



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### The First Sunday of Lent

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:1- 9 & 17-18, Matthew 4:1-4



Our morning services are all online on our [YouTube Channel](#) 'St Matthew's Church Surbiton'

**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**

*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.*

The sermon series for the next three weeks is 'Lead us not into temptation' an exploration for Lent of the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness.

#### **Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
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, Sheena Evans and family, THIS Team Ministry.

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

Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10-2.00pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Smarties
		6.30pm	Choir Practice
		7.30pm	Lent Meditation Course on Zoom (Week 2 of 4)
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	2-4.00pm	FOSMPS Community Litter Pick - see notice
Second Sunday of Lent	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Worship Together for all ages and stages

**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=RlFlUXlGa3JXbUhYeDk1aWkzMmVmZz09>

**Early Warning!** Mothering Sunday is 27 March and we will have a short service of spoken Holy Communion at 9am followed by a joint service at 10am. On the following week, **3 April** we are holding our **APCM** at a joint service again at 10am. Children's Groups will run in the usual way at that service which will be followed by another short service of spoken Holy Communion.

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

**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 soon! We are also looking for people to join the PCC. If you think you might be interested again ask Helen, Mike or Jackie.

**Encounter, on 27th March 2022-** St George's Tolworth are running a special service on **Sunday, 27th March** at 5pm, at St George's Church on Hamilton Avenue, Tolworth, to which we are all invited. It will be a time of worship, teaching, stories and prayer Ministry. The Guest speaker is: Canon Dr Andrew White, Ambassador of Jerusalem MERIT, and formerly the Vicar of Baghdad.



**Eco tip** – Consider giving up eating meat and/or dairy produce for Lent. This is the single biggest way to reduce your carbon footprint. If that's a step too far, cut down. Try a new vegetarian or vegan meal and have at least two meat- and dairy-free days a week.

**Churches Together in Surbiton four-week Lent meditation course now underway -**

Sessions will take place on Thursdays, 10th, 17th and 24<sup>th</sup> **either in person** at St Mark's Church at **11.30am – 12.30pm or on Zoom at 7.30 pm**. Zoom details: 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** - 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.

**Easter Flowers** – If you would like a white rose placed in church for Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one, please let Carol Bainbridge know by the 10<sup>th</sup> April at the latest. Carol attends the 9am service and she can be contacted on 8399 4932. The roses will cost £5 per stem.

**The Bereavement Journey** will start on **April 19<sup>th</sup>** every Tuesday morning (10.30-1pm) for six weeks Do 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>**. No charge – all welcome.

**FOSMPS Community Litter Pick** - As an Eco Church we are looking to support St Matthew's School's Community Litter Pick on next **Sat 12 March from 2-4pm**. The focus will be on the area around the school as well as Alexandra Park and Fishponds Park – bring your own equipment and be in Fishponds Park around 3.45pm for a well-deserved break and a group photo. Any questions please speak to Jen Houghton.

**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***

**JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH, HOOK PART-TIME** Parish Office & Lettings Administrator (14 hours per week / term time only) Qualities needed: Good inter-personal skills, efficient, organised, Work on your own initiative and have a flexible attitude to work. Office management experience with knowledge of Microsoft Office, Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Application forms and further information available from [parish.office@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk](mailto:parish.office@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk) or 020 8391 2362 Application closing date Thursday 24th March. Interviews w/commencing: **Monday 28th March**

**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.