

Kensington Unitarians

Information Sheet for Service Leaders

Service time:

The Sunday service at Kensington takes place at 11am and finishes around noon.

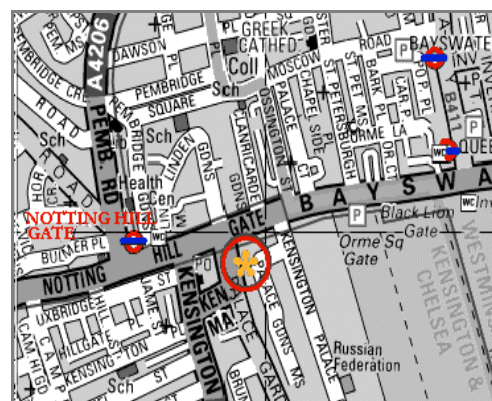
How to find us:

Our address is 112 Palace Gardens Terrace, Notting Hill, London W8 4RT.

The nearest underground station is Notting Hill Gate (central line, circle line, district line – Edgware Road branch). We are just a few minutes walk from the station. Take the exit marked for “Kensington Church Street”, then walk straight ahead, crossing Kensington Church Street, and the next turn on your right is Palace Gardens Terrace, where we may be found.

Please note that engineering work often takes place on the underground at weekends so it is worth checking with Transport for London before you travel (www.tfl.gov.uk).

Buses 27, 28, 31, 52, 70, 94 148, 328 and 390 stop close to the church, either in Palace Gardens Terrace or on Notting Hill Gate.



Music:

Every Sunday we have a pianist and usually between one and four professional singers to provide special music. If you are able to give some information in advance about the theme of your service the choir will often find music to fit in with this theme. At present, Harold Lorenzelli is coordinating arrangements for music at Sunday services, and we would appreciate it if you could contact him well in advance of your service to discuss your requirements. Harold may be contacted by telephone (020 7794 6507) or email (harold.lorenzelli@talktalk.net). The choir arrive at about 10am on Sunday morning to practice before the service.

Hymn books:

We have copies of the following hymn books for use in the Sunday service:

- “Singing the Living Tradition” (the UUA hymnal)
- “Sing Your Faith” (the new purple book)
- “Hymns for Living” (the green book)
- “Let Us Sing” (the pink book) – however, numbers of this book are quite limited.

Items to be included in the service:

We are flexible about service structure and content, and are generally open to less conventional styles of worship, but would like the following items to be included in every Sunday service whenever possible:

- Introduction (please introduce yourself... or find a friendly member of the congregation to introduce you).
- Chalice lighting (to open the service).
- Candles of joy and concern (an opportunity for people in the congregation to light candles with words or in silence).
- Special music by the pianist and choir (a prelude, anthem and postlude).
- Offertory (usually after the sermon).
- Sharing of news and announcements (usually near the end of the service).

We do now have a regular Sunday school at Essex Church, so children that come along usually stay in church for the first ten to fifteen minutes of the service, and then go downstairs to the library for their own programme (our children's leaders Jennie and Jordan will usually lead them downstairs during the hymn that follows ‘Candles of Joy and Concern’ and the first reading/story).

We like to produce a service sheet in a standard format with our own announcements on the back so would appreciate it if you could send us an order of service at least a few days before your visit (ideally by email to secretary@kensington-unitarians.org.uk or alternatively by post to Jane Blackall whose contact details can be found in the GA and LDPA directories).

Thanks for taking the time to read this information. We look forward to your visit to Essex Church, Kensington!

A Typical Order of Service at Essex Church

(provided for your information – it is not necessary to stick to this running order)

*An inspirational quote and image relating to the theme of the service is usually printed on the front cover of the service sheets.
If you would like to use something in particular then please let us know at the time you send in your order of service.*

Musical Prelude

Opening Words and Welcome

Chalice Lighting: *“words go here”*

Hymn ### (SYF/SLT/HfL): *“title of hymn”*

Candles of Joy and Concern

Story or Reading: *“title of story or reading”*

Time of Prayer and Reflection: *“theme if it has got one”*

Hymn ### (SYF/SLT/HfL): *“title of hymn”*

Reading: *“title of reading”*

Special Music from the Choir

Meditation: *“theme of meditation”*

Followed by a Period of Silence

Hymn ### (SYF/SLT/HfL): *“title of hymn”*

Address: *“title of address”*

Collection: *for the work of this community*

Sharing of News, Announcements and Introductions

Hymn ### (SYF/SLT/HfL): *“title of hymn”*

Benediction: *“title if it has got one”*

Closing Music