



**Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton**  
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry  
**10th January 2021**  
**The First Sunday of Epiphany**  
**Covenant Sunday**



**Join our services live online or watch later**  
**NO congregation present in church**

**9.30am '20MinutestoPraiseGod'**

**10.30am Service of Holy Communion**

*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**

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son;  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
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 Carol Bainbridge, Paul Atkins, David Itcovitz and all those particularly suffering at this time. Miles Stewart Williams is expecting to undergo a major operation in the coming week please pray that it does go ahead for the operation itself and then for him and his family as he recovers after.

Also many congratulations to Bryan and Kathy Goodman who have become grandparents for the first time as son Ben and Kim have announced the birth of their baby daughter (no name as we go to print!)

This Sunday is our **Covenant Sunday** and you will be invited to make a commitment (should you wish) during the service. It is the opportunity to take stock of where we are in our Christian life and to renew our covenant with God in service and obedience. The words of the Covenant prayer will be up on the screen.

This week also sees the start of a new sermon series at 10.30am based around the 'Five Marks of Mission' – tell, teach, tend, transform and treasure. We will be exploring how we can put these into action in positive and practical ways. It will also lead into a focus on eco-church during Lent – a project which is being led by Jen Houghton as part of her ordinand training responsibilities.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (18-25 January) Churches Together in Surbiton will be producing short meditations which will feature on our YouTube Channel each day and there will be a Zoom service on Sunday 24 January at 6pm from St Andrew's Church (no congregation present). The theme this year is 'Abiding in Christ' and the booklet can be downloaded from the Churches together in Britain and Ireland website at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

There will be NO ecumenical Lent Study Groups this year in view of the difficulties in organising these.

**THiS Team Weekend - Quiz Night** on **Zoom on Saturday 6 February** and **Team Joint Service on Sunday 7 Feb at 10.30am**. To join the quiz you will need Meeting ID: 999 3543 7299 Passcode: Quiz789. Join from 7.15pm. Be in by 7.25pm at the latest to be allocated to a team. The Team service will be our regular 10.30 online service that Sunday.

**THANK YOU** – to all those who continue to give every month through the Bank and in other ways. We may not always say it, but we are extremely grateful and we could not continue to function without your generous giving.



Also a huge thank you to all those who contributed to **The Children's Society** through our website. Combined with the amount donated through the school for their end of term Christingle service nearly £1,000 has been given to help support some of the most vulnerable children. THANK YOU. Further, we expect that the charities we listed on our website over Christmas will also have received donations from some and without ever knowing who or how much, we thank you for your generosity.

***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'***

***Julie is currently working from home.***

***If you need to contact her you can try her on 07889 753290 or leave a message.***

***The Parish Office is closed until further notice but messages will be picked up occasionally.***

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