

Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

# 27th March 2022 Mothering Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Lent



Our morning services are all online on our <u>YouTube Channel</u> 'St Matthew's Church Surbiton'

## 9.00am Holy Communion (spoken) 10.00am Mothering Sunday Joint Service

Today's reading is Exodus 2. 1-10

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.

### <u>Collect</u>

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for* Julia Bowden, Stephen Perry, John Symons, Sarah Rowe and family, Carol Cameron and family, Sheena Evans and family, Graham Pye, THiS Team Ministry. Shirley Hayward's funeral which will be at St George's Church on Wednesday 6 April at 1.30pm.

Diary for the Week - more notices are on the church website at			
www.stmatthewskt6.org			atthewskt6.org
Wednesday	30th	10-2.00pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	<b>31</b> <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Smarties
		1.30pn	Mums' Group
		6.30pm	Choir Practice
Fifth Sunday of Lent	April		
	3rd	10.00am	Joint Service including our APCM followed by a short service of Holy Communion- see notice

<u>Encounter-</u>St George's Tolworth are running a <u>special event today at 5pm</u>, 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.

**Prayer for Ukraine** -It is a dark and worrying time for the people of Ukraine. To show our solidarity with all people of peace on <u>3rd April 2022</u>, churches and Christians from across the UK and Ireland will come together in an act of witness to pray and light candles for Ukraine, for an end to the conflict, and for all those affected by the terrible impact of war. Everyone is invited to attend either a short family-friendly event at <u>St Mark's Church, Surbiton at 2pm</u> or a candlelight vigil in the centre of Kingston in the Market Place or if not at the URC at 7.30pm.

Next week, **Sunday 3 April** we are holding our **APCM** at a joint service at 10am. Children's Groups will run in the usual way and the service will be <u>followed</u> by a short service of Holy Communion. We are still looking for PCC members – could this be you? Please speak to Helen or the Wardens TODAY if you might be interested.

#### Book your place on our AwayWeekend 6 -8 May today!



**Eco tip** – Try some eco-therapy: grow some herbs or vegetables on your windowsill or in the garden, and see how much better you feel even before you taste how delicious they are!

#### 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.

<u>Easter Flowers</u> – 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 **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.

**Easter Spring Clean** – If you are available on <u>Holy Saturday - April 16</u> – you could join either the Team Walk – more details to follow - or come along and help get the church ready for Easter. There will be lots of small satisfying cleaning and organising jobs to do and preparations for the Easter breakfast which this year will take place in the Sitzler Room after the 6am Sunrise Service. It would also be great to get a head start on some gardening!

<u>The Bereavement Journey</u> 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 <u>Booking continues until April 4<sup>th</sup></u>. No charge – all welcome.

**Foodbank** - Urgent items please: Instant Mash and pot noodles, Longlife milk, jam (NOT peanut butter or chocolate spread), tinned tomatoes, oils and sauces, male and female deodorant and body cream. Money donations at: <u>https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/</u>

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

Website: <u>www.stmatthewskt6.org</u> email address: <u>admin@stmatthewskt6.org</u> Parish Office 020 8390 5121 (but Julie is working in part from home). You can contact Rev Helen Hancock on 020 8390 3829 or <u>teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org</u>

Motto Verse for 2022: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Romans 12. 12

#### 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, email 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.