



**ALL SAINTS
KINGSTON**

6pm Sung Evensong

12th Sunday after Trinity
23 August 2026

Welcome to Sung Evensong. Revd Michael Stokes is officiating and preaching this evening. The choir are having their Summer 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>	374	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
	410	My God, how wonderful thou art
	431	O thou who camest from above

Responses Ferial

Canticles Chant

Psalm 95

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.
- 5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
- 8 To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts: as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;
- 9 When your fathers tempted me: proved me, and saw my works.
- 10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said: It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;
- 11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath: that they should not enter into my rest.

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.

2 Kings 6: 8-23

Once when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, 'At such and such a place shall be my camp.' But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, 'Take care not to pass this place, because the Arameans are going down there.' The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. More than once or twice he warned such a place so that it was on the alert.

The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, 'Now tell me who among us sides with the king of Israel?' Then one of his officers said, 'No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.' He said, 'Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him.' He was told, 'He is in Dothan.' So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night, and surrounded the city.

When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, 'Alas, master! What shall we do?' He replied, 'Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.' Then Elisha prayed: 'O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.' So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. When the Arameans came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, 'Strike this people, please, with blindness.' So he struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked. Elisha said to them, 'This is not the way, and this is not the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.' And he led them to Samaria.

As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, 'O Lord, open the eyes of these men so that they may see.' The Lord opened their eyes, and they saw that they were inside Samaria. When the king of Israel saw them he said to Elisha, 'Father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?' He answered, 'No! Did you capture with your sword and your bow those whom you want to kill? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink; and let them go to their master.' So he prepared for them a great feast; after they ate and drank, he sent them on their way, and they went to their master. And the Arameans no longer came raiding into the land of Israel.

Acts 17: 15-end

Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there. Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, 'What does this babbler want to say?' Others said, 'He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.' (This was because he

was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, 'May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.' Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, 'We will hear you again about this.' At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

Amen.

News and Events

Family Singing Morning - 25th August 10-11.30am. A Holiday session of singing led by Emma from our Lifting Young Voices Team, suitable for children aged up to 11 in the choir vestry. Suggested donation £2

English Conversation - Fri 28th August 2.30-4pm. Simple conversation practice for people learning to speak English. Free, just turn up. We are really happy to announce that this group will be weekly from September, so the following dates are 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th September. Please do let people know who you think may benefit from this free service.

Book Club Sun 30th August 11am (change to usual time). We will be discussing 'A Tale of Two Cities' by Charles Dickens. Further meetings are 27 September at 12.00 'Strangers in Time' by David Baldicci. 25 October at 11.00, 'Thunderclap' by Laura Cummings (change of time due to half term) 29 November at 12.00 'Raising Hare' by Chloe Dalton.

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

Wholeness and Healing Service – Sunday 6th September 11am. Please join us in the chapel for this short service including the sacrament of the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. These services will now take place on the first Sunday of each month., Following Service is 4th Oct.

Kingston Chamber Concert Thur 10th September 7.30pm The Phantasy Piano Quartet. Pianist Rachele Howes, violinist Hannah Garty, viola player Dominic Wolfendale & cellist Lily Hope. £15/£5 (student) book via penny@kingstonchamberconcerts.org

Lunchtime Recitals – Autumn season commences Fri 11th September 1.15pm Join us for a full season of organ and classical recitals on Mondays and Fridays. Carl Jackson begins the season, followed by Ludivine Hobson on Monday 14th. Schedule on our website. Free with optional retiring collection for the musical life of the church.

Education Sunday - Sun 13th September 9.30am Please bring your child's backpack to this special All Age Communion Service for a blessing to mark the beginning of the school year. The service is followed by Choral Matins at 11am

Creation Sunday – Sun 20th September. The Bishop of Kingston, the Rt Revd Dr Martin Gainsborough joins us for this special service, concluding in a procession to the newly re-opened Memorial Gardens for a short act of dedication. The service is followed by refreshments and donations for cakes in aid of the environmental charity A Rocha.

Quiz Night –Sat 3rd October – Please save the date for our rescheduled Quiz Night. Create your own team of up to 8, or come along on the night and we'll help form you into teams, Pizza buffet as part of the ticket price. Doors open at 6.45pm, Quiz starts at 7.30pm.

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