

Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

29th March 2020 Fifth Sunday of Lent



Sadly, St Matthew's Church building is now CLOSED for the foreseeable future.

All services and other activities in the church building are currently suspended – but we are still church!

Collect for the Week

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. The THiS Team, Michael Kennett, Miles Stuart-William, Carol Bainbridge, Sally Hall, Mala Weerasinghe. Our nation and the world in these uncertain times, those who are at the forefront of providing medical services and leading research, those who are working to support our everyday living – shop and transport workers, teachers and many others, those who are in self-isolation and particularly vulnerable, all those who do not have the Christian hope we share in a God of unconditional love and promise of eternal life.



Website - Please do keep checking back to see what is new on our Covid-19 Keeping in Touch page. You'll find it under 'About Us' on the website. **www.stmatthewskt6.org**

THIS Team Worship- we are offering daily worship on our website <u>www.stmatthewskt6.org</u> and Facebook page St Matthew's Church Surbiton.

There will be a live streamed Service at 10.30 every Sunday. You will find it on our Facebook page or through the website. https://www.stmatthewskt6.org/Groups/337863/Keeping in touch.aspx

There is also a 9.30am Daily Morning Prayer service and 8pm Evening Prayer from St Paul's Hook on their Facebook page and website.

St George's are producing resources for children – please contact Helen for access details.

The Church of England website is a good place for all sorts of information and resources https://www.churchofengland.org/

Support Groups— We have launched our pastoral support groups. If you are a congregation member you should have received an email or a phone call telling you about this. If you haven't, please contact Rev Helen Hancock on 020 8390 3829 or teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org.

<u>Easter Flowers</u> - Sadly, there will be no Easter Flowers in Church this year and therefore we are not able to provide white roses in memory of loved ones. We are sorry about this and anyone who has already ordered and paid for a stem(s) will be refunded as soon as practicable.

<u>Foodbank Focus</u>.. <u>April</u>— With the church being closed, obviously we can longer place items in the boxes at back of church. However, Foodbank is remaining open, but with safe processes. As you may have seen in the media, contributions are needed more than ever at this time. Food can be dropped off at the Big Yellow or financial donations can be made. Details for doing both are on the Foodbank website together with the list of most needed items at www kingston.foodbank.org.uk. Please do not leave items at the church entrances. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Motto Verse 2020 Out of reverence for the Lord, I acted differently. based on Nehemiah 5.15

For more information about our church and events visit our website at www.stmatthewskt6.org - email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org
Facebook StMatthewsChurchSurbiton www.stmatthewskt6.org
Parish Office is currently closed.