



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
 In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
22nd December 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent



9.15am No service

**10.30 am Joint All Age Communion Service with
 Christingle making workshop.**

Reading

Luke 22. 7-20

Hymns

*In the bleak midwinter, Christingle Song, When out of poverty is born,
 From the squalor of a borrowed stable.*

6.15pm for

**6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight - bring a torch for easier
 reading by candlelight.**

Collect

Eternal God,
 as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
 so we wait for his coming in glory;
 bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
 to see, with her, our great salvation
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Diary for the Week

more notices are on our NEW CHURCH WEBSITE. Check it out at www.stmatthewskt6.org.

Tuesday 24

Christmas Eve

12.00 pm

Holy Communion for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter

3.30pm

**Christingle Service - supporting the work of
 The Children's Society.**

Hymns

God rest ye merry gentlemen, Away in a manger, Christingle song,
 Holly and the Ivy.

11.15pm

Midnight Communion

Hymns

The first Nowell, See amid the winter snow, It came upon a
 midnight clear, O come all ye faithful.

Wednesday 25

Christmas Day

9.00am

Holy Communion - a quiet formal spoken service

10.30am

All Age Celebration Service

Hymns

Come and join the celebration, Away in a manger, Ding Dong
 merrily on high, O come, all ye faithful.

Sunday 29

First Sunday after Christmas

10.30am

Joint Service of Holy Communion

Hymns MP

714, 342, 749, 179

January

Epiphany

Sunday

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9.15am

Holy Communion Service

11.00am

All Age Worship

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.

Christmas Greetings – This is your last chance if 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.

Part-time Activities Co-ordinator - In the New Year, we will be recruiting a paid part-time Activities Coordinator to develop the church's heritage offering, particularly through Educational visits. A fixed term contract likely to be for one year will be offered for up to seven hours per week (often working from home, if preferred) with flexibility around hours, especially during school holidays. Some weekend working will be required. Job description and application forms will be available from the Parish Office in the New Year but if you want to register an interest informally in the meantime please let Helen know.

Foodbank Focus .. January 2020

Urgently required this month. Breakfast Cereals (not Porridge) please. Thanks for all your Seasonal treats.

KCAH – Items needed please - Men's (new) underwear, ladies toiletries and pants, rucksacks, sleeping bags, gloves, new socks, coats, jeans, waterproof trousers and towels etc. 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 or call 0208 255 7400 and ask for Sophie.

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

For more information about our church and events visit our website at

www.stmatthewskt6.org - email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org

Facebook [StMatthewsChurchSurbiton](https://www.facebook.com/StMatthewsChurchSurbiton) www.stmatthewskt6.org

Parish Office is open 9 -12.30pm Mon, Tues & Thurs.(TERM TIME ONLY) Tel.no. 020 8390 5121.

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.

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, 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.

Motto Verse 2019

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

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

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.