



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

12th January 2020

First Sunday of Epiphany

Covenant Sunday and Motto Verse



9.15 am Holy Communion

Readings Nehemiah 5: 1-15 (page 489)
Mark 1: 16-20 (page 1062)
Hymns MP 784, 649, 133, 159.

11am All Age Worship

Reading Nehemiah 5: 1-15
Hymns MP 151,1041, Unless the Lord builds the house, Good, good Father, 572.

At the 9.15am service the choir will sing the anthem "From the rising of the sun" by Ouseley' and the voluntary will be 'Processional' by William Mathias.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Diary for the Week

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

Monday	13	9.45am	Brunch Bunch
		11.00am	Holy Communion for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Tuesday	14	1.30pm	Discipleship Team Meeting
Wednesday	15	2.00pm	Chance to Chat- in church – all welcome
		8.00pm	Beta House Group
Thursday	16	10.00am	Smarties Embroidery Group
		7.00pm	Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
		8.00pm	Delta & Sigma House Groups
Saturday	18	4.30pm	Silent Movie Afternoon – in Church - see notice

Sunday

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Second Sunday of Epiphany

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Pulpit Swap

9.15am Morning Prayer

11.00am All Age Communion

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, Sally Hall. The family and friends of Melda Hyde.

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.

Silent films with organ: Next **Saturday 18th January at 4.30** we will be welcoming back virtuoso organist Tom Bell to entertain us with another of his silent film accompaniments on the St Matthew's organ. This time (on the big screen) we will be showing four silent shorts by Laurel and Hardy, made shortly before the arrival of the 'talkies' in the late 1920s. Entry is free, with refreshments provided in the interval. A date for the diary! **Sat 18th January, 4.30pm.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



18-25 January 2020

Day	Event
Sunday 19th January	<p>Pulpit Swap – A number of churches are involved and the preacher will be travelling with a few members from each church to help foster links between the churches.</p> <p><i>(Helen needs a couple of volunteers to accompany her to the United Reformed Church in Tolworth for the service at 10.30am - Please let her know if you want to come along to extend fellowship across the congregations.)</i></p>
Tuesday 21st January	<p>CTS Meeting at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church. Open Meeting, all welcome to attend -7.45 for 8pm. Followed by a time of prayer and worship led by Doxa Deo Community Church.</p>
Friday 24th January	<p>Soup Lunch. Delicious home-made soup served from 12.30pm. St. Matthew's Church. Everyone is welcome.</p>

Part-time Heritage Activities Co-ordinator - We are looking to recruit a paid part-time Heritage 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 are available now from Helen by email -closing date for applications is **Monday 27 January**.

CTS - Lent Study Course 2020

J. John (the internationally famous evangelist and Canon in the Church of England) is coming to speak at the Rose Theatre on 28th June. To help prepare for this CTS event and to equip us to invite others to come along, we shall be studying '**The Natural Evangelism Course**' written by J. John as our Lent Study Course. We are looking for hosts/group leaders. Ideally we need a variety of venues and sessions (morning, afternoon or evening) to which everyone is welcome, running from week beginning **2nd March 2020**. Please let Helen know, as soon as possible, if you are willing to host a session which can be included in our Lent Course Programme. A Programme will follow once compiled.

Group leaders are invited to attend the launch morning on **Wednesday 29th January** at Christ Church, 10am -12pm. Please let Katie MacAuslan, Administrator at Surbiton Hill Methodist Church, know if you can attend on Tel: 020 8390 4598 or email shmc.office@kingstoncircuit.org.uk

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.](#)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
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.***

Winter Team Walk Saturday 1st February 2020

Having had to cancel the planned walk around Reigate Heath with a visit to the Windmill church in November, we're praying for better weather for the same walk in February.

Here's the up to date information about our WinterTeam walk, We'll meet; weather permitting, at **9:45 sharp** at The Pheasant at Buckland on the A25 between Dorking and Reigate. (Directions are at the end of this email). PLEASE NOTE JOURNEY TIME CAN BE 40 MINUTES WITH TRAFFIC

From the Pheasant car park we'll walk a circular 3 mile path around Reigate Heath and visit the Reigate Heath Windmill church. We should arrive back at the car park around 12:00.

The walk has a couple of small rises that will be taken at a steady pace.

NOTE.

HAVING WALKED THE ROUTE TODAY THERE ARE SEVERAL VERY VERY MUDDY STRETCHES. YOU WILL NEED WELLIES OR BOOTS. IF YOU CHOOSE TO WALK IN OTHER FOOTWEAR YOU DO SO AT YOUR OWN RISK. IF YOU HAVE WALKING POLES OR STICKS IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO BRING THEM.

There are no places to purchase food and drink on the route so please bring your own if you fancy a coffee. There are no toilets on the route.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU ARE FEELING WELL ENOUGH TO COMPLETE THE WALK.

If it is heavy rain on the day we won't be walking, but if showers are forecast the walk may well go ahead. **Please call Dave on 07540702400 before 9 a.m. if you are unsure.**

Sadly, and for the first time on our walks, we're not able to arrange a block booking for lunch at a local pub, café or restaurant. Having visited many, and tried their food, none are able to accommodate a large party for a lunch on that Saturday. Consequently what we propose is that you might like to try The Pheasant, where we park, as at 12:00 they might be able to seat tables of 4. Alternatively there are several places on the routes back to Surbiton, such as the Arkle Manor (1.5 miles back to wards Dorking), The Watermill on the right just before the Dorking main roundabout and The Stepping Stones at Westhumble, on the A24 just before the Box Hill roundabout.

Looking forward to walking with you.

Dave & Jackie

Directions to the start – Journey time about 40 minutes

From the Ace of Spades roundabout, take the A243 towards Chessington.

Take the A243 Leatherhead bypass towards Dorking.

Continue along the A243, which becomes the A24, to Dorking.

Pass the bottom of Box Hill, then Dorking railway station, until you come to the roundabout with the large Silver cockerel in the middle, the junction of A24 and A25.

Take the first exit A25 to Reigate.

After 2.5 miles take the second exit on roundabout A25 to Reigate.

After just over 1 mile look for a pub; The Pheasant at Buckland on the right side of the road.

Turn in and park at the back of the car park.