



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

7th March 2021

Third 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

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Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
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 Paul Atkins, Miles Stewart Williams and Ian Vinton. Congratulations to Gill and Ian Davies who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend and to Jennie and Jeff Akerman who celebrate 55 years of marriage.

Lent Sermon Series- throughout Lent we continue our focus on the environment and 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.

Returning to Church – some members of the PCC met briefly last week to begin to think about returning to worship in person in church. The intention is to return before Easter, hopefully Palm Sunday, subject to any change in circumstances – more details next week. We acknowledged that we are all, as a nation and individually, now in a phase of recovery which may last many months and which will present challenges. One hallmark of this is the need to accept change and to remain flexible. The PCC felt that this time could be one of rich opportunity where we are open to trying new patterns of services to accommodate both those attending in person and those still choosing to stay safe at home.

Please bear with us during these next few months so we can find the service pattern which allows the maximum number of people to take part and move towards a fixed pattern later in the year, once things are a little clearer. We hope to continue to live stream services whatever. If you have any questions or suggestions please do get in touch with Helen, Jackie or Mike and do remember that we are all learning in this new environment and seeking to do what is best for the whole church and in faithful obedience to God.

Zoom Away Mornings – please return your feedback form from last Saturday as soon as possible. Also put in your diary **Easter Eve - Saturday 3 April** for another Zoom AwayMorning. More details to follow soon.

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

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>

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.

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 email address: 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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