



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 23rd February 2020

### Sunday next before Lent

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



#### 9.15am Holy Communion

Readings

Colossians 1:15-20 (page 1182)

John 1: 1-5, 10-14 (page 1063)

Hymns MP

528 (omit v3 & 4), 382

O breath of God, 13.

#### 11am Sunday Service

Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

Hymns MP

38,1101, He's got the whole wide world, Your love shining like the sun, 579.

*At the 9.15am service the choir will sing the anthem "Flocks in pastures green abiding" by Bach and the organ voluntary will be 'Toccata' by Simon Hancock.*

### Collect

Holy God,

you know the disorder of our sinful lives;

set straight our crooked hearts,

and bend our wills to love your goodness

and your glory

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Diary for the week

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

Monday	24	9.45am	Brunch Bunch, (last until 20 April)
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Wednesday	26		<b><u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u></b>
		11.00am	Ash Wednesday Service at St.George's – Preacher: Rev. Helen Hancock
		8.00pm	Informal Ash Wednesday Service in the Sitzler Room at St Matthew's
Thursday	27	10.00am	Smarties Embroidery Group
		7.00pm	Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
		8.00pm	Delta & Sigma House Groups
Friday	28	10.00am	St Matthew's Mum's Group Meeting - creche
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1</b>		<b><u>First Sunday of Lent</u></b>
		<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>
		3.30pm	Service for the residents of the Royal Star and Garter

**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** - Our sermon series is looking at four of St Paul's letters helped by resources from TheBibleProject.com. Today is the last in the series called 'the a, e, i, o of St Paul's letters'.

### ***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, Alex Graham, Kier Fernie.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 and shown below.

Please select a day, time and venue that suits you from the programme 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.

<b>Monday</b> March: 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Church Lounge St. George's Church, Hamilton Avenue, Tolworth KT6 7QA	Ros Nicklin 020 8391 5682
<b>Monday</b> March: 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup> (Tuesday)	8pm	Surbiton Hill Methodist Church 39 Ewell Road, Surbiton KT6 6AF	Rev Stan Brown 07341 846601
<b>Tuesday</b> March: 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup>	10am	39 Tolworth Park Road	Andi Champion 07906 783342
<b>Wednesday</b> March: 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> April: 1 <sup>st</sup>	2.30pm	1 The Mall, Surbiton KT6 4EH	Rev Michael Johns- Perring 07748 455773
<b>Wednesday</b> March: 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> April: 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30-9pm	43 Imber Close Esher Surrey. KT10 8ED	Dan and Nori Chesney 07983 415914
<b>Thursday</b> March – 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , April - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	The Berrylands Christian Centre 41 King Charles Road, KT5 8PF	John Rutter 020 8399 7844
<b>Thursday</b> March – 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , April - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.15pm	41 Hamilton Avenue, Tolworth, KT6 7PW	Dave & Jackie Farris 020 8391 1655 <b>3 Spaces only</b>
<b>Thursday</b> March – 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , April - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8-9pm	31 Upper Brighton Road, Surbiton KT6 6QX	Nigel Palmer 07770 670000

**Erratum** – The telephone number previously shown for Andi Champion (Tuesday) was incorrect. Apologies to anyone who has been trying to contact her.

**Maintenance and Housekeeping Day at the Church on Saturday 28th March starting at 9.30am.** if anybody can help please give their names to Mike or Pauline.

### Date for your diary -

A day out to Canterbury to hear our Choir Sing Evensong in the Cathedral on **Easter Monday 13th April** - coach tickets on sale soon!

### World Day of Prayer –

Praying with Zimbabwe, **Friday 6 March at 1.45pm** in Cavendish Hall, United Reformed Church, New Malden (Entrance in Cavendish Road). A service for everyone. See poster at back of church.

**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. Thank you.

**KCAH Sleeping bag Appeal.** As our Night Shelter, where we use sleeping bags, is filling up and temperatures remain low, 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](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.](#)

### **Foodbank Focus ..March**

Longlife milk and Instant Mashed potato please.  
Thanks for all your February contributions.

**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.

**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 week or so work continues on the Parish Office steps so that door will be out of action during the week.

### **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.

**5ps Collection for the Organ Fund.** – The 5p's collected since last July have now been counted and a total of £70.30 has been added to the Fund. Please keep them coming and place them in the model of St Matthew's Church piggy bank which can be found at the back of church. Thanks for all your contributions, every little helps.

# ASK Topical Lunches



**All Saints Church, Kingston Market Place.**

*Enjoy lunch – discuss Kingston’s topical issues*

**Thursday 16 April** *‘Keep our High Streets good!’ Kingston First’s role.*

Kirsten Henly, Kingston First Chief Executive

**Thursday 21 May** Growing plants – Growing people

John Doran, Hampton Court Stud Nursery. Nursery-grown plants, bird boxes, etc on sale.

**Thursday 18 June** The Tiffin Boys’ Summer Promenade Concert

Lunch from 12:00 am – Sandwiches at the *ASK East End Cafe*, or bring your own.

Introduction 1:00 – 1:10 pm Questions, comments, discussion. Finish 1:45 pm sharp.

For further information, contact Leslie Packer [lgpucker123@gmail.com](mailto:lgpucker123@gmail.com) or 020 8549 1960

*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)

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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***