



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

1st March 2020

First Sunday of Lent

St.David's Day



9.15am Holy Communion

Readings Philippians 4:4-9 (page 1181)
John 2 :1-11 (page 1064)
Hymns MP 260, Lord of hopefulness (sheet),
A place at the table (sheet),372.

11am Sunday Service

Reading John 2: 1-11
Hymns MP 737, Everywhere around me,
Lord I come to you, 160.

At the 9.15am service the choir will sing the anthem "Lord, for thy tender mercies sake" probably by Richard Farrant (c.1525-1580), and the organ voluntary is 'Farewell to Stromness' by Peter Maxwell Davies.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert;
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Diary for the week

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

CTS Lent Study Groups begin this week – see notice at back of church

Sunday	1	3.30pm	Service for the residents of the Royal Star and Garter
Monday	2	8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Tuesday	3	8.00pm	Ruby House Group
Thursday	5	10.00am	Smarties Embroidery Group
		10.15am	Project Team Meeting
		7.00pm	Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
Friday	6		Lent Soup Lunch – POSTPONED UNTIL 3rd APRIL when we hope to have the kitchen facilities restored.
		1.45pm	World Day of Prayer – see notice and poster
Sunday	8		<u>Second Sunday of Lent</u>
		9.15am	Holy Communion
		11.00am	Sunday Service with a Baptism

Let us worship God In order to help everyone, prepare for worship, 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.

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.
The family and friends of Audrey Daniels (St George's) who died on Friday morning.

Sermon Series - During March we have a series called 'If I am a Christian I must be '

The series will seek to de-bunk the common stereotypes of Christians to show just why they are so wrong! This is a form of Christian apologetics - seeking to defend Christianity against objections. The sermon this week is entitled 'If I am a Christian, I must be boring and sad'!

Lenten Journey - If you would like something for yourself or the whole family to take part in during Lent it is not too late to sign up for the C of E's Lent Journey 'Care for God's Creation'. There are lots of different resources and options for a daily interaction - check it on the C of E website home page.

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.

Your Church Needs You - Our Annual Church Meeting will be on **Sunday 26 April at 10.30am** followed by a HC service and then a Bring and Share lunch. At our meeting we will be looking for new personnel to take on roles within the church. We are looking for new PCC members and new Deanery Synod Rep's (who also get to sit on our PCC) a PCC Secretary and a Churchwarden. If you are thinking about how you can give back to the church and give to God something of value it may be your time, talents and energies in taking on one of these roles. Please give this prayerful consideration and if you want more info talk to Helen, Pauline or Mike.

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!

Easter Flowers - Helen and the Wardens decided last year that at Easter instead of having lilies in the church in memory of loved ones we will have white roses. If you wish to take part, please do get in touch with Carol Bainbridge on 8399 4932 or at church between the services. The suggested donation will remain at £4 per stem and excess funds will go towards church flowers at other times. Thank you.

Football - We have been invited to field a football team to play another local Christian Team. Perhaps we could organise one across the THiS Team. Any takers? Let Helen know.

Foodbank Focus ..March - Longlife milk and Instant Mashed potato please. Thanks for all your February contributions.

KCAH – Items needed please - New socks, new women's underwear, gloves, coats (parka/anorak style, waterproof, preferably with a hood), waterproof trousers, hooded sweatshirts, tracksuit bottoms, 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 or call 0208 255 7400 and ask for Sophie. You can also [sign up for a 2 hour volunteer training session here.](#)

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, 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 £73.70 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 lgpacker123@gmail.com or 020 8549 1960.

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

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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

