



**ALL SAINTS
KINGSTON**

6pm Sung Evensong

12 April 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Sung Evensong. The Revd Michael Stokes, is presiding this evening and the preacher is Revd Dr Bob Mayo. The choir are on their Easter break. The service is filmed and broadcast on our YouTube channel. Please sit in the back three rows if you want to avoid being filmed.

<u>Hymns</u>	107	Good Christian men, rejoice and sing
	112	Jesus lives! thy terrors now can, O Death no more appal us
	118	The Lord is risen indeed!

Responses Ferial

Canticles Chant

Psalms 30, vv. 1-5

- 1 I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up: and not made my foes to triumph over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee: and thou hast healed me.
- 3 Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell: thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.
- 4 Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his: and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life: heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Daniel 6: 1-23

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, stationed throughout the whole kingdom, and over them three presidents, including Daniel; to these the satraps gave account, so that the king might suffer no loss. Soon Daniel distinguished himself above all the other presidents and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom. So the presidents and the

satraps tried to find grounds for complaint against Daniel in connection with the kingdom. But they could find no grounds for complaint or any corruption, because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption could be found in him. The men said, 'We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.'

So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, 'O King Darius, live for ever! All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.' Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.

Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open towards Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, 'O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?' The king answered, 'The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.' Then they responded to the king, 'Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.'

When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, 'Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.'

Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!' A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, 'O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?' Daniel then said to the king, 'O king, live for ever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.' Then the king was exceedingly

glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Mark 15: 46 – 16: 8

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Collect

Almighty Father, who has given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News and Events

Revision of the Electoral Roll Please check that your name is on our Electoral Roll (the church membership list) which is on the Welcome Desk. If it isn't, please fill out an Electoral Roll Form, available from the desk, and place in the box. This needs to be done by April 10th, after which the Roll is closed until after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on April 26th.

Regular Giving Campaign We would be very grateful if everyone in our congregations could prayerfully review their giving. Please pick up a leaflet (with purple lettering) that sets out the need to raise an extra £10,000 a year and consider setting up or switching your giving to the Parish Giving Scheme.

Bereavement Café - Wed 15th April 2-3pm. A space to find mutual support from others who understand the experience of loss. Come and go as you wish. Free.

Church Walking Group - Sat 18th April, 11am-1pm Join us for the first of our monthly group walks. A great way to get outside and enjoy the Spring. Starting at All Saints Kingston, we'll walk along the river to St Andrews Surbiton and back,

with lunch in the vestry (packed lunch or Sarah's cafe). Please Email Victoria (victoriaj@fastmail.com.au) or Sylvie (sylvie@allsaintskingston.co.uk) to let us know you're coming or just turn up on the day. Next walk is planned on Sat 30th May.

Bells Re-dedication - Sun 19th April 9.30am We thank all those who contributed to the refurbishment project. Please join us for the re dedication of the bells as part of this service. Home baked cakes will be served during refreshments.

Stories of Identity & Inclusion to Celebrate St George's Day - Sun 19th April 4-7pm
A late afternoon of talks and reflections on national identity in a spirit of openness and fellowship. Free tickets via ticket source, please search for All Saints Church Kingston or find the link on our website. www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-church-kingston/t-qllxdea

Big Tech Mop up scheme – Sat 25th April 1-3pm Do you have any out of date or broken tech that you would like recycled? Donate devices to reduce e-waste and to help raise funds for The Mayor's charitable Trust, meet in the East end.

APCM – Sunday 26th April Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) immediately follows the 9.30am service. Please join us for this important yearly gathering to review parish activities and elect council members,

Confirmation Service - 26th April 6pm. We are running an adult confirmation course at 5.45pm on 7th, 14th and 21st April in the church for those who would like to be confirmed at this service. For further information on Confirmation or to sign up, please contact sarah@allsaintskingston.co.uk

Fundraising Band Night – Sat 9th May 6.30pm. Last years cover band night with "Run for Cover" was such a success we wanted to do it again. Music from 70's to modern day from a talented band. There will be seats and tables available for rest between dancing and a raffle and fundraising bar. Early bird tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-church-kingston/t-dkvvlpo Earlybird price of £15 will be available until the end of April when the price will increase to £25.

Athelstan Talk – Sun 31st May 4pm Professor David Woodman, author of "The First King of England: Athelstan and the Birth of a Kingdom", will be giving a talk and Q&A session in the Nave. Free tickets via Ticket Source, www.ticketsource.co.uk/all-saints-church-kingston/t-qmjorkg

Parish Retreat: Fri 5th-Sun 7th June 2026 - God in our lives. This retreat, held at Storrington Priory in the Sussex Downs, offers the opportunity for individual prayer and reflection, opportunities to build community, and break away from the day to day. We suggest a donation of £200-220 per person to cover food and accommodation, but please do reach out if you would like to come but the cost is prohibitive. For more information, and to register one of the limited places, please contact michael@allsaintskingston.co.uk.

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