



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
 In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
20th December 2020
Fourth 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.

9.00am Service of Holy Communion

10.30am All Age Worship with Holy Communion

4.00pm & 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight *(in church, by ticket only)*

Choir only to sing, others to listen

For all our services please visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch 'as live' at the time indicated and then available afterwards.

Just search St Matthew's Church Surbiton and click "Subscribe"

Collect

Eternal God,
 as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
 so we wait for his coming in glory;
 bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
 to see, with her, our great salvation
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Christmas Services

more notices are on our CHURCH WEBSITE. Check it out at www.stmatthewskt6.org.

Tuesday	22	7.30pm	A 'Not- so- Merry- Christmas' A simple quiet service to acknowledge that celebrating at this time is hard for many. <i>(Online only, via YouTube or Fb)</i>
Thursday	24		<u>Christmas Eve</u>
		4.15 for 4.30pm	Christingle Service <i>(Online only, via YouTube or Fb)</i> With workshop to make your own Christingle from 4.15pm. <i>(More details on our website)</i>
		11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion <i>(in church by ticket only and live streamed)</i>
Friday	25		<u>Christmas Day</u>
		9.00am	Holy Communion - <i>(in church, limited seating)</i>
		10.30am	All Age Celebration Service . <i>(in church by ticket only and live streamed)</i>
Sunday	27		<u>First Sunday of Christmas</u> <i>(in church and online)</i>
		10.30am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion

Collect for the Week

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love;
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ. **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, Janice Price and THiS Team, for the Christoff and wider families as they mourn the loss of Christina (Theodora's mother) also for Carol Bainbridge, Miles Stewart Williams, Paul Atkins and David Itcovitz.

Currently, the Church will not be open for prayer during the week.

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.

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 one of the Churchwardens if you wish to donate. It is quick and easy but please also Gift Aid any gifts made in this way.

'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

Facebook 'StMatthewsChurchSurbiton'

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

Rev Helen Hancock 020 8390 3829

Motto Verse 2020

Out of reverence for the Lord, I acted differently

based on Nehemiah 5.15