



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
29th December 2019
First Sunday after Christmas



10.30 am Joint Service of Holy Communion

Readings **Isaiah 63 :7-9 (page 749)**
Matthew 2:13-end (page 966)
Hymns **MP 714, 342,749,179.**

Collect

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Diary for the Week

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

Wednesday 1

New Year's Day

"Happy New year to everyone"

Sunday 5

Epiphany

9.15am Holy Communion Service

11.00am All Age Worship

3.30pm Service for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter Home

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.

We are sad announce the sudden death of our dear friend Melda Hyde. Melda, a faithful servant of our Lord and long- standing member of St Matthew's, was called home by the Lord on Christmas morning, having just returned home after reading the Epistle (from the authorised version which she loved) at the 9am Communion Service. Our thoughts and prayers are with her children, Duncan and Julia, and all the grandchildren. She is now re-united her beloved husband Bob, and may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

A huge thank you to everyone who made Christmas the wonderful celebration which it was here at St Matthew's. So many people served God and his people through using their skills - musical, floral, culinary, inter-personal, organisational, audio, visual, administrative, liturgical and many more. It really couldn't have happened without you. Thank you so much to all of you from all of us!

Thank you - Christmas Gift Bags

Oh WOW!!!! Thank you so much for your beautiful Christmas bags – such a special gift. Our residents will love them and the care and attention shows God's love through and through. Thank you for making this tricky time just that little bit easier. We have had the most incredible response and for the first time have been able to give gift bags to our two care homes for 38 adults with learning difficulties as well as the 148 residents at the Surbiton Hostel. Thank You! **Nicki Sudworth, Chaplaincy Lead, YMCA St Paul's Group.**

Faculty Application- The inquisitive amongst you will have seen we are applying for a Faculty, which allows us to do work on the building. This is so that work can be done on the Parish Office steps to repair them and install a handrail. It will hopefully be done at the end of the Tower and Spire Project while the contractors are still on site. If you have any questions, ask a PCC member.

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. 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.](#)

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.

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

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

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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***

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.

Let us worship God In order to help everyone prepare for worship and for a trial period, 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.

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.