



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
13th December 2020
Third Sunday of Advent



**Join our services in church, live online or to watch later.
If attending in person please ensure you observe all Covid safety
precautions including wearing a mask.**

**9.am Holy Communion with church family Nativity Play
10.30am All Age Worship with church family Nativity Play**

For links to these services please see our website

Subscribe to our **YouTube Channel** to find our services easily on line.
Just search St Matthew's Church Surbiton and click "Subscribe"

Collect for the Week

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son;
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our God. **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 also for Carol Bainbridge, Miles Stewart Williams,
Paul Atkins and David Itcovitz.

**The Church will be open for prayer for the weeks leading up to Christmas on
Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am and 2pm.**

Thank you to all those involved in our Family Nativity Play this year –

especially to Will, Melissa and Ian D, the Team who masterminded it. As part of today's
services, the play will be available on our YouTube Channel for watching again (and again
and again) over Christmas!!

Sunday 27 December – please note that we will only have one service – a traditional
service of Holy Communion at 10.30am which will be live-streamed.

Save the Wardens a sleepless night! Volunteers required for our Christmas services – sign up from the Covid page of the website or email the Office – lots of help already offered (many thanks!) but more required - please don't leave it to the last minute to offer.

Dates for your Diary -THIS Team Quiz Night on Saturday 6 February and Team Joint Service on Sun 7th at 10.30am online and, hopefully, in church!

Christmas Services – This year four of our services are ticket only. Please check the website for details and visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-matthews-church-surbiton to book. If you have offered to be a welcomer at any of these services you will still need to book yourself a ticket. If you are not online please email the Office or Helen for tickets. Book early to avoid disappointment but we will also operate a waiting list so do sign up.

'African Vision Malawi' supports vulnerable people in Malawi and one of their programmes is scholarships for orphans and ultra-poor children who show potential to succeed. Evance Kaputa is a very clever 23 year old man, one of 8 children. His older siblings failed at school for lack of funds. He has been supported through Secondary by AVM and got superb results. His dream is to study Theology and has a place at university. It costs £85 per month to cover fees, food, accommodation, equipment and transport. If there are a number of people who would like to pool together to support this young man, he would be eternally grateful and it would change the future for him and his family. Please contact Heather or Nigel Palmer for further info 020 8287 8169 or heather.palmer@africanvision.org.uk. Our thanks!

Charitable Donations - At our Christmas Services we would normally take collections for different charities. This year we are suggesting that you make donations direct to the charities concerned – more details will be available on the website. We would suggest that any donations are made to KCAH (Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness), Kingston Foodbank, Christian Aid or AVM. Please ask the Office if you need more details.

Giving SumUp – Thanks to all those who continue to give every month through the Bank and in other ways. We now have a card machine which will take payments in church contactlessly – please ask if you wish to donate.

'Free' money from smile.amazon - Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases if you purchase through www.smile.amazon.co.uk and select St Matthew's Church, Surbiton as your chosen charity. All your current account details, prices and benefits will remain the same. Then each time, make sure you go to smile.amazon and you will be raising funds for St Matthew's, at no extra cost to you - this year is has raised over £100! THANK YOU!

For more information about our church and events visit our website at www.stmatthewskt6.org email address: admin@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 but we can be reached on the phone:Parish Office 020 8390 5121

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