



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

9th August 2020

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

“Why I am a Christian”



During August there will be a short said service of Holy Communion on Sundays in church at 9am and the live-streamed service at 10.30am. On Wednesdays the church will also be open for private prayer 10 – 12 noon with a short service of ‘Prayer in the Day’ at 11.45am.

This coming Wednesday you are invited to bring a picnic so we can eat together (but socially distanced) in the church garden after the service and a very short organ recital. Chairs can be provided but bring all you need for the picnic, including your own drinks please!

Social distancing must be observed at all times and face coverings worn. Please do not attend church if you have any symptoms of the virus.

Collect for the Week

Gracious Father
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:

Reverends Helen Hancock, Luke Wickings, David Nyirongo, Carolyn Lucas & their families, THiS Team, Miles Stuart-William, Carol Bainbridge, Paul Atkins. For Lesley and the family and friends of Michael Kennett who died on Sunday evening and also the relatives and friends of Jimmy Baynes. More details of arrangements for Michael's funeral will be advised once known. It is hoped we will be able to live stream the service from church for those who won't be able to attend due to a restriction on numbers.

Online Worship - we are now offering daily worship from THiS Team which you will find on the **THiS Team YouTube channel** at www.youtube.com/channel/UC-rEDH2kPAv3RgQM51ojllw? Each of the clergy in the Team will be taking a turn to lead worship across the week. The live streamed Service at 10.30am each Sunday (followed by a short service of Holy Communion) also continues. There will be a link on the front page of our website and on Facebook to both of these.



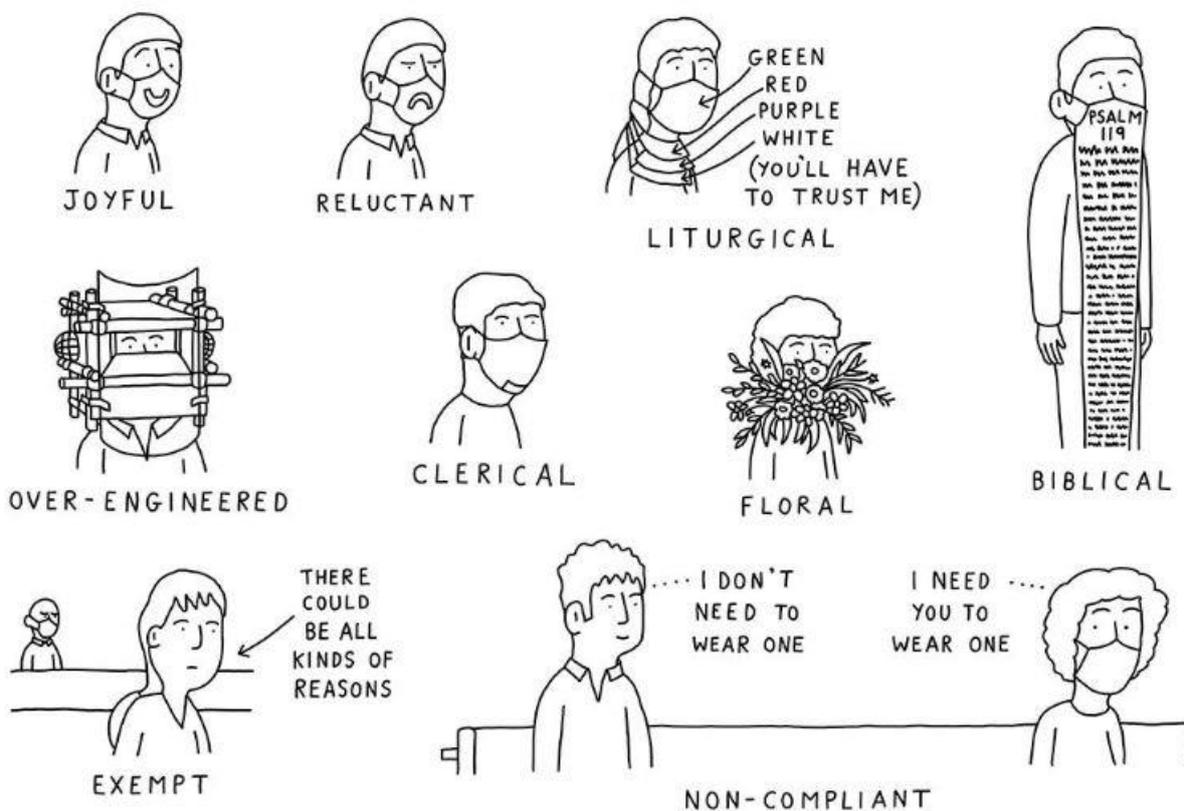
If you call 0800 804 804 (free) you will hear a greeting from Archbishop Justin himself and you can then choose from a range of options including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on Covid-19. The service is free from land line or mobile. Please pass this on to others who might be interested.

Why I am a Christian – today we welcome Vini Xhokola to tell us why he is a Christian at our 10.30 am service. In the coming weeks we look forward to hearing from Chika, Bryan and Elaine. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare.

Survey – we are asking you all to fill out a short survey about your experience of worship over the last few months and how we move forward into the future as a worshipping community together. You will find it on the website, have it hand delivered or be able to pick one up from church on Sunday. **Please fill it in as soon as possible and return by Wednesday 12th at the latest.**

Bishop's Certificate - If your appetite has been whetted over the last few months for a bit of gentle study and a deeper expedition into Scripture, Church history, the Church of England, Mission and much more the Bishop's Certificate might be for you. Learning will be online at least until Christmas and possibly for the whole year. Ask Helen or Sheena Evans if you would like to know more.

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Out of reverence for the Lord, I acted differently.

based on Nehemiah 5.15