



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
27th September 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest & St Matthew's Weekend



We are now holding two services on Sunday in church both of which are being live-streamed. At 9am there is Holy Communion in church and at 10.30am we share in all-age worship. Both services are open to all, whether worshipping in church or online at home. Children's groups will not happen for the time being, although there will be a short Zoom call after the 10.30 service for the children to have a catch up.

If you would like Zoom details, please ask Helen or contact the Office.

If you are attending a service in church, social distancing must be observed and face masks worn. Your details will be taken for track and trace.

Please do not attend in person if you have any symptoms of the virus.

Collect for the Week

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for your gracious providing
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
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, Jen Houghton and family, THIS Team, Carol Bainbridge, and Paul Atkins.

GDPR Notice Now that our services are live-streamed you could potentially appear in shot if you are at the front of the church (in the front two pews or on or near the platform). If this presents any problems for you please speak to a warden or to Helen.

This week, Sunday 27 September we will be celebrating **Harvest and St Matthew's Weekend** at both services. Please do not bring any gifts in kind (food or decorations) to church but you can still donate food at supermarkets and there are links on our website to encourage you to make online donations as your Harvest offering.

Sunday 1 November at 5pm will be our Service of Remembering and Thanking for the relatives and friends of those who have died in the last year. You will be able to attend in person or online.

Please put **Saturday 14 November** – in your diary 9.30 – 11.30 am. We are planning our first ever Zoom based **AwayMorning**. More details to follow soon.

Church Keys – if you have some and don't really need them any longer because you have stepped back from responsibilities, please could you return them to a warden on a Sunday morning soon. Many thanks.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday 25 October** in the 10.30am service on Zoom – more details to follow.

The **Electoral Roll** will be revised starting on 30 Sept. If you would like to be added to it please find a form at the back of church or on the website and complete it and return it **by Saturday 10 Oct.** You can bring it to church on Sunday or post it through the Vicarage letter box. If in doubt please speak to Judith Jones our electoral roll officer or Helen.

We will also be looking to elect new **Deanery Synod Reps** and **new PCC members** along with two Churchwardens. Deanery Synod meets about three times across the year and is the first rung of the Church's decision making structure above our own PCC. Our church has three or four reps on Deanery Synod and this year we need to vote people in for a three year term of office. We are grateful to Philippa Alexander, Lesley Kennett and Jason Pennington who have been our reps for at least the last three years. Deanery Synod Reps are automatically members of the PCC too.

PCC members are elected for a three year term of office. They assist the Wardens and Helen in running the church and take responsibility on committees dealing with fabric, finance, discipleship, comms and others.

We will be also be appointing new **Churchwardens** for the coming year. With Pauline Keane having resigned after doing way more than her agreed term of office we are fortunate to have both Mike and Jackie willing to stand. But that doesn't stop anyone else who would like to as well.

If you might be interested in standing for any of these posts then, again, please speak with Helen or a Warden.

Giving – thank you to all those who continue to give to the church. Now people are returning to worship in church it would be wonderful to see our giving return to the amount closer to the pre-lockdown levels – it has reduced by 13% over the last six months. A collection will not be taken during the service but please do give in the collection bowls either at the entrance or the exit or better still start a direct debit to the church. Details for this are on the website. Cheques should be made payable to 'Surbiton St Matthew PCC.' The PCC this week agreed the level of contribution to the Diocese for next year and on current giving figures we will be running a deficit budget.

Hope in Depression-This is a free six week course for people living with, or caring for those with depression and anxiety. We will explore the possible causes, learn about brain chemistry and medication, hear about counselling and talking therapies and learn about ways to aid recovery and wellbeing. A different topic is covered each week by expert speakers including a psychiatrist, a counsellor, a mindfulness instructor, a nutritionist and a fitness expert. There will also be personal stories of recovery. During small group time we will discuss what has been shared at the front to help us reflect on the topic. The course is run in a caring, confidential and encouraging environment. For further information and to sign up, please visit www.ccsurbiton.org/hidc or call 07423 144803.

Place Online via Zoom **Time** 7.15 -9.15pm **Dates** Sept 29th, Oct 6th, 13th, 20th, Nov 3rd & 10th

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

www.stmatthewskt6.org -

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Julie is still working, although sometimes from home.

Please don't try to visit the Parish Office for the time being.