



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

## Third Sunday of Lent

Today's readings: Proverbs 3:1-6 & John 4: 19-24



Our 10.45 service is live-streamed on our [YouTube Channel](#) so your image may be visible on the stream. By attending onsite you are presumed to have consented to our Location Warning Notice which can be found in church or on our website.

### 9.00am Holy Communion with a Baptism

**Hymns:** MP 528 (vv1,3,4,&6), MP 456, Be thou my vision (sheet), MP201

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

**Theme: "Celebration of Discipline"**

**This Week - "Worship and Guidance"**

At the 9am service, the choir will sing the anthem "Grow in grace" by Malcom Archer and the organ voluntary is Chorale Prelude "Christe, aller Welt Trost" BWV670 J S Bach).

### Collect

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Motto Verse for 2024

*"Now you are the body of Christ,  
and each one of you is a part of it."  
1 Corinthians 12:27*

**Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for:** Carolyn and William, THiS Team Ministry.  
Miles Stuart-William, Mary Carter, Julie Martin and her family, Norma Yates, Mitesh, Michelle and Kaps.  
For Jack Goose who is to be baptised in our 9am service today.

**Diary for the Week** - additional pages of notice sheet are on the church website at  
[www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)

Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2-3pm	Fuel (for ages 10-14) and Ignite (for ages 14-18)
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Brunch Bunch Lenten Study: Sitzler Room
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting : Sitzler Room
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group: Sitzler Group
		6.30pm	Choir Practice : Sitzler Room
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Roll up for Church carpet tile lifting with refreshments
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>		<b><u>Fourth Sunday of lent</u></b>
			<b><u>Mothering Sunday</u></b>
		9.00am	Holy Communion (said service)
		10.00am	Joint Service for all ages and stages

**Lent booklets for daily reflection** have been compiled by Carolyn and are ready for collection  
- I apologise that they are not as professional as in the past - my computer skills are somewhat lacking.  
The booklets are also available online to download as we are trying to avoid overprinting. Jackie

**Away Weekend 10th to 12th May 2024** : The 2024 Away Weekend is at the De Vere Hotel, Horsley. The speaker will be an old friend of St Matthew's, Peter Graystone, the author of *The Bare Bible*, amongst many other Christian books.

This time Peter will be leading us on "Meeting Jesus", and he says of his plans -

"We will look at some stories of people who met Jesus two thousand years ago. And we will ask ourselves what it means to meet Jesus in our everyday lives today. We are going to try to catch sight of him in some unexpected places. This is going to be a weekend of creativity, prayer, laughter and learning."

The price is £198 per person for the weekend and includes all meals and refreshments as well as accommodation and study materials. Single rooms are available at no extra charge, and access needs and allergies can be accommodated. Travel sharing will be arranged where possible.

There will be limited numbers of spaces for this event and early booking is strongly advised.

**March 3rd is National Reflection Day 2024** when we remember all those who died during the pandemic either from Covid or any other condition. We reflect on the impact this has had on the bereaved families. **There will be an opportunity to light a candle on the prayer table in their memory at the end of each service today and you may like to write a prayer or a message to your loved one on the paper provided. This invitation is also extended to anyone who has lost someone important to them prior to the pandemic or since.**

**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 **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at the latest**. Carol attends the 9am service and she can be contacted on 8399 4932. The roses will cost £5 per stem.

**"Sing at St Matthew's"** — Directed by Jason Edge

If you are someone who loves to sing (but welcomes flexibility) come and join us for 120 minutes of pure singing joy, on the third Saturday morning of each month between 9.45am -12.15am.

With "Sing at St Matthew's" there is absolutely no commitment or subscription (come and go when you please). There is no audition, you do not need to read music, but, of course, it helps, and there is no obligation to participate in any performances that "Sing at Matthew's" are invited to perform.

We will also be previewing forthcoming music that St Matthew's Church Choir will be singing in various services throughout the year.

If we rehearse something you enjoy, you will be welcome to sing as part of the official choir for the service that features your favourite! The next dates are, **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March, Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April, Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May**.

Do come along and tell your friends, the more the merrier. See poster at the back of Church and for more information email: [jason.a.edge@gmail.com](mailto:jason.a.edge@gmail.com)



**Eco Tips** - If you can, try to boycott Amazon and other unethical companies such as Primark, Boohoo and Shell. See [www.ethicalconsumer.org](http://www.ethicalconsumer.org) for information on possible alternatives.

**Carpet Tiles**- On Saturday 9th March, 10.00am we will be lifting carpet tiles again. There will be cake too.

**Holy Saturday (30 March) spring clean!** Come along between 9.30-12.30pm for our clean-up that morning, to make the church sparkle for Easter Sunday. No maintenance this time, just mops, buckets, dusting and vacuuming. And of course, refreshments! Any queries to Sheena Evans on 07880 234 018.

**African Vision Malawi** has a fundraiser on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** called '**Music for Malawi**'. Tickets are £15 and £10 for under 25's. There are 3 acts who are all brilliant, the headliner is 'Gambling Hearts' who star our one and only Simon Rowe! It is at The cornerHOUSE, 116 Douglas Road from 7.30pm. Doors open at 7pm. You can get tickets from The cornerHOUSE website [www.thecornerhouse.org](http://www.thecornerhouse.org). Funds will be going to support our upcoming Special Educational Needs & Disability unit we are building, along with our Safe Motherhood Unit which we are extending in Malawi. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please talk to Heather or Nigel Palmer who are at the 10.45 service most weeks. Thank you!  
[www.africanvision.org.uk](http://www.africanvision.org.uk)

**Deanery Synod** - St Matthew's is one of fourteen churches collectively represented on the Kingston Deanery Synod. The synod acts as an intermediary between the parochial church councils of each parish and the synod of Southwark diocese as a whole.

Our area synod is keen to raise both its profile and involvement within member churches.

Particularly looking to encourage and support (including assistance with enrolling on the appropriate courses) new readers and opportunities which may be available in other senior laity positions.

For further details please have a chat with or mail Mark Curzon. [markcurzon@icloud.com](mailto:markcurzon@icloud.com)

**Fellers-** You are cordially invited to a THiS Men's Breakfast on **Sat 6th April at 8.15am** in the **St Paul's Parish Hall**. Our guest speaker is **Bob Bailey**, who is a trustee and retired operational director of **Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH)**.

Come along to hear about Bob's work with KCAH and his own faith journey. Hot bacon rolls and tea/coffee will be available and a good time of fellowship as well. £4 cash entry on the day.

Please let Mark Curzon know you if are coming nearer the time, to help with planning and catering.

[markcurzon@icloud.com](mailto:markcurzon@icloud.com)

**Our next meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> March 8pm start.**

For further details please have a chat with Mark Curzon or otherwise mail me [markcurzon@icloud.com](mailto:markcurzon@icloud.com)

**Prayer Corner:** As well as sharing your prayer requests with the congregation during "7 Whole Days", please feel free to use our prayer corner in the North Transept before and after services for quiet reflection, inspiration, and to display any prayer requests on the prayer board so others can join you in praying them.

**Kingston Foodbank-** The box for food etc. donations is available at the **BACK OF CHURCH**.

They would also appreciate any money donations via their website: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/>

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

**Giving to the church-** Regular, predictable giving is of great value to the church as it helps us plan future expenditure. The easiest way of giving in this way is by setting up a standing order with your bank. This can normally be set up using your online banking or banking app. The key inputs are the amount the regularity of payment and the church bank details ie A/C name: Surbiton St Matthew PCC A/C number 50793698 Sort Code :20-46-73. If you do not have access to internet banking, you can still set up a standing order by writing to your bank with all the relevant details (including the account from which you wish the payment to be made).

The value of giving can be enhanced (by 25%) if you are a taxpayer and sign a gift aid form. This form can be found on the church website at [www.stmatthewskt6.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=238647](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=238647)

Alternatively, paper copies are available at the back of church. It is also possible to give to the church in other ways.

Please contact the Treasurer (Tim Lucas) if you need any help in this area or have any questions.

**Website:** [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org) **email address:** [admin@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto:admin@stmatthewskt6.org) **Parish Office no.** 020 8390 5121. **Our Parish Administrator, Steve Blevins is working the usual hours Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am -1pm. During the Vacancy, if you need to speak to a member of the clergy, please contact either Rev Carolyn Lucas on 07933 022516 or carolynlucas@gmail.com or Rev William Allberry on 07818 641576 or wallberry49@gmail.com**

**Church Notices-** If you have any notices for the next weekly sheet, please contact Jennie or Jeff Akerman on [jakerman28@btinternet.com](mailto:jakerman28@btinternet.com) or 8399 2549 or mob. 07519 514194, **by TUESDAY evening this week please** as I am having an operation on Thursday. Thank you