



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

28th July 2024

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Today's readings Ephesians 3:14-21 & John 6: 1-21



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

Hymns: MP431(omit vv2&4), O Breath of God (sheet), MP 396(omit v2), MP 200

10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages

At the 9am service, the choir will sing the anthem "A Celtic Prayer" by Christopher Gower and the organ voluntary will be Toccata in F by Widor.

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for: Carolyn and William, THiS Team Ministry, the candidate for the post of Rector. Pray for St. Paul's as they continue their search for a Vicar to fill their vacancy. For Mary Carter, Julie Martin and her family, Pat Norrish, Norma Yates, Malcolm Brown, Alex and family at St. Paul's, Hook. Please pray for Wendy Richmond as she attends the Diocese Discernment Day for Children's Lay ministry today. For Susan Ambali and family, as they mourn the death of Sue's mother in Ireland last Monday morning.

For Jason and the choir as they take a well-earned break during August, we thank them for all their hard work and for assisting us in our worship throughout the year.

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

Monday 29th 4.00 pm Holy Communion for the residents at the Royal Star & Garter Home

Thursday 1st 10.00am Smarties Craft Group: Sitzler Room

Sunday 4th **Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

"Why I am a Christian" series - Week 1

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages

Our speakers for the ever-popular August sermon series "**Why I am a Christian**", starting next Sunday are Wendy Richmond, Graham Pye, Michael Parker and Tim Lucas. Please hold them in your prayers.

GENEROSITY IN GIVING - RED ENVELOPE - If you have received a red envelope with a gift from St. Matthew's church inside, **please remember to complete the pledge form**, put it back in the red envelope and post it in the large red box at the back of church. On behalf of the church PCC. Thank you.

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, and to display any prayer requests on the prayer board so others can join you in praying for them.

WhatsApp Prayer Group - There is now a WhatsApp group open to everyone. It reminds us of prayer requests from the Sunday services and any others that we hear about during the week. Please see me for further information or to pass on their mobile number or send a message (Sue and O’Hagan) on 07907 184018. Thank you.

Social September - Here are some friendly dates for your diary:

Saturday 14th September: Open Day from 9am-5pm. We invite friends, relatives, neighbours- everyone! into the building to see the church, admire the architecture and heritage, ask questions, have a cup of tea and a cake. There will a programme of events during the day, including trips up the tower, an organ demo, chimes and tours. Please spread the word and let's fill the church with visitors that day.

Saturday 21st September: From **2.30pm-5pm**, there will be "Come & Sing" rehearsal, an informal practice session for the evening event, **the "Big Sing", that will take place from 7pm-8pm.** This will be followed by refreshments. Come along and sing or just come, watch and enjoy!

Sunday 22nd September: The St Matthew's Day worship will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch. Everyone welcome.

Can you help? We would appreciate volunteers to help, especially for the Open Day when we'll need a rota to ensure that there are welcomers, guides etc. throughout the day. Let Ian Davies (email i_r_davies@hotmail.com) know if you can help.

"First Aiders Needed" - With our plans for the Open Day in September and for church use generally, we think it wise to know who has First Aid experience and/or qualifications. Could you please let the Wardens (Dave Hill, Jackie Farris) or David Carter (H&S Advisor) know if:

1. You are already qualified e.g. through work, or
2. If you have been qualified but need a refresher course.

In the case of (2) we plan to run a course in conjunction with another church. Thank you.

"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: **(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



Eco Tips – Worry not! Leave slugs and snails and even aphids alone, to help feed larger insects, birds and small mammals.

Volunteers from Surbiton High School did miraculous work, transforming the bramble-infested space behind the church into a potential community garden (photos on church website).

We now need cardboard as a weed-suppressant while we complete the levelling process.

All offerings of collapsed boxes etc to the garage drive on Kingsdowne Road please!

Thanks in advance!! Eco -Team.

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/>

The **St Matthew's Church Remembrance Book** has been sent away for updating, which should take a few weeks. In the meantime, the July pages have been photocopied and are on display in the Remembrance Bookcase. *Jeff Akerman*

Faith Talks - the next one is on **Wednesday, 11th September, 6:30pm at All Saints Church.**

The topic is "The Economy- How do we build an economy that works for us all?"

Speaker : Bishop Peter Selby.

Confirmation -The next confirmation service in the Kingston Deanery is planned for early autumn (exact date TBC). If you are interested in being confirmed, please contact Carolyn Lucas on carolynlucas@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.**

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 carolynlucas@gmail.com or Rev William Allberry on 07818 641576 or wallberry49@gmail.com

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*