



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 15th December 2019

### Third Sunday of Advent

“The Gospels and Christmas ....  
John and the glory”.



## 9.15am Holy Communion

## 11.00am All Age Worship

Readings Colossians 1: 15-20 (page 1182)

John 1 :1-9 (page 1063)

Hymns MP Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding (sheet)

162, 260, 631, Of the Father's

love begotten (sheet).

### with Nativity Play

Reading John 1: 1-5

Hymns MP 589, Mary had a little baby,

Nativity Carols, 393.

*At the 9.15am service the choir will sing the anthem "A great and mighty wonder" by Praetorius.*

### Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son;  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

### Diary for the Week

more notices are on our NEW CHURCH WEBSITE. Check it out at [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org).

Monday	16	9.45am	Brunch Bunch - Chapel
		10.30am	Christmas Service for the residents of Bourne House Care Home
		6.30pm	Christmas Carols at the cornerHOUSE
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Tuesday	17	2.30pm	Holy Communion for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter
			EBRRA Carols on the Green has been <b>CANCELLED</b> for this year
Wednesday	18	2.00pm	A Chance to Chat – in Church, all welcome
		8.00pm	Beta House Group
Thursday	19	9.30am	School Christmas service
		10.00am	Smarties Embroidery Group
		11.00am	Christmas Service for the residents of Southborough Nursing Home
		1.30pm	St Matthew's Mum's Group Meeting - Creche
		7.00pm	Choir Practice
		8.00pm	Delta and Sigma House Groups
Friday	20	11.00am	Southborough School Carol Service
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
		<b>9.15am</b>	<b>No Service</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All Age Communion with Christingle making.</b>
		<b>6.15pm for</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight- bring a torch for easier reading</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>by candlelight.</b>

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b><u>Christmas Eve</u></b>
	12.00 pm	Holy Communion for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter
	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Christingle Service - supporting the work of The Children's Society.</b>
	<b>11.15pm</b>	<b>Midnight Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b><u>Christmas Day</u></b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion - a quiet formal spoken service</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>All Age Celebration Service</b>

**Let us worship God** . . . . In order to help everyone prepare for worship and for a trial until after Christmas, the organ will stop playing a couple of minutes before the start of the 9.15am service to keep a time of silence. Please try to be in the pew by then and use the time of quiet to settle, reflect and pray as we come before God to worship him.

***Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:***

Reverends Helen Hancock, Luke Wickings, David Nyirongo, Carolyn Lucas & their families.  
The THiS Team, Michael Kennett, Miles Stuart-William.

**Congratulations** to Simon Hancock, our Director of Music, for having a Christmas Carol shortlisted in the BBC Radio 3 Christmas Carol Competition 2019. With over 400 entries his has be chosen as one of six finalists. Voting is online and closes on this **Thursday, 19 Dec, at 6pm**. Google 'Radio 3 Christmas Carol competition 2019' for the link to hear all the finalists and to vote. Simon only wants you to vote if you really do think his is the best!!

**Christmas Lunch on Jesus** - Last December Doxa Deo Community Church ran the **Christmas Lunch\_on Jesus** project which funded, packed and distributed 850 full Christmas hampers to families in need across South West London. Again this year the project will run on **20 and 21 December** at Tolworth United Reformed Church. If you would like to be involved again in donating towards hampers or packing and distributing hampers you can find all the details at [www.christmaslunchonjesus.org.uk](http://www.christmaslunchonjesus.org.uk).

**Christmas Greetings** - For all of you who would like to send Christmas greetings to fellow Church members and donate a suggested £5 to Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness at the same time, please see our special "Message Tree" at the back of Church. There will be a sticker for you to write your message on and your donation can be placed in the tin by the tree. Thank you.

**Foodbank Focus .. December** - Christmas Treats ..tinned meat and fish, chocolate ..biscuits ..mince pies, Christmas puddings etc. Please ensure the Best Before dates are at least to the end of the year. Many thanks.

**KCAH** – Items needed please - Men's (new) underwear, ladies toiletries and pants, rucksacks, sleeping bags, deodorants, new socks, pot noodles & baby wipes etc. No toothbrushes or toothpaste for the moment please. Please place them in the box provided at the back of church. Thank you.

**KCAH Urgent Sleeping bag Appeal.** As our Night Shelter, where we use sleeping bags, is filling up and temperatures drop, we are in need of a lot more sleeping bags. (Must be in good condition and in its sleeve/bag). If you are able to donate a sleeping bag, please leave it at the back of church or drop it at our friends at Banquet Records or 7000 Jars of Beer in Kingston.  
See poster on notice board. Thank you for your help and support, as always.  
Kind regards, Camilla and the KCAH-team

## **KCAH- Night Shelter Volunteers Needed**

Our Winter Night Shelter is now open and we hope to be open every night throughout the winter to offer shelter, warmth and community to those in our Borough sleeping rough. Last night we welcomed 20 guests who would otherwise have had no choice but to spend the night outside. And we know from experience that as the temperature drops and the word spread that we are open, the number of guests per night will increase.

To be able to run the shelter, we need lots more volunteers. To be able to run just one night, we need 19 people over four shifts (7.30pm-11.00pm, 11pm-2am, 2am-6am or 6am-8am). If you are at all able to give of your time, even just once, we would love to hear from you.

Please email [winternightshelter@kcah.org.uk](mailto:winternightshelter@kcah.org.uk) or call 0208 255 7400 and ask for Sophie.

You can also [sign up for a 2 hour volunteer training session here.](#)

**AwayWeekend 2020**- After the success of the AwayDay last weekend the Discipleship Team is excited to announce that the **2020 residential AwayWeekend** will be held on **16 - 18 October 2020** once again at the De Vere Horsley Hotel. More details to follow but please put the dates in your diaries now so you are free to come along.

**Pilot Project on Discipleship-** We have been contacted by the Archdeacon to take part in a pilot project on discipleship. If you are someone who struggles to make a regular commitment to a home group but would like to have some materials to study why not take a look here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/connecteddisciples> The aim is 'to encourage Christians to connect with good pre-existing online discipleship tools that spark conversation and reflection and draw people closer to God.' If you do sign up, please do feedback to Helen any thoughts or comments to improve the site before it goes live more widely.

## **Raise money for St Matthew's at zero cost to you!** –

St Matthew's PCC is now registered with 'Give As You Live', an online fundraising platform which allows users to shop at over 4,300 online stores and raise free funds for the Church. Register at [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com), search for 'St Matthew's PCC, Surbiton' and you can raise 1-10% of whatever you spend online for the Church at no cost to you. You can install a 'donation reminder' on your computer or smart phone so that you are asked if you would like to raise money when visiting a website. This initiative could be worth thousands of pounds a year to us, especially if Church members use it when booking holidays, taking out insurance or doing their Christmas shopping. Please speak to Jen Houghton or Julie Usher if you would like to know more.

**Weekday restricted access to church.-** There will be no access through the main church doors on weekdays. If you need to get in during that time, please speak, in advance, to Helen or Simon.

**5ps Collection for the Organ Fund.** – The model of St Matthew's Church piggy bank which can be found at the back of church is for your odd 5p's to help support the fund. Thanks for your contributions.

***For more information about our church and events visit our website at  
[www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org) - email address: [admin@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto:admin@stmatthewskt6.org)  
Facebook [StMatthewsChurchSurbiton](https://www.facebook.com/StMatthewsChurchSurbiton) [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)  
Parish Office is open 9 -12.30pm Mon, Tues & Thurs.( TERM TIME ONLY) Tel.no. 020 8390 5121.***

## **Motto Verse 2019**

***“Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labour in vain.” Psalm 127.1***

