



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's readings: Acts 4: 5-12 & John 10:11-18



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 Morning Prayer

Psalm 23 Hymns MP73, MP649, Jubilate (sheet), Benedictus (sheet), MP728 (omit v 2).

10.45 am Worship Together with Holy Communion

At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem "The Lord is my Shepherd" by Rutter (from Requiem), and the organ voluntary will be "Gigue Fugue" by J S Bach.

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

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.

Diary for the Week - additional pages of notice sheet are on the church website at
www.stmatthewskt6.org

Monday	22nd	10.00am	Brunch Bunch: Sitzler Room
		11.00am	Holy Communion for the residents at Milverton Care Home.
Wednesday	24th	10.00am	Bereavement Café: Chapel
		6.30pm	Faith Talks: All Saints Church, Kingston – see notice
		7.30pm	Sacred Spaces Course : St Paul's Hook
Thursday	25th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group: Sitzler Group
		6.30pm	Choir Practice : Sitzler Room
Saturday	27th	7.00pm	St Matthew's "Desert Island Discs" in church – see notice
Sunday	28th		<u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u>
		10.00am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) as part of the service followed by Holy Communion (said service).

APCM Meeting: Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is next Sunday (28th April), and forms part of the main service at 10am. If you would like to serve as a member on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the next term, if eligible, you are invited to stand for election at this meeting. All PCC members are expected to be regular worshippers at St Matthew's, be taking an active role in church life and must be on the Electoral Roll. If you are interested, please do speak to our Churchwardens, Jackie or Dave, ASAP before next Sunday. Thank you.

The Bereavement Journey begins on 7th May 2024 for seven Tuesdays 2pm - 4.30pm. It is suitable for those of any faith or no faith and is for anyone bereaved in any way and at any time. To benefit from the course you should be able to attend the first six sessions, the final seventh session which is optional addresses questions of faith related to bereavement.

For more details phone Susan Kang on 07745 795395 or susan.kang10@gmail.com

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."

There are no more weekend places left but day visits are available and there is a waiting list should anyone drop out. If you are interested in attending, please speak with David Itcovitz who will advise you of the details and the day cost.

"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:

Saturday May 18th 9:45am-12:15pm,

Saturday June 15th 9:45am-12:15pm,

Saturday July 20th 9:45am-12:15pm,

(August - break),

Saturday 21st September (concert day), Rehearsal (Come-and-Sing style) 2:30-5pm Concert 7pm.

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

The return of St Matthew's Desert Island Discs !

Once again, we are inviting four 'castaways' from our church family to share their favourite music with us. Come along at **7.00pm next Saturday 27th April** to hear their choices, and their reasons for choosing them. There will be refreshments on a tropical theme, and you can wear your most colourful holiday clothes to get in the mood if you wish! Free admission but, so we get enough supplies in, can you let Carol Cameron, Mary Edwards or Ian Davies know that you are coming, please?

Faith Talks- next one is next Wednesday, 24th April, 6:30pm at All Saints Church

This talk is centred around 'Immigration - what needs to change', led by Dr. Krish Kandiah OBE

Confirmation -The next confirmation service in Kingston deanery is planned for early autumn (exact date TBC). If you are interested in being confirmed please contact Carolyn Lucas on carolynglucas@gmail.com



Eco Tips- Clean bird feeders regularly to avoid spread of diseases. Remember too that nest boxes, even if empty, can be refuges in times of storm or cold weather.

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/>

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 for them.

Website: www.stmatthewskt6.org **email address:** 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 carolynglucas@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 or 8399 2549 or mob. 07519 514194, **by Thursday please**

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*