



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
23 May 2021
Day of Pentecost



All our services are now onsite and online
9.30am All-age Worship
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"

The choir is, in part, returning for our 10.45am service today and the anthem this week is the plainsong chant 'Come Holy Ghost' and the voluntary is 'Postlude alla toccata' by Simon Hancock.

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Alec Lewis, a resident at the Royal Star & Garter Home, whose funeral is in Church at 1pm on 26th May. For all those who face exams in the next few weeks.

Welcomers please? – Urgently needed Thank you to those who have already signed up but we are in need of welcomers at both services especially over the next few weeks and following weeks. To everyone who is happy and able to volunteer, thank you, please click on the link below to go through to Sign Up Genius and the online rota where you can see the sessions needed. This replaces our usual rotas for the time-being:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A4AE2FA1FF2-rotas> or contact Julie Usher.

As always, we are extremely grateful to you, our volunteers, without whom we couldn't open our doors and welcome people in safely.

Our **Community Café** run by Balance will be open every Wednesday 10am- 2pm in the Sitzler Room. It will be open for hot drinks and cake and also soup at lunchtime. Last week eggs and home-made produce were also on sale. Why not give it a try sometime, bring a friend and spread the news!

THANK YOU TO ALL who contributed to our Gift Day last week. The total amount was amazing - in the region of £20,000. This will allow us to give approx. £2,000 to Christian Aid, the same amount will be distributed to local charities (at the discretion of Helen and the Wardens) and the rest will be used on the fabric of the church. 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'.

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.

Date for your Diary - We are planning to have a Maintenance Day this year including work on the rose garden. The date in mind is **Saturday 3rd July** in the morning. Please sign up with Mike Taylor so we know who is likely to be there. We need all the help we can get!!

Eco Church

We are committed to reusing where we can so . .

1) do you have a **large-ish computer monitor** (not a TV) of around 24" that you would be happy to donate to the church, or to lend on a long-term basis?

Or (2) a **panini maker** stuck at the back of a cupboard somewhere which you never use ?

Balance would like to expand their offerings in the café.

Or (3) a **working mobile phone** – not too old.

If you have any of these, please let Helen or Simon know - many thanks.

Also 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 and don't bring in something from home that may not meet the strict criteria to which we now need to try to work.

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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