



**Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton**  
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry  
**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



**Sadly, St Matthew's Church building is now  
CLOSED for the foreseeable future.  
All services and other activities in the church building  
are currently suspended – but we are still church!**

Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
**He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**

**Collect for the Week**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep;  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

***Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:***

Reverends Helen Hancock, Luke Wickings, David Nyirongo, Carolyn Lucas & their families. THIS Team, Michael Kennett, Miles Stuart-William, Carol Bainbridge, Sally Hall.

The family and friends of Doreen (Pauline Keane's mother) who sadly died on Thursday, 30 April.

The family and friends of the Rev Peter Holmes who died last weekend and the congregation of St Peter's Church, Norbiton. For Philip, Linda, Paul, family and friends of Nancy Whiting who died peacefully in her sleep at home on Thursday 23 April. The family were long term members of St Matthew's and Nancy was S.P.A to our Parish in the 80's and 90's before moving to Shropshire and latterly to the Isle of Wight in 2018. Her funeral has taken place on Friday 1 May.



Keeping in Touch

**Website** - Please do keep checking back to see what is new on our Covid-19 Keeping in Touch page.

You'll find it under 'About Us' on the website. [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)

**Support Groups**- are working well. Please contact Helen Hancock on 020 8390 3829 or [teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto:teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org) if there are any issues.

**Worship** - we are offering daily worship on our website [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org) and Facebook page 'St Matthew's Church Surbiton'. There will be a live streamed Service at 10.30 every Sunday followed by a short service of Holy Communion. You will find it on our Facebook page or through the link on the front page of the website.

**Daily Worship Notes** - these are being prepared each week (written by one of THIS Team Clergy) and are being distributed to all those across the Team without a computer, to ensure that we are all part of our worshipping community together. These members are also receiving other material for the week.

**Sermon Series** - In May, during our Sunday morning services we are thinking about 'Prayers that help me'. Two people will each be sharing a treasured prayer and through these we should all learn a little more about the experience and practice of prayer. This week Helen will be speaking on a prayer by the Australian cartoonist Michael Leunig:

*God give us rain when we expect sun.  
Give us music when we expect trouble.  
Give us tears when we expect breakfast.  
Give us dreams when we expect a storm.  
Give us a stray dog when we expect congratulations.  
God play with us, turn us sideways and around.  
Amen.*

Tony Geater will be speaking on the prayer by Jacob Astley, who was the Royalist Commander at the Battle of Edgehill in 1642 during the English Civil War:

*O Lord thou knowest how busy I must be this day.  
If I forget thee, do not forget me.*

The talk is entitled – 'Going with the grain' and we shall think about how God knows us each better than we know ourselves and how our prayer life should acknowledge who we are and how we can best communicate with God in the light of that.

**Another prayer from Michael Leunig for these times:**

Dear God,  
These circumstances will change.  
This situation shall pass.  
Amen.

## **Motto Verse 2020**

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

***based on Nehemiah 5.15***

***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)  
Facebook 'StMatthewsChurchSurbiton'  
The Parish Office is currently closed.***