

## Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

### 6th December 2020 Second Sunday of Advent



Join our services in church, live online or to watch later.

If attending in person please ensure you observe all Covid safety precautions including wearing a mask.

# 9.am Service with Holy Communion 10.30am All Age Worship with children's groups

For links to these services please see our website

Subscribe to our **YouTube Channel** to find our services easily on line.

Just search St Matthew's Church Surbiton and click "Subscribe"

#### **Collect for the Week**

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.** 

#### Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:

Reverends Helen Hancock, Luke Wickings, David Nyirongo, Carolyn Lucas & their families, Jen Houghton and family, THiS Team also for Carol Bainbridge, Miles Stewart Williams, Paul Atkins and David Itcovitz, the family and friends of Stuart Russell whose funeral is next Wednesday, 9 December, at St. Michael's Church, Stone.

The Church will be open for prayer for the weeks leading up to Christmas on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9am and 2pm.

<u>Save the wardens a sleepless night!</u> Volunteers required for our Christmas services – sign up from the Covid page of the website or email the Office – lots of help required - please don't leave it to the last minute to offer!

Can you give the Holy Family a bed for the night? NOT just for the children!

Last two nights available to give room to the Holy Family - sign up now from our website.

<u>SumUp</u> – we now have a card machine which will take payments in church contactlessly – please ask if you wish to donate.

<u>Christmas Services</u> — This year for any of the four services which we expect to be most popular you will need to get a ticket to be able to attend. These are the Carol Services at 4pm (repeated at 6.30pm) on Sunday 20 Dec, Midnight Communion at 11.15pm on 24 Dec and Christmas Morning service at 10.30am (the 9am service is not ticketed). Please go to <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-matthews-church-surbiton">www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-matthews-church-surbiton</a> to book. If you have offered to be a welcomer at any of these services you will still need to book yourself a ticket. If you are not online please email the office or Helen for tickets. Book early to avoid disappointment!

<u>Charitable Donations</u> At our Christmas Services we would normally take collections for different charities. This year we are suggesting that you make donations direct to the charities concerned – more details will be available on the website. Alternatively we would suggest that any donations are made to KCAH (Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness) or Christian Aid. Please ask the Office if you need more details.

<u>Readers for Christmas Carol Services</u>- If you would like to read at either of the Carols by Candlelight service at 4pm and 6.30 pm on Sunday 20 December, please let Helen know asap. You can either read in person in church or pre-record it from home.

<u>'Free' money from smile.amazon</u> - Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases you make to St Matthew's if you purchase through www.smile.amazon.co.uk and select St Matthew's Church, Surbiton as your chosen charity. All your current account details, prices and benefits will remain the same. Then each time you want to shop on Amazon, make sure you go to smile.amazon and you will be raising funds for St Matthew's, at no extra cost to you. THANK YOU!

For more information about our church and events visit our website at www.stmatthewskt6.org

email address: <u>admin@stmatthewskt6.org</u> Facebook 'StMatthewsChurchSurbiton' Julie is still working, although sometimes from home.

Please don't try to visit the Parish Office for the time being but we can be reached on the phone:

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#### Motto Verse2020

Out of reverence for the Lord, I acted differently

based on Nehemiah 5.15