



The Messenger

8th February 2026

Second Sunday before Lent

Services today:

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Today's hymns:

- 466 Thou, whose almighty word
- 397 Let us, with a gladsome mind
- 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
- 263 All creatures of our God and King

Please do feel free to keep The Messenger



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18th february
eucharist with ashing
12.30 and 7.30



St Anne's
— K E W —

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 8th February <i>Second Sunday before Lent</i></p>	<p>8.00am Said Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist</p>
<p>Monday 9th February</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom</p>
<p>Tuesday 10th February</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom 7.00pm Eucharist</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th February</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom 11.00am Bible Study in the Parish Hall 11.30am Peter Ohlson Funeral at St Anne's</p>
<p>Thursday 12th February</p>	<p>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom</p>
<p>Friday 13th February</p>	<p>8.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom 5.00pm Admission to Communion session, followed by Bring & Share supper in the Parish Hall</p>
<p>Saturday 14th February</p>	<p>11.00am Friends of St Anne's, Talk in the Parish Hall (coffee from 10.30am), Rosalind Freeborn on her latest novel 'Prince George and Master Frederick: Royal Friends and Secret Brothers'.</p>
<p>Sunday 15th February <i>Sunday next before Lent</i></p>	<p>8.00am Said Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist with Admission to Communion</p> <p>Readings: Exodus 24.12-end 2 Peter 1.16-end Matthew 17.1-9</p>

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Readings

Genesis 1.1-13

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.
This is the word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 136

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods,**

- for his mercy endures for ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 4 Who alone does great wonders,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 5 Who by wisdom made the heavens,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 6 Who laid out the earth upon the waters,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 7 Who made the great lights,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 8 The sun to rule the day,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 24 And delivered us from our enemies,
for his mercy endures for ever;**
- 25 Who gives food to all creatures,
for his mercy endures for ever.**
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his mercy endures for ever.**

Romans 8.18-25

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6.25-end

25 ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sick and Departed

Please remember in your prayers:

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

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Tom Kirkbride, George Davison, Enid Leeming, Pat Whipp, Frank Pagnamenta and John Burton (PE).

RIP Peter Ohlson. Peter's funeral will take place at St Anne's Church on Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 11.30am.

RIP Jeffrey Shaw. Jeffrey's funeral will take place at St Anne's Church on Friday 20th February 2026 at 11.00am

The flowers are in memory of Christopher and Barbara Biddell and Roger Willott.

Reflection for the week ahead:

Those who truly love God, love every good, desire every good, favour every good, praise every good. They always join, favour and defend good people. They have no love for anything but truth and whatever is worthy of love.

St Theresa of Avila

Notices

Church Redecoration Works - the decoration works to the North and South Aisles are now well under way. 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 for your understanding and patience during the works.

The Friends of St Anne's Church - our next event is on **Saturday 14th 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.

Churches Together in Kew ("CTK ") are delighted to confirm that Reverend Melanie Harrington-Haynes has invited CTK to share in their **Pancake Party** taking place at **The Barn Church** on Shrove Tuesday **17th February at 5.00pm**. All are welcome - particularly children with their parents/carers (not a drop off event!) It would be helpful if you could let their parish office know if you intend to attend so that they have an idea as to numbers please (office@kewbenefice.org).

World Day of Prayer is a women-led ecumenical prayer movement. It holds an annual service, written each year by women from a different country. The service this year has been prepared by Christian women in Nigeria and is being held on **Friday 6 March at 2.30pm at The Barn Church, Kew TW9 4HT**. All are welcome. For more information, contact Caroline Hill, carohill@btinternet.com.

Kew Theology and Gardening. Peter Popham, journalist, author and a member of the St Anne's congregation, will give a talk after the Eucharist on **Tuesday 10th March at 7:30pm** on *Sam's Paradise - How an old-fashioned Englishman in Sri Lanka brought a tropical forest back from the dead - by weeding*. For further information and tickets, see www.kewtheologyandgardening.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.

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.

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.

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: rsmith27@gmail.com or 07815 107973.

To join the **Parish WhatsApp** group text Fr Giles on 07811 444011.

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

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Bishop of Kingston is coming to St Anne's on the **8th March** for the **Deanery Confirmation**.

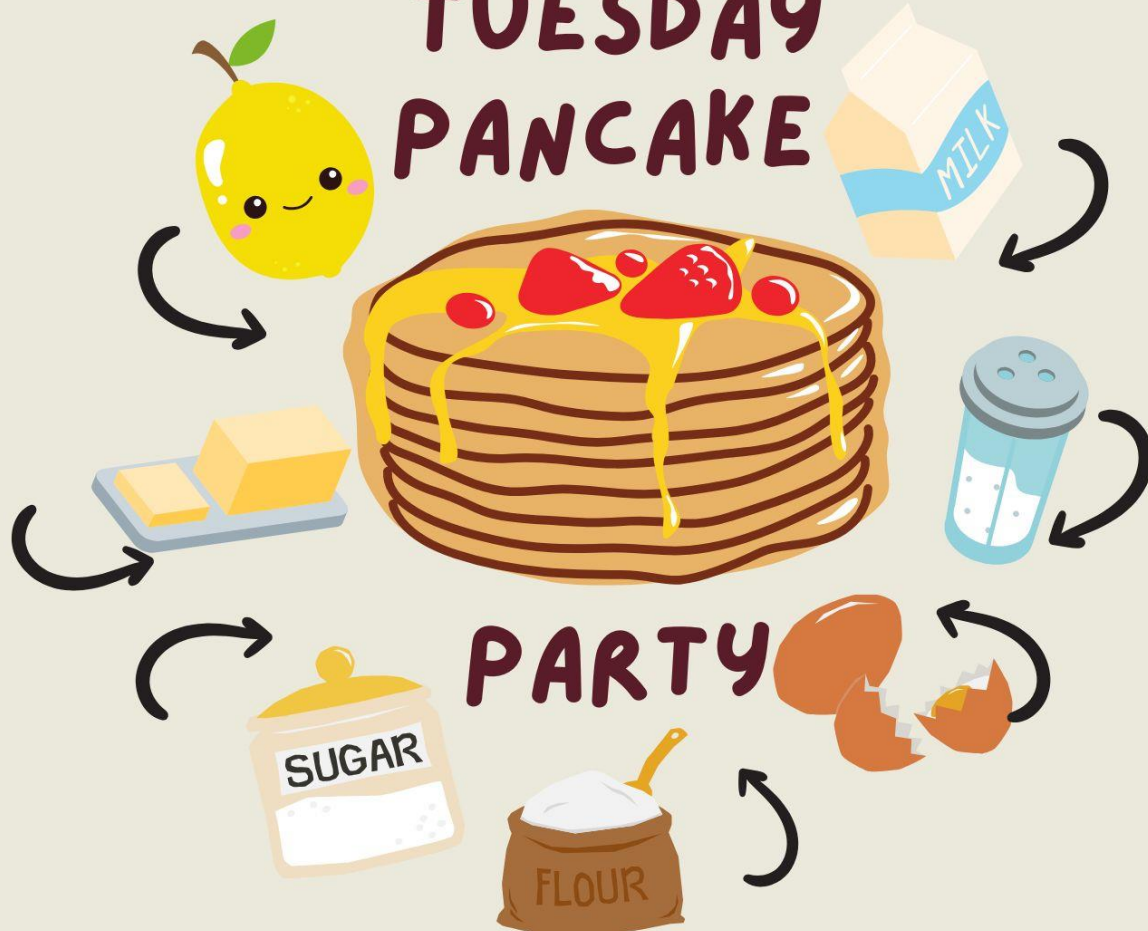
The service will be at 6.30pm on that Sunday evening.

If you are interested, please have a word with Fr Giles or sign up at the back of the church.

Those who want to be confirmed but haven't been baptised can also be accommodated. All welcome!

You are invited to....

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE



PARTY

Tuesday 17th February, 5pm at
The Barn Church, Kew

RSVP office@kewbenefice.org

children to be accompanied by parent/carer



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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