



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

9th February 2020

Third Sunday before Lent

The a, e, i and o of Paul's letters



9.15am Holy Communion

Readings Ephesians 6:10-18 (page 1177)
Luke 12:35-40 (page 1045)
Hymns MP 449, 617, 441, in Christ alone (sheet)

11am All Age Worship

Reading Ephesians 6: 10-18
Hymns MP 936, Hallelu, Hallelu, 825, 200.

At the 9.15am service the choir will sing the anthem, 'Holy is the true light' by William Harris and the organ voluntary is 'Choral Song' by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76).

Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your church where we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our lord. Amen

Diary for the week beginning 9th February

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

Monday	10	9.45am	Brunch Bunch
		11.00am	Holy Communion for the residents of Milverton Care Home
		7.00pm	Finance Committee Meeting
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Tuesday	11	2.30pm	Holy Communion for the residents of Rosclare Care Home
Wednesday	12	8.00pm	Beta House Group
Thursday	13	10.00am	Smarties Embroidery Group
		7.00pm	Choir Practice : Sitzler Room
		8.00pm	Delta & Sigma House Groups

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9.15am	Morning Prayer
11.00am	All Age Communion
5.00pm	Fuel Youth Group Meeting - North Room

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.

Sermon Series - For the next few weeks our sermon series is looking at four of St Paul's letters helped by resources from TheBibleProject.com. The series is called 'the a, e, i, o of St Paul's letters'. No marks for guessing which ones we'll be studying!

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.

P/T Heritage Activities Co-Ordinator - We are delighted to announce that Alex Hill has been appointed as our new part-time Heritage Activities Co-ordinator. She comes with an amazing wealth of experience in this sector and we are delighted that she will be helping us (over the next year) to fulfil the requirements set by the National Heritage Lottery Fund.

Safeguarding -The Diocese is currently reviewing all previous safeguarding matters involving Church officers. As a church we have responded that there are no such matters known to us. But this has highlighted for the PCC the need to be open on all safeguarding matters. Please be assured that we treat the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults as an absolute priority. Checks are made on all who help with children's work and relevant others and training is also undertaken and monitored. If you have any questions or concerns then please feel free to contact our Parish Safeguarding Officers Brenda Tyrrell or Caroline Aird Mash via the Parish Office or speak to Helen. Further information can be found on our website.

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. **The Lent Course will be run over 5 sessions (week beginning Monday 2nd March).** The Course is practical and packed full of stories, insights and activities to help us as individuals and churches to connect confidently with our faith and those around us. A range of dates and venues are offered and you are invited to join one of Lent study groups. A list of the venues is at the back of church.

Please select a day, time and venue that suits you from the programme at the back of church and **contact the Leader direct** to register your interest in attending. Copies of the course booklet will be available at each venue. Although the course materials will be supplied by CTS, it is expected that those attending will pay £4.00 as a contribution towards the cost of the booklet.

More about J. John: <https://canonjohn.com/> Churches Together in Surbiton Lent Study Course 2020.

Children's Society – Please Note - If you are the owner of a Society collection box this is the last Sunday for them to be handed in for counting please. I attend the 9.15am service but can be found at the back of church before the 11 o'clock service. Thank you.

Paul Mackie 8224 1296.

Weekday restricted access to church.- As the last few tasks are completed on the Tower and Spire access to the main doors may still be limited. Also, for the next two weeks work continues on the Parish Office steps so that door will be out of action during the week.

KCAH – Items needed please - New socks, New men's underwear, Gloves, Coats (parka/anorak style, waterproof, preferably with a hood), Waterproof trousers, Gift vouchers for coffee shops and supermarkets. (we are currently not in need of any more hats and scarves). Please place them in the box provided at the back of church. *KCAH say a "big thank you" for the donations over Christmas and were overwhelmed by the support given.* Thank you.

KCAH 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.](#)

Foodbank Focus .. February 2020

Tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce, tinned meat and rice pudding or instant custard please.
Thanks for all your January donations.

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 5p's already collected are to be counted shortly, if you have any to be added please bring them along and place them in the model of St Matthew's Church piggy bank which can be found at the back of church. 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*

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

Motto Verse 2020

Out of reverence for the Lord, I acted differently.

Based on Nehemiah 5.15

