



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
16 May 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter



All our services are now onsite and online
9.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion
including groups for children and young people
10.45am Service of 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 and why not take a regular free Covid-19 test to make sure you are not contagious, even if you've been vaccinated and provided you have no symptoms (when you should self-isolate).

*To watch online 'as live' or later please visit our **YouTube Channel**
Just search St Matthew's Church Surbiton and click "Subscribe"*

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:

Reverends Helen Hancock, Luke Wickings, Carolyn Lucas & their families, Jen Houghton and family, and THiS Team, for Paul Atkins, Miles Stuart- William, Ian Vinton, Janet Harries and Maureen Lydall. For the family and friends of Pat Frith whose funeral is at St George's Church tomorrow. For all those who face exams in the next few weeks.

Thy Kingdom Come is taking place once again between Ascension and Pentecost (23 May).

Please join our evening Zoom Prayer meeting from 7 – 7.20pm across THiS Team, each evening until from 14 - 22 May. We will be focusing on prayer for the 'hidden' church in countries where their Christian faith cannot be openly practised.

Zoom Meeting details are as follows: ZOOM ID: 140 942 378 PASSWORD: tkc

Following the results of the survey, our **AwayWeekend** has been postponed – until hopefully May 6 -8 2022. However, following the previously very successful AwayDay in 2019, we are also planning to hold another AwayDay on **Saturday 16 October 2021** so please continue to keep the date in your diary. Peter Graystone (our very popular speaker last time) is going to make a welcome return appearance. Venue tbc.

Our **Community Café** run by Balance will open for the first time this coming Wednesday 10am-2pm in the Sitzler Room and every Wednesday following. It will be open for drinks and cake and also soup at lunchtime. Why not give it a try sometime!

THANK YOU TO ALL who contributed to our Gift Day last week. At the time of preparing this sheet we do not have a total but will let you know as soon as we can. It is not too late to make a donation, if you haven't already – either through the bank (preferred) or in an envelope marked 'Gift Day'.

IMPORTANT – ACTION REQUIRED PLEASE - 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 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'. For more details please look on the KiT page of the website. This year there were 158 children in Kingston left without secondary school places after the initial placing of children. Your support could make all the difference – please do send an email!

Congratulations to Councillor Sushila Abraham, a member of our congregation, who will become Mayor of Kingston later this month for the next year. Let us pray for her as she takes on these important civic responsibilities.

Christian Aid Week ends today - Along with 5 other local clergy Helen has been walking 4.5 miles each day of Christian Aid Week (10 – 15 May), carrying 2 buckets of water to share in a very small way with those who make such journeys for water every day. Thanks to those who walked with her and it is not too late to sponsor them at:

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

In our progress towards **eco-friendly church** status we need to seek to ensure that products used in the church kitchen and the building are, as far as possible, Locally Sourced, Organic, Animal Friendly and Fairtrade ('LOAF') and also environmentally friendly. So, we are going to try purchasing more items through the Parish Office. If you notice that we need cleaning products or anything else please let Julie know.

Motto Verse 2021

I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness.

From John 10.10.

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.

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