



**Week Commencing:
22nd December 2024 – 3 January 2025**



**Why not join us for the
Christmas Day,
All Age Holy Communion Service at 10 am**

Church Trivia:
who were the first to visit Jesus after his birth?



A Christmas message from The Bishop of Southwark
in the birth of a child, parents and onlookers glimpse the miracle of creation – a truth about our human existence becomes intensely real. With the birth of Jesus this is supremely so. At Christmas we give thanks for the Word made flesh – coming to dwell among us full of grace and truth, for God condescended to a sinner and the beginning of our salvation. I also thank God for each of you, for your prayers and good wishes for me as I have been convalescing following the motor vehicle accident in which I was seriously injured at the end of September. I have felt upheld and greatly encouraged on my journey of recovery by the wave of prayer along with many kind messages. May you and those you love know the peace and joy of the Christ child this Christmas and in the coming year.

Wishing you and those you love
a blessed and joyful Christmastide

H. Christopher



Services and Events in the Week ahead:

| Day | Time | Service/Event |
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| Sat 21 Dec | 10 am | Crib Service rehearsal |
| Sun 22 Dec | 10:00 am | 4th Sunday of Advent - Holy Communion service with Diddy Disciples. Rev'd Lindiwe Maseko presiding & Isobel Robinson preaching. |
| | 4:30 pm | Crib Service Rehearsal |
| Mon 23 Dec - Tues 24 Dec | 9:00 am | Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday 24th | 4:30 pm | Crib Service |
| | 11:00pm | Midnight Mass – Grant Vanstone preaching & Rev'd Lindiwe Maseko presiding. |
| Wed 25 Dec | 10:00 am | Christmas Day All Age HC Service Rev'd Lindiwe Maseko preaching and presiding |
| Sun 29th Dec | 10:00 am | 1 st Sunday of Christmas- Holy Communion Service with Diddy Disciples. Andrea Campanile: Lay Pioneer Minister Rev'd Lindiwe Maseko preaching & presiding. |



**JOIN US ON 24TH DECEMBER 2024
CHRISTMAS EVE @ 11PM FOR
MIDNIGHT MASS**



GROVE LANE, KINGSTON, KT1 2SU



The Children's Society

Last call for any Children Society household collection boxes! Please return to church on Sunday 22nd December so the money can be counted, and new boxes can be distributed. If anyone is free after the service on Sunday to help with counting the money, then that would be appreciated. If you would like a new box or to sign up then collect a sign-up sheet from the table at the church entrance and return to Shona Pitcher.

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.

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COMMUNITY CAFE CALENDAR 2025

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| | FEBRUARY 1ST | MARCH 1ST | APRIL 5TH | MAY 3RD | June 7th |
| JULY 5TH | AUGUST 2ND | SEPTEMBER 6TH | OCTOBER 4TH | NOVEMBER 1ST | DECEMBER 6TH |

JOIN US COME FOR A CUPPA, CAKE & BACON SANDWICHES ON THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FROM - 10 AM TO 1PM!




Crib Service
24 Dec 2024
at 4pm

Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite character. No costume - don't worry we have some!

The rehearsal will be in church on **SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 2024** AT 10 AM & **SUNDAY 22 DEC** AT 4:30PM

Everyone, especially children are welcome! For those who can't make Saturday



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Silent Auction

Dear Everyone,

Huge thanks to all who supported this year's Silent Auction with generous donations of gifts, time and talents and to all the kind bidders. The Auction raised a record £3,154 plus an additional £175 from some lots which had more than one prize, making a total of £3,329. After the Auction website fee of £189 is deducted, the net proceeds add up to a welcome £3,140 for church funds.

You can still view the final Auction bids here - www.jumblebee.co.uk/stjohnschurchlegendarysilentauktion2024



PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNITY CAFE IN JANUARY 2025.

ST JOHN'S EPIPHANY PARTY
5TH JANUARY 2025
AT 10 AM

You Are Invited!

Join us for the St John's Epiphany Party as we celebrate and give thanks for:

- Julie Bishop's licensing as Lay Pastoral Minister.
- Wendy Malseed and Pat Askey's service to St John's.

We'll have a Bring and Share Lunch with activities for children after the service. Everyone is welcome – just come as you are!

We look forward to celebrating together.



JOIN OUR BAR TEAM!

Fancy being part of something exciting? We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our brilliant bar team! We are grateful to all our volunteers and are always keen to bring new team members on board to keep things running smoothly. Whether you have some experience or are simply keen to give it a go, we'd love for you to join us. It's a fantastic way to meet new people and learn new skills. Come and be part of the fun team!

If you are interested in helping or know someone who might be, please do not hesitate to email Michael Wraight at barstaffatstjohns@gmail.com.

Diddy Disciples

Come and join us
Sundays 10 am
St John's church.

Enjoy a time of stories from the bible, singing, worship designed for toddlers and young children with their parents.




The Best Bedelsford Cafe!


Please come to our café at St John's Church in Kingston.

Open Thursdays (term time only) from 10-11:30am

We have a range of hot and cold drinks and snacks handmade by the Sixth Form Department at Bedelsford School.




LITTLE GROOVERS



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO LITTLE GROOVERS UNTIL 21 JANUARY 2025.




Lay Ministry Taster Day

Saturday 25th January 2025
10-2pm @ Trinity House, SE1 1HW

Come along and find out more about the different types of ministries such as Pastoral, Pioneer, Reader and Children and Young People.

With keynote speaker The Revd Canon Derek Walsley, author of *God Calls Everyone*

To register your interest email: learning@southwark.anglican.org

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★ ST JOHN'S JUNIOR CHURCH ON ON CHRISTMAS ★ BREAK

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO JC UNTIL 12TH OF JANUARY 2025.



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| SERVICES: | CHURCH CONTACTS |
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| <p>Mon & Tues this week Morning Prayer @ 9am. No Morning Prayer Mon-Wed next week.</p> <p>Sundays – Holy Communion service with Diddy Disciples at 10am.</p> <p>No Junior Church until 12 Jan 2025.</p> <p>No Little Groovers until 21 January 2025.</p> <p>&</p> <p>1st Sundays of the Month – All Age Holy Communion Service at 10 am</p> <p>3rd Sunday 10am HC Service with Diddy Disciples.</p> | <p>Parish Office will be closed for Christmas on 25th December until 3rd January 2025. Rev. Lindiwe Maseko vicarstjohnskingston@gmail.com Tel: 07851048782</p> <p>Parish Administrator: Evie Ng stjohnschurch.kingston@gmail.com</p> <p>Hall bookings: Frances Hazelgrove parishhallstj@gmail.com www.stjohnskingston.co.uk www.facebook.com/StJohnsKingstonUponThames</p> |

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