



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

21st May 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

Today's readings. Acts 1: 6-14 & 1 Peter 4. 12-14, 5. 6-11
and Psalm 47



Our morning services are all online on our YouTube Channel 'St Matthew's Church, Surbiton'
Please note that all our services are live streamed and your image may be visible on the stream. By attending on site you are presumed to have consented to the terms of our Location Warning Notice which can be found in church or on our website.

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.45am Worship Together with Holy Communion

Our thanks to Sue O'Hagan for playing the organ for us this morning. At the 9am service the anthem is two verses of a hymn with words by a former Vicar of St Matthew's, Canon F.B. MacNutt, who was here from 1907 to 1918.

The hymn was published in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* the words are:

Collect

Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever. Amen

Let all the multitudes of light
Their songs in concert raising
With earth's triumphal hymns unite,
The risen Saviour praising.
Ye heavens, his festival proclaim!
Our King returneth whence he came,
With victory amazing.

Jesus, to thee be endless praise
For this thy great salvation;
O holy Father, thine always
Be thanks and adoration;
Spirit of life and light, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be:
One God of all creation!

Diary for the Week — more notices on the church website at www.stmatthewskt6.org

Sunday	21st	3-5pm:	<u>Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) Prayer Walk</u> across the 3 parishes
Monday	22nd	10.00am	Brunch Bunch Study Group: Sitzler Room
		8-8.30pm	TKC Evening Prayer Meeting : St Paul's Church Hook see notice
Tuesday	23rd		Bereavement Journey Course (Week 6): Chapel
		8- 8.30pm	TKC Evening Prayer Meeting: St Matthew's Church see notice
Wednesday	24th	10-3pm	Balance Community Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
		10.0am	Bereavement Café : Chapel
		8-8.30pm	TKC Evening Prayer Meeting: St Georges Church see notice
Thursday	25th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group
		6.30pm	Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
		8-8.30pm	TKC Evening Prayer Meeting : on Zoom see notice
Sunday	28th		<u>Pentecost</u>
		9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Worship Together for all ages and stages
		5.00pm	TKC Pentecost Praise Service : St George's see notice

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for:

THiS Team Ministry. Miles Stuart-William, Gerard Chichester. Doris Lelliott.
For **The Bereavement Journey**, this is the final week, please hold this in your prayers

Thy Kingdom Come starting this Sunday - 21st-28th May - THiS Team is joining the global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost for more **people to come to know Jesus**. Please think how you can be a part of this. **Sunday 21st 3-5pm: Prayer Walk** from St Paul's to St Matthew's and on to St George's Church.

Prayer meetings from 8-8:30pm each evening with a focus - **Monday 22nd** St. Paul's - the persecuted church, **Tuesday 23rd** St. Matthew's - children & young people, **Wednesday 24th** St. George's – poverty:

Thursday 25th on Zoom - the workplace Zoom ID: 521 380 444 Password: public

Sunday 28th 5pm: THiS Team Pentecost Praise Service at St. George's. Musicians required!



Eco Tips - Turn the shower off while you soap yourself, and use vinegar/bicarb of soda for household cleaning tasks.

The Eco Church Group do an annual count of the variety of plants, minibeasts and birds in the church garden one morning in June. This is taking place on **Wednesday 7th June between 10.00 and 12.00** and you are invited to come and join us to discover the improvement in diversity of wildlife since last June. If you have any questions, please speak to Sheena or Brenda.

Also **Church Garden**: does anyone have a spare battery-powered lawnmower which they could give to the garden team please? If so, please contact Sheena on 0208 399 2353. Thank you

Some future dates - The Choir will be singing **Evensong at Rochester Cathedral on Sat 24 June**. Everyone is welcome to come along - please let Simon Hancock know if you are interested in joining us for the day and having a seat on the coach. There will be a Choral Evensong here at St Matthew's on Sunday 4th June at 6pm, in preparation for our visit to Rochester on the 24th. Everyone is welcome.

In a new departure our '**not-so-far-AwayDay again**' this year will be on a **Sunday, 15 October**. Once again it will be at Shrewsbury House School - please put it in your diaries now!

And the next **AwayWeekend** booked for **10 - 12 May 2024** is once again at the De Vere, Horsley.

Save the date! African Vision Malawi will be having their Indulgence Day on **Saturday 17th June**.

We hope that some of you will be able to join us in our garden for some relaxation. Besides our therapies on offer such as Reflexology, Massage and Yoga, we shall be introducing a 'Singing workshop' and 'Setting Summer Intentions circle'. Back by popular demand is a classical recital by Nigel Palmer! There will also be stalls, homemade food, bar and raffle. If you are interested in booking a slot, please let me know and I will send you the link to book a treatment. All proceeds go to our programmes in Malawi, supporting ultra-poor. This year we are focusing on Disability and Reforestation. Many thanks for all your support. Heather Palmer 07798 695287 Heather.palmer@africanvision.org.uk www.africanvision.org.uk

Foodbank –Kingston Foodbank say this is still an emergency and these items are needed **urgently** please:

Tinned Meat, Long Life Milk, Coffee, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Squash, Instant Mash, Tinned Vegetables, Pot Noodles, Oils, Ketchup and Mayonnaise, Sanitary Towels, Toilet Paper, Washing Up Liquid, Household Cleaning Products, Washing Machine Tablets, Shaving Foam, Men's Deodorant, 2 in1 Shampoo and Conditioner. Tinned Potatoes, Crisps and Treats, Tinned Tomatoes, Deodorants, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toothpaste. Toothbrushes, Biscuits, Jam.

Thanks for your continued support. Money donations at: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/>

KCAH - To donate please visit: <https://www.kcah.org.uk/can-you-help-us/donate-money/>

St. Matthew's Motto Verse for 2023
*For the Spirit that God has given us
does not make us timid:
Instead, his Spirit
fills us with power, love, and self-control.* 2 Timothy 1.7

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Parish Office no. 020 8390 5121. Our Parish Administrator, Steve Blevins is working the usual hours Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am -1pm. You can contact Rev Helen Hancock on 020 8390 3829 or teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org

Accommodation Request - Does anyone have a Granny Flat, or similar, to accommodate the wife of a resident at the Royal Star & Garter Home on a temporary basis for the next few months please? Please contact Jeff or Jennie Akerman on 8399 2549 or email jakerman28@btinternet.com if you can help or for more details. Thank you.

African Vision Malawi needs a new trustee with HR expertise.

Trustees are unpaid volunteers who help to oversee the charity's work. We are looking for someone with experience in HR, who can help us to develop and implement our HR strategy. We have had a very good HR trustee for the last 12 years, who is stepping down in July so if you know anyone interested in this role, please contact Nigel Palmer on 07770 670000 for more information. Trustees typically meet 3 times per year and are expected to commit around 10 to 20 hours per month to their role. Many thanks.