



**Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton**  
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry  
**24th May 2020**  
**Seventh 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, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
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 Peter Beard, Dorothy Hills, Barbara Sturgess and Jean Ryder whose funerals have been or are in the coming days.



**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, our Sunday morning sermon series is '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 it is Lauren Godin and Rev Carolyn Lucas.

**Thy Kingdom Come** - Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. May 21 – 31 2020. We are each encouraged to think of and then pray for 5 people who we would like to see come to Christ. The focus this year is also around 'Prayer and Care' with practical action accompanying prayer for others.

Our THiS Team daily worship resources during this time will be based on material provided by TKC. There will also be a daily **TKC Zoom prayer meeting** at 7pm from Friday 22 – Saturday 30 May for 20 minutes across the Team and you can call in to be a part of these calls from your home phone for just the cost of a local call. You need to ring 020 3695 0088 then you will be asked for a code which is 880 2038 7321#. You will be asked for a participant ID. Ignore that but just press # again and you should arrive on the call. It really is very straightforward – promise!

### **Another test of your Bible knowledge!**

Can you figure out these Bible names by rearranging the letters and then say which book of the Bible they appear in or wrote (there may be more than one!).

1. Jaileh
2. Henteps
3. Ulpa
4. Bamhara
5. Lisas
6. Anho
7. Raash
8. Nana
9. Ossem
10. Utist

### **A new prayer for this time:**

God of heaven and earth,  
we rejoice that absolutely nothing can separate us from your love –  
not the virus,  
not our isolation,  
not loneliness,  
not our doubts,  
not anxiety for the future,  
not our closed churches.  
Your love has blazed past our two metre rule,  
and we adore you for it.  
Amen.

### **Motto Verse 2020**

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

***based on Nehemiah 5.15***