



**Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton**  
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry  
**15th March 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**



**9.15am Morning Prayer**

Readings James 1: 17-25 (page 1213)  
John 8:2-11 (page 1073)  
Psalm 46 (page 570)  
Hymns MP 480, Only by grace (sheet), 16.

**11am All-Age Communion Service**

Reading John 8:2-11  
Hymns MP 826, 1221, Faith as small, 842, 31

**Collect**

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
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).**

			<b><i>CTS Lent Groups continue this week – see notice at back of church</i></b>
Monday	16	11.00am	Holy Communion for the residents of Bourne House Care Home
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Tuesday	17	8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday	19	10.00am	Smarties Embroidery Group - Chapel
Friday	20	8.00pm	Joint Choir Practice at St Andrew's Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22</b>		<b><u>Mothering Sunday</u></b>
		<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Said Holy Communion Service</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Joint All-Age Service</b>

**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, Carol Bainbridge, Sally Hall.

The funeral service for Audrey Daniels will be at St Georges on Tuesday 17th March at 2.30pm. Audrey's family & friends will meet in the Church Hall at 1pm for lunch, we are all invited. Please pray for the family.

**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 an intolerant bigot."

**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.

**Your Church Needs You** - Our Annual Church Meeting will be on **Sunday 26 April at 10.30am** followed by a Holy Communion 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.

**Revision of Church Electoral Roll** -The Electoral roll is being updated in readiness for the APCM. If you are not on the Electoral Roll please consider signing up. The Roll will be open for revision from **Sunday 22 March to Wednesday 8 April**. Please see Judith Jones if you have any questions.

**Home Team help** – We now have two opportunities in the coming weeks to offer hospitality to groups of people but we need some 'Home team' to make this happen. On **Friday 27 March** we are welcoming couples for Marriage Preparation so we need some people to help in the kitchen and serve food from 7pm. On **Saturday 25 April** we have a J.John Training morning (10-12) for people across the local churches so would like to be able to offer refreshments. If you could help at just one of these events it would be wonderful - please let Helen or the wardens know. Thanks in advance!

**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 Jennie Akerman on 8399 2549 or at church between the services (Carol Bainbridge is indisposed at the moment). The suggested donation will remain at £4 per stem and excess funds will go towards church flowers at other times. Thank you.

### **“The King’s Storeroom” - Your Local Christian Bookshop**

Graham Laphorn, previously of Refresh/CLC in the Tolworth Broadway, is very pleased to report that The King’s Storeroom is now up and running in Kingston.

It is located at the Richard Mayo Centre, Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1 HZ, phone: 0208 3905400,

Email: [info@kingstonstoreroom.org](mailto:info@kingstonstoreroom.org),

Online: [www.thekingstonstoreroom.org](http://www.thekingstonstoreroom.org),

facebook.com/thekingstonstoreroom

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am – 2pm

See poster at back of church for more information.

## **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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

## **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.

## **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 r*

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](mailto:lgpacker123@gmail.com) or 020 8549 1960.

**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.

*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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### **Motto Verse 2020**

***Out of reverence for the Lord, I acted differently.  
Based on Nehemiah 5.15***