



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### The Sunday next before Lent

Sermon Series on 2022 Motto Verse

Week 3 "Persevere in Prayer"

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 & Luke 11:1-13



All our morning services are now onsite and online

**9.00am Holy Communion**

**10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages**

**12.00 noon "The True Cost" film and Lunch**

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.

### Collect

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:** For Julia Bowden, Stephen Perry, John Symons, Sarah Rowe and family, Carol Cameron and family, THiS Team Ministry. David Weir sends his best wishes to all St Matthew's. He is now settled into a Care Home in Esher.

### Diary the Week - more notices are on the church website at [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)

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| Wednesday            | 2nd |           | <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  |
|                      |     | 10-2.00pm | Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome                           |
|                      |     | 11am      | Ash Wednesday Service   |
|                      |     | 7.30pm    | Short Ash Wednesday Service followed by PCC meeting - open to all |
| Thursday             | 3rd | 10.00am   | Smarties  |
|                      |     | 6.30pm    | Choir Practice  |
|                      |     | 7.30pm    | Lent Meditation Course on Zoom (Week 1 of 4) – see notice         |
| Saturday             | 5th | 6.30pm    | AVM Quiz Night, Long Ditton Village Hall – see notice             |
| First Sunday of Lent | 6th | 9.00am    | Holy Communion  |
|                      |     | 10.45am   | Worship Together for all ages and stages                          |
|                      |     | 6.00pm    | Six on Sunday for Six – Zoom prayer meeting - see notice          |

**Film & Lunch today-** As part of our eco-Church initiative, we will be screening 'The True Cost', a film exploring the social and environmental impact of the clothing industry which affects us all. Why not bring your lunch to eat while you watch and then for those who wish to stay there will be a short discussion about the issues raised. **Screening will begin at 12 noon.** No need to book.



**Eco tip** – Whenever you need to buy paper, check to see if there is a more eco-friendly alternative or ensure the paper is recycled. You can do this for kitchen towel, toilet paper, stationery, printing paper and envelopes.

**Our Electoral Roll is** now open for those who are not yet registered. If you're fairly new to St. Matthew's and want to know more, ask Helen or a Warden to direct you to speak to Judith Jones, our Electoral Roll officer. But you will need to do so in the next couple of weeks – our APCM is 3 April.

**Six on Sunday for Six** returns with a new purpose. On the first Sunday of each month for the next six months we will have a Zoom prayer meeting at 6pm to pray for our children and young people and especially about the provision we should make for them. Children and adults all welcome!

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 857 9510 4224 passcode: 181472

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85795104224?pwd=RIFIUXIGa3JXbUhYeDk1aWkzTmVmZz09>

**Booking now open for our AwayWeekend 6 -8 May – pick up a form and don't delay!**

**Churches Together in Surbiton are offering a four-week Lent meditation course** All sessions will take place on Thursdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24<sup>th</sup> **either in person** at St Mark's Church at **11.30am – 12.30** **or on Zoom** at **7.30 pm**. Zoom details: Taketime for Lent Meeting ID: 981 3274 7244 Passcode: 611642. Just come along to whichever suits you best - even mix and match!

**Donate your used mobile phones or tablets to the Mayor's Charitable Trust Appeal**

Devices will be cleaned and recycled in an environmentally-friendly way to be used again as a new handset, or stripped for parts depending on the condition. All phones will be wiped free of any data at the start of the process. Collection box at the back of church – but also please see notice below . . .

**African Vision Malawi Curry and Quiz Night** on **March 5<sup>th</sup>** at **Long Ditton Village Hall** at

**6:30pm**. Homemade curries (meat, veggie and vegan), bar, raffle and a lot of fun! For tickets and more details, see Heather or Nigel Palmer at church or call on 07798 695287. Tickets are £15 each or £16.76 if booked through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/curry-quiz-night-tickets-259771301957>

**Also** If you are able to give any of these items please contact Heather or Nigel, or deliver to 31 Upper Brighton Road for shipment to Malawi soon: waterproof jackets/trousers, wellington boots, walking boots, amplifier, projector, soaps, cleaned pc and phones in working order, trainers of all sizes, sports bibs, clean girls pants (size 10-12), microfibre cloths, old umbrella fabric, drawstring bags, filing cabinets, lockable safe, educational toys (without batteries), large flasks and cushions! All to help our programmes in Malawi. Thank you in advance.

We are planning to run **The Bereavement Journey** once again starting **April 19<sup>th</sup>** every Tuesday morning (10.30-1pm) for six weeks ending on May 24<sup>th</sup>. 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. For more details or to book please contact Susan Kang on 07745 795395 or email [susan.kang10@gmail.com](mailto:susan.kang10@gmail.com) **Booking continues until April 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

**Website:** [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org) **email address:** [admin@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto: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](mailto:teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org)

**Motto Verse for 2022:**

***Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer***

***Romans 12. 12***

**FOSMPS Community Litter Pick** - As an Eco Church we are looking to support St Matthew's School's Community Litter Pick on **Saturday 12 March from 2-4pm**. You are asked to bring gloves, a rubbish bag and litter pickers (if available). The focus will be on the area around the school as well as Alexandra Park and Fishponds Park. We will gather in Fishponds Park around 3.45pm for a well-deserved break and a group photo. Any questions please speak to Jen Houghton.

### **Mission Without Borders Pilgrims' Way Walk**

In 2022, why don't you lace up your walking boots and take on the challenge of a walk along the Pilgrim's Way. It is in aid of Mission Without Borders. Invite family and friends to join other MWB supporters on the **13-14th May, 2022**, as we walk part of the Pilgrim's Way in Kent.

JOIN US- We would love people to join us on this Walk and help raise vital funds for our work in Eastern Europe. We are asking people to raise minimum sponsorship of £279 per person. For individuals who may only be able to join us on the morning of the 14th we would ask that they raise minimum sponsorship of £149. To find out more about this event or to register please go to our website [www.mwbuk.org](http://www.mwbuk.org), email [j.chamberlain@mwbuk.org](mailto:j.chamberlain@mwbuk.org) or telephone MWB on 020 7940 1370. We would like to register all walkers coming on the 14th May by the end of March 2022.

WALK DIFFICULTY – moderate with some hill ascents.

### **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](mailto: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*