

InforMatt

March 2020



JustOne
with J. John
2020



Welcome to **InforMatt**, the monthly news-sheet for St. Matthew's, Surbiton. If you would like to know more about upcoming events and church activities, please visit our website – www.stmatthewskt6.org or visit us on Sunday mornings at 9.15 or 11am .

Just One- Sunday 28th June at 7pm

Hopefully the heading to this column will not come as a great surprise or mystery to too many of the loyal readers of InforMatt. But perhaps let me remind you. Churches Together in Surbiton originally invited Canon J. John to lead an event in this area as a Mission initiative for 2020. J. John is an evangelist who travels the country and the globe to speak about Jesus Christ. He is an honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral and is supported by the Philo Trust. J. John was planning to carry out 20 meetings across the country this year and we are delighted to be one of these. Plans are gradually being made including churches of all denominations right across the borough of Kingston and beyond.

At the Rose Theatre

The Rose Theatre was selected as the best local facility and tickets will be available from the Rose's website and box office within the next month. They will be £3 each. The hope is that individuals will buy tickets and invite someone to come along with them. As a church we will purchase some tickets to sell/pass on to you and your invited guests too. The intention is that this is an invitational event with many of you inviting 'just one' person. Of course you can invite more than one person but the emphasis is on building on existing relationships with non-Christians.

The event was launched on 29 Jan at a meeting which J. John attended. I think I can speak for many when I say that J. John was gracious, pastoral, entertaining and compelling. He is an excellent speaker as the many clips on 'youtube' evidence. Check out his stories about the little kitten and the coincidences of prayer, the man with the dog,

J. John's attempts at evangelism in a supermarket and his assertion that 'God has all the doughnuts'!

Our Lent Study Groups are about to get underway and the material this year is J. John's course 'Natural Evangelism' which will equip and encourage us as we think about how we speak about our faith in the everyday and whom we might invite to 'Just One' in June. For those who don't attend a group, there will be a training session covering much of the same ground on **Saturday 25th April at St Matthew's from 10-12**—Everyone welcome! In the meantime, please be praying for this venture—for its organisation and planning, for those inviting and being invited and for J. John himself and his Team.

Weekend of 27th and 28th June

Just One will be just one part of an exciting weekend which is planned for the end of June. As the contractors are finally completing work on the Tower, Spire and Office steps our thoughts are turning to celebrating all that has been achieved and all God has given us through this project. To do this in style we are going to hold a weekend of celebration! On Saturday there will be activities in the church, mainly focused on the church bells with ringing workshops—hand bell and in the belfry—craft activities, photography and heritage displays plus refreshments. We are also joining forces with the Residents Association so in the afternoon there will be a Street Party and hopefully a lunchtime BBQ. In the late afternoon we have a bell-themed concert planned and a 'Come and Sing' Evensong following a short rehearsal. On Sunday we will have a Joint Celebration service. That is all before we go along (with our guests) to the Rose Theatre for J. John . . .

Save the Date!!

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St Matthew's along with St George's and St Paul's is part of the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry ('THIS Team')

March

1	Sunday		First Sunday of Lent
		9:15am	Holy Communion Service
		11:00am	Sunday Service
		3:30pm	Service for residents at The Royal Star and Garter Home
			Lent Study courses begin...
			Not all Home Groups are on during Lent.
2	Mon	8:00pm	Inspire House Group
3	Tues	8:00pm	Ruby House Group
5	Thurs	10:00am	SMArties Embroidery Group - in the Chapel
		10:15am	Project Team meeting
		7:00pm	Choir Practice - Sitzler Room
6	Fri	12:30pm	Soup Lunch - in Church
8	Sunday		Second Sunday of Lent
		9:15am	Holy Communion Service
		11:00am	Sunday Service with Baptism - Olivia de Borja
9	Mon	11:00am	Holy Communion for the residents of Milverton Care Home
		8:00pm	Inspire House Group
10	Tues	2:30pm	Holy Communion for the residents of Rosclare Care Home
12	Thurs	10:00am	SMArties Embroidery Group - in the Chapel
		7:00pm	Choir Practice - Sitzler Room
		1:30pm	St Matthew's Mum's Group meeting - Creche
14	Sat	10:00am	Diocesan Synod
15	Sunday		Third Sunday of Lent
		9:15am	Morning Prayer
		11:00am	All-age Communion Service
16	Mon	10:30am	Holy Communion for the residents of Bourne House
		8:00pm	Inspire House Group
			Holy Communion for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter Home
17	Tues	2:30pm	Home
		8:00pm	PCC meeting
19	Thurs	10:00am	SMArties Embroidery Group - in the Chapel
20	Fri	8:00pm	Joint Choir Practice at St Andrew and St Mark's
22	Sunday		Mothering Sunday
		9:00am	Said Holy Communion Service
		10.30am	Joint All-age Service
23	Mon	8:00pm	Inspire House Group
26	Thurs	10:00am	SMArties Embroidery Group - in the Chapel
		7:00pm	Choir Practice - Sitzler Room
27	Fri	10:00am	St Matthew's Mum's Group meeting - Creche
		7:30pm	Marriage Prep Course - by invitation
28	Sat	9:30am	Maintenance Morning
29	Sunday		Fifth Sunday of Lent
		9:15am	Holy Communion Service
		11:00am	Sunday Service with Baptism of Stanley Mitchell
		5:00pm	Fuel Youth Group
30	Mon	8:00pm	Inspire House Group

April

- 1 Wed 9:30am School Easter Service
- 2 Thurs 10:00am SMARTies Embroidery Group - in the Chapel
- 10:15am Project Team meeting
- 7:00pm Choir Practice - Sitzler Room

- 5 Sunday **Palm Sunday**
- 9:15am **Holy Communion Service**
- 11:00am **Sunday Service**

Future dates for your diary

- April 13 **Outing to Canterbury** - Choir singing Evensong in the Cathedral with Choir of St Andrew and St Mark - coach tickets available soon
- June 27-28 **Celebration Weekend**
Celebrating the end of the construction phase of the Tower and Spire Project - Bell ringing workshops, craft activities, BBQ, street party, poetry, concert.
- 28 7.00pm **J.John - JustOne** - at the Rose Theatre, Kingston - tickets available soon
- Sept 12-13 Heritage Open Days - more details to follow
- 19-20 Heritage Open Days - more details to follow
- Oct 16-18 AwayWeekend 2020 - De Vere Horsley Hotel. More details to follow but please put the dates in your diaries now so you are free to come along.

