Kantha Embroidery has been in the church for over a year and is a community based tapestry sewing project run by Magdalena, director and co-founder of Ariadne's Thread Group. Magdalena is also the person behind the Sow to Sew project our Eco group are liaising with on the Flax project.

Anyone is welcome to come and join in the sewing and it is a great way to meet likeminded people. It is held fortnightly, on Thursday mornings. For more information about their work

visit: [HOME - Ariadne's Thread Group CIC](#)

Poppy Cascade for Remembrance Service

Poppy Target: 1,000
Poppies Received: Over 2800!

Thanks to everyone and their poppy making skills



Assembling a Poppy Cascade

This was many hours of work by a small dedicated group of volunteers – thank you!



One of the Completed Cascades

Three were created in total with a 'carpet' for the font
Thanks to the generous amount of poppies which were hand-made and donated



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Tuesday 9am: Morning Prayer

Tuesday 12noon: Holy Communion

Wednesday 12noon: Holy Communion

Wednesday 5.30pm: Choral Evensong

Thursday 12noon: Holy Communion

Sunday 8.00am: Holy Communion

Sunday 9.30am: Choral Eucharist

(with Children's Church that meets in an adjacent room)

Sunday 6.00pm: Choral Evensong

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