

Kensington Unitarians

Information Sheet for Service Leaders

Service time:

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

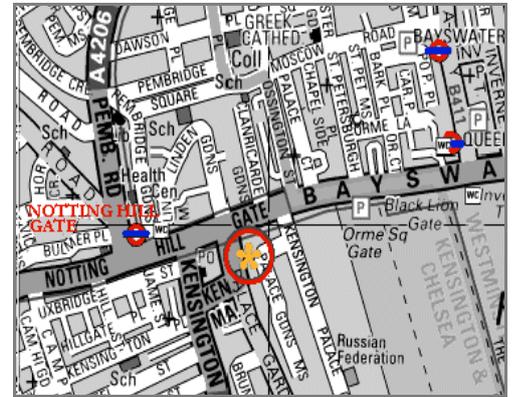
How to find us:

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. It may be possible to book an instrumentalist (usually violin or clarinet) with sufficient advance notice. 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 pianist and 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:

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

If you need to combine hymns from a couple of different books it is possible to make hymn-sheets with a bit of advance warning.

Items to be included in the service:

We tend to use a regular order of service (see overleaf) and **we would generally recommend that visiting service leaders more-or-less follow this structure** unless you are doing something out-of-the-ordinary that particularly requires something different. We are generally open to a bit of experimentation 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).
- Music by the pianist and choir (a prelude, interlude, and postlude).
- Collection (usually immediately after the sermon).
- Sharing of news and announcements (usually near the end of the service).

We do now have a regular Kids' Club and most weeks the children will go off to their own programme before the service starts.

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 jane@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

(if you would like to do something very different to this it would be helpful to talk it through in advance)

*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: *"title/author"*

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

Candles of Joy and Concern

Time of Prayer and Reflection

Reading or Story: *"title/author of story or reading"*

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

Reading: *"title/author of reading"*

Musical Interlude

Words for Meditation: *"theme of meditation"*

Time of Shared Silence and Stillness *(ended by singing bowl)*

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

Sermon *"title of sermon"*

Collection: *for the work of this community*

Sharing of News, Announcements and Introductions

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

Benediction: *"title/author"*

Closing Music