



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
6th February 2022
The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Readings: Isaiah 6: 1-8 and Luke 5: 1 -11



All our morning services are now onsite and online

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Morning Worship for all ages and stages

THiS Team Pulpit Swap

We welcome today the Rev Nicholas Lebey, (St George's) leading our 9am service and the Rev Luke Wickings (St Paul's), our preacher at both services. Helen is at St George's

You are requested to wear a face mask while you are in the building unless an exemption applies and especially while singing.

Please do not attend in person if you any symptoms of the virus.

To watch online 'as live' or later please visit our YouTube Channel St Matthew's Church Surbiton

Please note that all our services are live streamed. If you sit in the pews from the third pew back you should not be visible but by attending onsite you are presumed to have consented to the terms of our location warning notice. Please see the notices in church or on the front page of the website which explains more.

At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem, "Seek ye the Lord" by John Varley Roberts, and the organ voluntary will be the Prelude in G minor BWV 558 by Bach.

Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for: For Julia Bowden, Stephen Perry, John Symons, THiS Team Ministry and the congregation of St George's and family and friends of Shirley Hayward who died unexpectedly this week.

Diary the Week - more notices are on the church website at www.stmatthewskt6.org

Wednesday	9th	10-2pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	10th	10.00am	Smarties
		6.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	12th	6.45pm	THiS Team Quiz Night see notice
Third Sunday	13th	9.00am	Holy Communion
Before Lent		10.45am	Morning Worship for all ages and stages with a Baptism

Tony Geater's Retirement as Lay Reader - In case you were not in Church last Sunday, Tony has reached a significant birthday and it was announced that he has decided to step down as a Reader. Tony says "I would like to thank everyone for all the support and encouragement that I have received during my time as Reader with St Matthew's and the close friends that I have made." We too would like to thank him for his faithful Ministry to our parish and the local community over the last 15years and look forward to him, and Anne, continuing to worship with us.

THiS Team Quiz night - Saturday 12th February -The cornerHOUSE - Douglas Road.

Do come and join us for a light-hearted evening of quizzing, starting at 6:45 pm next Saturday at the cornerHOUSE. Teams of 4, or come along and find a team on the night. Seating will be socially distanced around circular tables. The Bar will be open for you to buy your drinks. Bring your own nibbles. An estimated finish at 9:00pm. To reserve spaces please contact Dave Farris at dave.farris@talk21.com; 07540702400; or at church. Entry - a donation to KCAH on the night.

For their usual Lent Study course this year **Churches Together in Surbiton are offering a four-week Lent meditation course** with meditations inspired by the tradition of St Ignatius and based on the stories of Jesus. The sessions will direct you in time and thought through the events of Holy Week. Each of the sessions offers something on its own, so everyone is free to join any of the sessions offered. There is no need to book in advance. All sessions will take place on Zoom: Thursdays, 7.30 pm March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Zoom details: Taketime for Lent Meeting ID: 981 3274 7244 Passcode: 611642 - Look forward to seeing you there! Why not link up with others to do this together?



Eco tip – Think before you buy, don't buy anything you know you're going to throw away (including food, non-recyclable packaging, fast fashion, impulse buys, plastic novelties).

We are planning to run **The Bereavement Journey** once again starting **April 19th** every Tuesday morning (10.30-1pm) for six weeks ending on May 24th. The course is intended to help those who have been bereaved whether recently or for many years and gives people the support and the chance to process the varied reactions and feelings they are experiencing in a safe environment. It is open to Christians and to those of other faiths or no faith. As part of being a Bereavement Friendly Church please consider whether you know of anyone who may benefit from being invited or if you might find it helpful yourself. Also if you have any networks through which we could advertise the course please contact Susan Kang on 07745 795395 or email susan.kang10@gmail.com To book a place or find more contact Susan.
Booking continues until April 4th.

A Bereavement Café offers the chance to meet with others who understand the experience of loss. It is the space to talk about the pain of bereavement and find mutual support and encouragement. As an experiment and taking advantage of the Balance Café, we will be introducing a Bereavement Café every fourth Wednesday of the month, beginning **February 23rd 10.30am- 11.30am** in the chapel, meeting in Balance Café from 10am. Please contact Susan Kang on 07745 795395 or email susan.kang10@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday 27 February - lunch and film - As part of our eco-Church initiative, we will be screening 'The True Cost', a film exploring the social and environmental impact of how we consume fashion. This eye-opening documentary will be followed by light refreshments and a chance to reflect on what you've seen. Screening will begin at **12 noon** and you are invited to bring your lunch. No need to book, please see Jen Houghton (jen.houghton@hotmail.com) for more info.

Foodbank - Urgent items please: Instant Mash and pot noodles, jam, winter puddings, male and female deodorant and body cream. Money donations at: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/>

KCAH - We are currently taking donations of men's (new) underwear and jogging bottoms please.

Vacancy - Surbiton Hill Methodist Church has a vacancy for a Church Administrator. The job involves general secretarial duties, management of room lettings and basic bookkeeping. 18hrs a week (times negotiable) £14,850 a year. Further details from shmc.office@kingstoncircuit.org.uk Application deadline **Monday 14th February.**

Website: www.stmatthewskt6.org **email address:** admin@stmatthewskt6.org

Parish Office 020 8390 5121 (but Julie is working in part from home).

You can contact Rev Helen Hancock on 020 8390 3829 or teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org

Accommodation - Do you know anyone who might be eligible to live in Cleaves Almshouses? A hidden oasis in Old London Road in Kingston. Accommodation is sometimes available with one and two bedroomed houses or flats at a modest rent, with use of large garden. For details of eligibility and current vacancies pl. check on Almshouses Association website www.almshouses.org/resident-vacancies and search in London region. For more details see poster on notice board at back of church.

Second hand Beko Fridge Freezer

If anyone would be interested, or knows of anyone who would be interested in a, hardly used, Beko Fridge-Freezer, which is now too large for the elderly owner's needs, please contact me on tel. 020 8399 2549 or email jakerman28@btinternet.com.

The fridge freezer is silver grey and the dimensions are 192cm H, x 70cm W x 72cm D.

There is no charge but collection only.

Jeff Akerman