



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 22nd March 2020

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Mothering Sunday



**All Services and other activities in the church building are currently suspended – but we are still church!**

**So the church will be open between 10am – 2pm daily for private prayer. Please observe the guidance about social distancing and remain 2 metres away from other people and take this sheet with you or place it in the bin when you exit – do not leave it for others to pick up.**

### Collect for the Week

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



### ***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. Our nation and the world in these uncertain times, those who are at the forefront of providing medical services and leading research, those who are working to support our everyday living – shop and transport workers, teachers and many others, those who are in self-isolation and particularly vulnerable, all those who do not have the Christian hope we share in a God of unconditional love and promise of eternal life.

**Keeping in Touch** we have launched our pastoral support groups. If you are a congregation member you should have received an email or a phone call telling you about this. If you haven't, please contact Rev Helen Hancock on 020 8390 3829 or [teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto:teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org).

We are looking in to offering worship resources but also aware that there are many out there already. The Church of England website is a good place to start <https://www.churchofengland.org/>  
Rev Luke Wickings is offering a live-stream simple act of worship every Sunday via the St Paul's Church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulschurchhook>

**Website** We also have a Keeping in Touch page on the website on which we hope to share all sorts of resources, links and inspiring and encouraging material. Please do keep checking back to see what is new. You'll find it under 'About Us' on the website. [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)

**Lighting a candle** It has been suggested that we might light a candle in our windows at 7pm each evening as a sign of God's love and light in the world. Please do not leave any lit candles unattended though.

**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.

**Foodbank Focus ..March** - Longlife milk and Instant Mashed potato please.

Thanks for all your February contributions. Contributions needed more than ever at this time – goods placed in the box will be delivered to the Foodbank in the usual way.

**Parish Office** will be on restricted opening. You can still leave a message on the answerphone and it will be picked up but we can't guarantee the time scale.

**Psalm 46:1-3** was part of our reading from the Psalms last week.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging"

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The holy one is here  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear  
In him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The holy one is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour he is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant king of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

## **Motto Verse 2020**

***Out of reverence for the Lord, I acted differently.***

***based on Nehemiah 5.15***

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