



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 21st March 2021

### Fifth Sunday of Lent



Join our services live online or watch later

**NO congregation present in church until Sunday 28 March**

**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**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
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.

For Judith, Paul, family and friends of Margaret Howell who died peacefully on Monday 15 March and whose funeral is on Monday 19 April.

For the family and friends of Harry Lewis (Heather Palmer's father), whose funeral is on Friday 26 March. If anyone would like to watch the funeral online, live or later, please contact Heather for details.

### **Zoom Away Mornings – Easter Eve - Saturday 3 April**

You're invited to Stop, Look, Listen - a morning of reflection, 9.30 – 11am – please register with Parish Office for details.

**Returning to Church** – We are going to trial swapping our services around so our new services will be at 9.30am (with children's provision) and the more traditional service at 10.45am. From Sunday 18 April we hope to have children's groups in the 9.30am service, although they will still be operating in the combined groups that were created last Autumn. for the first few weeks this is what our services will be:

	8am	9.30am	10.45am
<b>Sunday 28 March</b>		20MinutestoPraiseGod online only	Holy Communion onsite - in church - and online
<b>Easter Sunday 4 April **</b>	Holy Communion service onsite only	30ishMinutestoPraiseGod onsite - in church - and online including Holy Communion	Holy Communion service onsite and online
<b>Sunday 11 April</b>		Short Family Service onsite and online	Holy Communion service onsite and online

**\*\* Easter Sunday** –You are asked please to sign up for the service you would like to attend so we can avoid overcrowding at any one service

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b48a4ae2fa1ff2-easter>

Alternatively, if you are not online, you can leave a message on the Parish Office number or with Helen to book a place(s). If one service is oversubscribed we may have to ask you to come to another one, so book early to avoid disappointment!

**Maundy Thursday** – Zoom Holy Communion Service at 8pm

**Good Friday** – church open from 11am – 3pm for private prayer with Passion music playing 11.15am – 2pm and one hour of silence 2-3pm.

This year we will not be having any **Easter roses** in memory of loved ones.

However we hope that will be back next year. Also, whilst still having fresh flowers as the norm, we are intending to buy a significant artificial floral display for use at weddings and on other appropriate occasions. An effective looking one will not be cheap so if you would have usually contributed to the flower fund over the last year but haven't then please do consider making a contribution using the card machine when we are back in church or online here.

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/10505#!/DonationDetails#%2FDonationDetails>

Our **APCM** will be on **Sunday 25 April** as part of our 10.45am service, **starting at 11am**. Our electoral roll is open for revision so if you would like to take an official step to identify yourself with St Matthew's by joining the Roll please find one here

<https://www.stmatthewskt6.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=280993>

If you want to know more about this, do get in touch with Judith Jones via the Parish Office. Also, if you are interested in becoming a churchwarden or a PCC member please get in touch with Helen asap.

**David Nyirongo's** last Sunday at St George's will be 25 April. The PCC are planning a gift from St Matthew's. If you would like to make a personal donation to be included in that gift please get in touch with our Treasurer, Tim Lucas on [timlucas@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:timlucas@blueyonder.co.uk)

We are planning a **Gift Day** for **Sunday 9 May** – more details to follow soon.

## **Tell us your thoughts on public toilet provision in Kingston**

The Royal Borough of Kingston council is developing a new Public Toilet Access Strategy to provide a framework for the effective and coordinated provision of public toilets across the borough. The strategy will explore any gaps in provision to ensure well maintained, accessible toilets are available in the most appropriate locations, and help make it easier for people to locate them. They want to hear from all communities across Kingston to ensure they understand their needs and that the strategy effectively addresses the issues raised and provides appropriate solutions.

**Link to survey - Share your views by Friday 9 April - [kingstonletstalk.co.uk/public-toilets](http://kingstonletstalk.co.uk/public-toilets).**

Good news – this week **The Joel Centre** will be reopening as a residential home for up to 7 people who have experienced homelessness and face issues around drugs and alcohol.

Thank You Lord for...

- Your provision for the new Joel Centre; especially for the fantastic new staff team led by Kat Greenwood.
- The wonderful support from church partners and local community groups.
- The ongoing hard work and compassion of all front-line staff and volunteers.

Please Lord....

- Help sustain and strengthen the new team at Joel. Smooth the way as they prepare to welcome in the new residents from next week.
- Give prospective residents the courage and wisdom to discern if it is the right time for them to start their recovery journey at Joel.
- When people visit for the first time, may they sense Your deep love and compassion.
- Help fill any existing gaps in staffing and funding.
- support Matt and Georgie during this season. Please Lord give them the strength they need at the moment and also that they get some much-needed rest and recuperation very soon.
- provide continued protection over the health and well-being of our whole staff team, volunteers, tenants and clients.

We ask all of these things in Jesus' Great Name, Amen!

### **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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