



# The Messenger

18<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

## Services today:

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

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## Today's hymns:

- 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise
- 200 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
- 302 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
- 420 O Jesus, I have promised

*Please do feel free to keep The Messenger*



St Anne's  
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# St Anne's Repaint Christmas Appeal

## St Anne's Repaint Christmas Appeal

December to February



In December we will be kicking off a major fundraising campaign to repaint the church. As I'm sure you are aware, we have had a serious problem with peeling paint throughout the church. We are planning to sort this out early in the new year. This is a major job, which will require stripping back the paint to the brickwork, and much of the work is at a high level which will need scaffolding. It's going to take several weeks to complete, and we will just have to work around a certain amount of disruption. The church services will continue as usual. But when it's done, the whole place is going to look amazing. And don't worry, we won't be changing the colours.

Can you help us? We need £60,000 to complete the whole job. And so we are asking if you might consider donating to the church repaint appeal for Christmas. The appeal will last from December to February. If you would be willing to help, please can you make a donation through our giving page on the web site, marking the donation St Anne's Repaint Appeal. Thank you so much for the care and love which you continue to show towards this church and its mission in Kew!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Giles".

Fr Giles

## Diary for the Week

<p>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January <i>Second Sunday of Epiphany</i></p>	<p>8.00am Said Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist</p>
<p>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom</p>
<p>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom 7.00pm Eucharist</p>
<p>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom</p>
<p>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom</p>
<p>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom</p>
<p>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January</p>	<p>9.00am- St Michael and All Angels, Barnes 5.00pm Away Day at St Anne's</p>
<p>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January <i>The Conversion of Paul</i> <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i></p>	<p>8.00am Said Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist 6.30pm A performance of Olivier Messiaen's La Nativité du Seigneur: Nine Meditations on the birth of Jesus, by our Director of Music, Josh Hales</p> <p><b>Readings:</b> Jeremiah 1.4-10 Acts 9.1-22 Matthew 19.27-end</p>

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**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

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*Collect*

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings**

*Isaiah 49.1-7*

49 Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' <sup>4</sup> But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' <sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup> he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' <sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'  
This is the word of the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 40.1-12*

**1 I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.**  
**2 He brought me out of the roaring pit,  
out of the mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.**

- 3 He has put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see and fear  
and put their trust in the Lord.**
- 4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.**
- 5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.  
How great your designs for us!  
There is none that can be compared with you.**
- 6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them  
they would be more than I am able to express.**
- 7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire  
but my ears you have opened;**
- 8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required;  
then said I: 'Lo, I come.**
- 9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me  
that I should do your will, O my God;  
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'**
- 10 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips,  
and that, O Lord, you know.**
- 11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth  
from the great congregation.**
- 12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord;  
let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me,**

*1 Corinthians 1.1-9*

I Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 1.29-42*

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me."<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.'<sup>32</sup> And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.'<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit."<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!'<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?'<sup>39</sup> He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Post Communion*

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **The Sick and Departed**

Please remember in your prayers:

The sick, including Margaret Vince, Caroline Streatfeild, Jo, Jed, Ann Eldridge, Janet Kingston, Jackie Scott and John Morris.

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Florrie Shillingford, Dorothy Barker, Torrie Shaddock, Rupert Shaw, Helen Kraus, Diana de Morgan and Basil Pride.

The flowers are in memory of Sally Davies.

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### ***Reflection for the week ahead:***

To know God is to know Goodness. It is to see the beauty of infinite Love...it is to see the King of Heaven and Earth take infinite delight in Giving.... God is an object of Delight. To know him therefore as He is, is to frame the most beautiful idea in all Worlds. He delighteth in our happiness more than we: and is of all other the most lovely Object. An infinite Lord, who having all Riches, Honors and Pleasures in His own hand, is infinitely willing to give them unto me. Which is the fairest idea that can be devised.

*Traherne (1637-1674), Centuries 17*

## Notices

**Church Redecoration Works** - the decoration works to the North and South Aisles will be starting in early January. To carry out the works, scaffold will be erected in all three areas. While it will be erected safely in the knowledge the church will remain in use, please take extra care when near the scaffold especially going in and out of the Parish Hall. Please avoid the scaffold at all times and especially prevent children climbing on it. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience during the works.

**Olivier Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur: Nine Meditations on the birth of Jesus***. On **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm** our Director of Music, Joshua Hales, will give a performance of this Christmas masterpiece. This is an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the Nativity story before the Christmas and Epiphany seasons come to an end, with the aid of Messiaen's luminous and deeply moving organ work.

Fr Giles' next **Deep Dive - Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) - Preaching the Crusades** - will take place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall after 7.00pm Eucharist in church.

**Churches Together in Kew ("CTK")** are pleased to confirm that local writer and broadcaster Rhidian Brook's new book **Notes on an Execution** is to be the basis of our Lenten reflections in the CTK house groups this year. Rhidian will be giving an introductory talk and answering questions at a meeting at St Anne's Church on **Tuesday 3rd February at 7:30 pm**. All welcome! Please do let us know if you are willing and able to host a small group at your home for the 5 weeks of Lent starting Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

### **Admission to Communion 2026 - Years 3 and above, February 2026**

The Kew Churches of St Anne's, St Luke's and St Philip & All Saints (the Barn Church) will be offering an admission to communion course in Feb 2026. One way that children can enter more fully into our worship in the Church of England is by starting to receive communion. This can happen after a short course of three sessions of preparation. ***It is different to confirmation which can follow later, when promises made in baptism are reflected upon and confirmed.***

***Confirmation often happens when children are secondary school age or older as adults.*** We will run the course for children in Year 3 and above. Faith is nurtured in the home, and so we will ask parents or guardians to attend the course as well. This will enable you to support your child as they are admitted to communion and might also give you an opportunity to think through some of your own questions about faith. The expectation would be for attendance at all three

sessions as well as a special admission to communion service where your church family and worshipping community can welcome each child to their first communion. For further information and to register directly please contact the **Parish Office at St Anne's** at [parishoffice@saintannekew.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@saintannekew.org.uk). **The deadline for registering will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.**

**The Friends of St Anne's Church** - our next event is on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 11am** (coffee served from 10:30am) in the Parish Hall. Rosalind Freeborn will talk about her recent novel, *Prince George & Master Frederick: Royal Friends and Secret Brothers*, based on the true story of Frederick Blomberg, thought to be the secret son of King George III. Tickets are available from our website [www.friendsofstanneskew.org.uk](http://www.friendsofstanneskew.org.uk).

**Flowers** – would you like to sponsor the flowers? Dates are available from the beginning of March onwards - please contact Judy Perkins at [judyperkins@gmail.com](mailto:judyperkins@gmail.com).

**Pastoral Support:** If anyone needs pastoral support or knows of anyone that might need this support, please contact the Parish Office or one of the Churchwardens.

**Morning Prayer - online.** A group from our congregation meets regularly each weekday at 8.30am to say the Daily Office together. If you would like to join us, please contact: [catelyon@talk21.com](mailto:catelyon@talk21.com).

**Coffee after 8.00am and 10.00am services.** Please join us for coffee after each service to meet with members of the congregation. All are welcome. If you would like to help with serving coffees after the 10.00am service, please contact Rebecca on email at [r.phelps119@btinternet.com](mailto:r.phelps119@btinternet.com).

**Hall hire is available.** Please contact the Parish Office on 020 8332 7156.

**Zaytoun**, fair trade Palestinian products. These are now available from Zaytoun rep. in Ham, Richard Smith. Richard is always well stocked and welcomes customers from Kew. Contact him on: [rdsmith27@gmail.com](mailto:rdsmith27@gmail.com) or 07815 107973.

For **Safeguarding** concerns, please contact Kristen Anderson on 07791 960000, email: [safeguarding@saintanne-kew.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@saintanne-kew.org.uk), or contact the Churchwardens.

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**



**Medieval Theology** Deep Dives -  
2025/6 Term Rev'd Canon Dr Giles  
Fraser

This course takes place at St Anne's Church, mostly on the last Tuesday of every month, after the 7pm Eucharist. It is the fourth year of this series, on the history of Christianity, though newcomers are most welcome. The lecture is usually about 40 mins with questions afterwards, then we go over to the Coach & Horses for refreshment.

23<sup>rd</sup> September: **Boethius (480-524)** - Stoicism and Christianity

21<sup>st</sup> October (NB date): **Anselm (1033-1109)** - Why a God-Man?

25<sup>th</sup> November: **Peter and Heloise Abelard (1079-1142, 1100-1164)** - On Love and Salvation CANCELLED

NB No December Deep Dive

27<sup>th</sup> January: **Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)** - Preaching the Crusades

24<sup>th</sup> February: **Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)** - Girl Power in the Middle Ages

31<sup>st</sup> March: **Maimonides and Nachmanides (1138-1204, 1194-1270)** - Jewish takes on Medieval Christianity

28<sup>th</sup> April: **Thomas Aquinas 1 (1225-1274) 1** - A Philosophy of Being

26<sup>th</sup> May: **Thomas Aquinas 2** - Proofs of the Existence of God

30<sup>th</sup> June **Dante (1265-1321)** - Sin, Death and Hell

28<sup>th</sup> July **Meister Eckhart (1260-1328)** - Mysticism and Emptiness.

25<sup>th</sup> August **Duns Scotus and William of Ockham (1266-1308)** - On Reason

## Finance

It costs £5,000 a week to run the whole ministry of this beautiful and historic church. We do not have any endowment and rely solely upon the generosity of individuals to keep going. We hugely appreciate the support that we receive from you. Thank you for helping us contribute to the Christian presence in this part of the world.

You can support the work of the church in any of the following ways:

- With cash or contactless credit/debit card on leaving the church. Use a white envelope for cash if a UK taxpayer.
- Online donation at <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/st-annes-church-kew-green>
- Using the QR code on your smartphone:



- Join our planned giving scheme – Standing Order & Gift Aid forms are available at a desk on the left at the back of the church.

Many thanks!

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