



## Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

# 21st February 2021

## First Sunday of Lent



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,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in 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, and THiS Team, for Carol Bainbridge, Paul Atkins, Miles Stewart Williams and Ian Vinton, for the families and friends of Iris Ribbins, whose funeral is in church on Tuesday, and Derek Clayton, former relief organist at St Matthew's from 2003 to 2007, whose funeral is also on Tuesday at Putney Vale Crematorium.

**Daily Reflections during Lent** from across THiS Team on the Team YouTube channel – link is on the front page of our website.

**Lent Sermon Series** starting this week - we begin a focus on the environment and launch our 'Eco-church' initiative. Take a look at the new webpage and find there '40 Ways to spring clean your life . . !' a challenge for each day of Lent from tomorrow. If you would like a paper copy of this – please let the office know.

### **Zoom Saturday morning - next Saturday, 27 Feb - 9.30 - 11.30am**

Come along and share in considering our Motto Verse for 2021. Please register asap at [admin@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto:admin@stmatthewskt6.org) to receive Zoom sign in details and joining instructions. Also make a note of **3 April** the proposed second in this series to share reflections for Easter Saturday - everyone welcome!

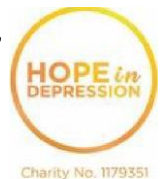
**Christians Against Poverty** are looking for a new debt counsellor and other volunteer help. If you are interested please look at the website for St John's New Malden, where it is based locally - <https://www.sjnm.org/christiansagainstpovertydebtcentre.htm>

### **Kingston Voluntary Aided C of E Secondary School**

There are plans for a new Voluntary Aided Church of England Secondary School for pupils aged 11 – 16. Consultation is underway which will inform a report to Kingston Council in March for final approval. Please add your voice to support and take a look at <https://www.kingstoncofesecondary.org.uk/statutory-proposal/> and fill in the questionnaire. It will only take a couple of minutes - closes 26 Feb.

**WeekendAway** after the great success of 2018 and the disappointment of postponement in 2020 we are booked for **15-17 October 2021** at the De Vere Horsley Hotel once again. We are hoping it will be a great opportunity to share time together - circumstances permitting, of course.

**Hope in Depression on Zoom** a free six-week course for people living with, or caring for those with depression and anxiety – starts 23 Feb. For further information and to sign up, please visit [www.ccsurbiton.org/hidc](http://www.ccsurbiton.org/hidc) or call 07423 144303



**World Day of Prayer** celebrating Vanuatu this year, will be different with a Zoom service at **10.30am on 5th March** being offered for anyone who'd like to join from Surbiton and other local areas. If you are interested in joining this service please email **Carole Bourne** [cbeezles@me.com](mailto:cbeezles@me.com) for details.



If you call 0800 804 804 (free) you can choose from a range of options including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on Covid-19. The service is free from land line or mobile. Now has Lent material and resources to aid sleep!

### **Motto Verse 2021**

***I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness.***

***From John 10.10.***

***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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