

Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

4th April 2021 Easter Sunday



8.00am Holy Communion onsite only 9.30am '30ishMinutestoPraiseGod'

including Holy Communion onsite and online

10.45am Service of Holy Communion *onsite and online*

If you are attending a service in church, social distancing must be observed and a face covering worn. Your details will be taken for track and trace.

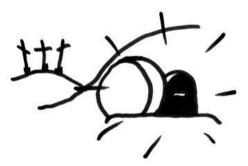
Please do not attend in person if you any symptoms of the virus.

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Alleluia. Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.

<u>Collect</u>

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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, and THiS Team, for Paul Atkins, Miles Stuart- William and Ian Vinton. Also for June and Kevin Dick, family and friends of Peter Randall (June's father) who died on 19 March and for Jason and Harriet Pennington, his mother Joyce and friends and family on the death of Joe Pennington (Jason's father) who died on 29 March.

<u>Survey – IMPORTANT -</u> We are seeking your input on a number of different questions about church life covering Comms, our website, how you are feeling, gifts and talents, the future and the AwayWeekend (currently proposed for 15-17 October 2021). You can access it from the front page of the website – please take a look and fill it in asap. Paper copies are available for those not online – please call Helen. The closing date is Friday 16 April. We need your views to inform some imminent decisions so make sure they are heard! **Returning to Church** – We are trialling swapping our services around so our new service times are now 9.30am (with children's provision) and the more traditional service at 10.45am. From Sunday 18 April we expect to have children's groups in the 9.30am service, although they will still be operating in combined groups for the time being - Scramblers with Climbers and Explorers with Pathfinders. Next week (11 April) the 9.30am service will be a short all-age family service. Both services will be both onsite and online.

Many thanks to those who have ensured we have flowers back in church for Easter Sunday. We hope **Easter roses** in memory of loved ones will be back next year. Also, whilst still having fresh flowers as the norm, we are intending to buy a significant artificial floral display for use at weddings and on other appropriate occasions. An effective looking one will not be cheap so if you would have usually contributed to the flower fund over the last year but haven't, then please do consider making a contribution through online banking.

Our <u>APCM</u> will be on <u>Sunday 25 April</u> as part of our 10.45am service, <u>starting</u> <u>at 11am</u>. Our electoral roll is open for revision so if you would like to take an official step to identify yourself with St Matthew's by joining the Roll please find one here <u>https://www.stmatthewskt6.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=280993</u> YOU only need to do something if you are new-ish and want to join otherwise it rolls over from last year. Closing date is 8 April. If you want to know more about this, do get in touch with Judith Jones via the Parish Office. Also, if you are interested in becoming a churchwarden or a PCC member please get in touch with Helen asap.

David Nyirongo's last Sunday at St George's will be **25 April**. The PCC are planning a gift from St Matthew's. If you would like to make a personal donation to be included in that gift please get in touch with our Treasurer, Tim Lucas on <u>timlucas@blueyonder.co.uk</u>

We are planning a **<u>Gift Day</u>** for <u>**Sunday 9 May</u></u>. The PCC agreed to invite members of the congregation to make a donation to some exciting projects in the church but also donating 10% of anything raised to local charities and a further 10% to Christian Aid which runs from 10 -16 May this year. More details to follow.</u>**

<u>STOP PRESS</u> – The Humanist Society have entered a challenge against the establishment of the proposed CofE Secondary School in Kingston. There will now need to be a fresh consultation. Please keep the matter in your prayers - will let you know more asap.

For more information about our church and events visit our website atwww.stmatthewskt6.orgemail address: admin@stmatthewskt6.orgFacebook 'StMatthewsChurchSurbiton' Julie is currently working from home.If you need to contact her you can try her on 07889 753290 or leave a message.The Parish Office is closed until further notice but messages will be picked up occasionally.Parish Office 020 8390 5121Rev Helen Hancock 020 8390 3829