



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

25th April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter



All our services are now onsite and online

9.30am All-age Worship

including groups for children and young people

**10.45am Service of Morning Worship including the
APCM and Annual Parishioners Meeting at 10.55am in
church and on Zoom, followed by Holy Communion**

**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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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:

Reverends Helen Hancock, Luke Wickings, David Nyirongo (whose last day at St George's is this Sunday), Carolyn Lucas & their families, Jen Houghton and family, and THIS Team, for Paul Atkins, Miles Stuart- William, Ian Vinton, Janet Harries.

For Jason, Harriet, family and friends of Joe Pennington (Jason's father) whose funeral service is in church at 1pm on Thursday 29th April. Attendance at church by invitation only please, but available to share online on our You Tube Channel.

Thank you –“ I would like to give a big thank you to our wonderful St. Matthew's family for all the prayers and messages regarding Mum (Margaret Howell). Her funeral on Monday was a true celebration of her life and we as a family felt the love and prayers, both in Church and online. So, thank you all, however you were with us”. *Judith Mackie*

Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners and **APCM** will be included as part of our 10.45am service today starting at about 10.55am followed by Holy Communion. If you are not attending in church please join on Zoom so we have as many people attending as possible:

Meeting ID: 938 0865 8375 Passcode: 793257

<https://zoom.us/j/93808658375?pwd=WHZYaXhFR0Q1TnIXZ01oNVZUMVNuUT09>

The report and Accounts for 2020 and the minutes from last year's PACM are on the website at <https://www.stmatthewskt6.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=282957>

Returning to Church – We are trialling swapping our services around so our service times are now 9.30am (with children's provision) and the more traditional service at 10.45am. We will 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.

We are planning a **Gift Day** for **Sunday 9 May** . 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 Week which runs from 10 -16 May this year. A letter will be coming out to you in hard copy or by email or please find it on the website. Please be thinking and praying about your response.

Christian Aid Week- Along with 5 other local clergy Helen is going to be walking 4.5 miles each day of Christian Aid Week, carrying 2 buckets of water to share in a very small way with those who make such journeys for water every day.

Christian Aid highlights the plight of Rose who walks 8km each day to collect 4 jerry cans of water - and then carries them home. People like Rose are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water. From drought to flooding, climate chaos robs people of control over their lives. I often feel hungry, Rose says. Because of climate change, I worry a lot about food. I pray to God that the rainfall will become normal like it used to be. In recent years, the drought has been so bad that it's caused a hunger crisis. Crops wither and die. Rivers run dry. People struggle to survive. The coronavirus pandemic has only made this lack of water more critical for Rose. Without water for handwashing, it is a struggle to stay safe from the virus. Please support my fundraising and help to provide reliable water source, for people like Rose. Your gift will help support Christian Aid's vital work with some of the poorest communities in the world. Thank you!

Please sponsor them at:

<http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kingstonchurches>

Also, if you are willing to accompany Helen on one of her walks (or part) please let her know! There will also be a Zoom Quiz being held on Saturday 15 May – More details to follow.

The Statutory proposal/consultation concerning a **new Church of England Secondary School** in Kingston has had to be re-run due to a last minute objection. It's more important than ever that the Council receives letter and emails in support. Please send a letter or email of support especially for the fact that it will be a faith school but open to all by Friday 21 May to Kingston Council via Mr Matthew Paul (matthew.paul@achievingforchildren.org.uk) – Associate Director for School Place Planning for Kingston. Correspondence should be denoted: 'Response to Proposed Kingston C of E Secondary School'. Letter with more details is on the Covid page of the website.

For more information about our church and events visit our website at www.stmatthewskt6.org email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org Facebook '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 5121 Rev Helen Hancock 020 8390 3829