

## Evensong Sermons & Discussion Groups for Lent 2024

## Let us pray...

We warmly invite you to join us during Lent as we seek to draw closer to God through prayer. There are many ways to pray. Our guest preachers are all well-known for their books, talks and prayer-based ministries. Through their Evensong sermons and the discussion groups that follow, we offer the opportunity to learn about, reflect on and experience different prayer practices as we journey through Lent together. Let us pray....

Sermons at 6pm Choral Evensong

at All Saints Kingston

• Feb 18th Gemma Simmonds:

**Praying with St Ignatius** 

Feb 25th Richard Carter:
 Praying with a Community

- March 3rd Stephen Cherry: Praying with Humility
- March 10th Mark Oakley: Praying with Poetry
- March 17th Pete Greig: Praying with the Spirit

Join us in-person or watch via <u>All</u>
<u>Saints Kingston : Services - YouTube</u>

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Dr Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ is a sister of the Congregation of Jesus and Director of the Religious Life Institute at Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge. She has been a spiritual director, retreat giver and lecturer for over 25 years, as well as having worked as a prison and university chaplain. She is the author of *The Way of Ignatius: a Prayer Journey through Lent* (2018) and *Dancing at the Still Point: Retreat Practices for a Busy Life* (2021).



The Revd Richard Carter is Associate Vicar for Mission at St Martin-in-the-Fields and founder of the Nazareth Community. His books include *The City is my Monastery: a Contemporary Rule of Life* (2019) and *Letters from Nazareth: a Contemplative Journey Home* (2023). He was previously a member of an Anglican religious order in the Solomon Islands.



The Revd Dr Stephen Cherry is Dean of King's College Cambridge. His many books on Christian spirituality and practical theology include *Barefoot Disciple*, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2011, and *Barefoot Prayers: a meditation a day for Lent and Easter* (2013).



The Very Revd Dr Mark Oakley is the Dean of Southwark Cathedral and a well-known speaker and author. His book *The Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry* (2016) won the Michael Ramsey Prize for Theological Writing.



Pete Greig is a best-selling author, pastor and founder of the global 24-7 Prayer movement. He is also the Senior Pastor of Emmaus Road, Guildford, an Ambassador for Tearfund and teaches at St Mellitus Theological College in London. For 7 years Pete served with the senior leadership team at Holy Trinity Brompton and Alpha International. His publications include Red Moon Rising (2004), How to Pray: a Simple Guide for Normal People (2019) and God on Mute (2020).

Lent Discussion Groups will reflect on the previous Sunday's sermon (which can be watched on YouTube). They will provide opportunities to learn and experience the ways of praying that have been talked about.

Each group will meet for five weeks, from the week beginning Feb 19th to the week beginning March 18th. The sessions will normally last 1.5 hours.

Please sign up via the relevant email. There is no charge. Attendance at every session is not essential. Please come to as many as you can.



Tuesdays 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Venue: St John the Evangelist, Spring Grove, Kingston
Leader: Rev Lindiwe Maseko
Booking: vicarstjohnskingston@gmail.com



Tuesdays 7.00 – 8.30pm

Venue: St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale

Leader: Rev Mandy Beck

Booking: mandy.beck@alty.org



Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Venue: Kingston United Reformed Church

Leader: Rev Joe Moffatt

Booking: joe@allsaintskingston.co.uk



Wednesdays 10.30am – 12noon Venue: All Saints Kingston Leader: Rev Sarah Williams Booking: <u>sarah@allsaintskingston.co.uk</u>



Wednesdays 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Venue: Online via Zoom (hosted by Kingston URC)

Leader: Rev Lesley Charlton

Booking: kingstonurc@gmail.com

## **Lent Quiet Days**



Tuesday February 20th, 10.00am - 3.00pm House of Prayer, East Molesey Led by Rev Sarah Williams, Curate of All Saints Kingston

The day will be reflective in nature with a



focus on silence, prayer and Scripture.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided but you are asked to bring your own packed lunch.

A donation of £10 per person would be appreciated to cover the costs of the day. For more information or to sign up, please email <a href="mailto:sarah@allsaintskingston.co.uk">sarah@allsaintskingston.co.uk</a>



Saturday March 9th, 10.00am – 4.00pm St John's Hall, Robin Hood Lane, Kingston Vale, SW15 3PY

Led by Rev Mandy Beck, Team Vicar of St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale A Practice Day for learning about Mindfulness and how to incorporate it into daily life.



The day will cost £20.

For more information or to sign up, please email mandy.beck@alty.org