



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
6th June 2021
The First Sunday after Trinity



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"*

Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son. 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.

Welcomers please? – Urgently needed - We are still in need of welcomers at both services especially over the next few weeks and following weeks. If you are able to volunteer, 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. Thanks.

Our **Community Café** run by Balance is 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!

Volunteers at Kingston Library are keen to share the now-withdrawn supply of cassette tape audio books. If anyone is keen to receive some (and has the means to play them) or be part of helping the Scheme to share them locally, please let Jeff Akerman know on 020 8399 2549 or jakerman28@btinternet.com. Thanks.

Gift Day- You might like to know that following the Gift Day, donations are being made to Christian Aid, Kingston Church Action on Homelessness, Oxygen (supporting young people in the Borough), Fircroft (assisting those with mental health issues locally) and Milaap Multicultural Day Centre which is one of the Mayor's Charities for this year and helps the elderly.

Wildlife Survey - Do you know your daffodils from your dahlias? Your violets from your vetch?

If so, we need you for our first St Matthew's *Count on Nature* wildlife survey.

Join others in the grounds of the Church to identify plants and wildlife **next Wednesday 9th**

June between 10am and 12pm. No expert knowledge required, just an enthusiasm for nature.

For more info, contact Jen on jen.houghton@hotmail.com or 07792 242 710 - but no need to book, just come along on the day.

We are planning to have a **Maintenance Day** 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!!

Diocesan Synod Elections -Elections for the Southwark Diocesan Synod will take place during the first two weeks of July. The Kingston Deanery will be electing four members of the laity as its Diocesan Synod representatives. If you'd like to consider being nominated as a candidate for one of these four seats, please contact either one of our parish Deanery Synod representatives or John Dewhurst, the Lay Chair of the Deanery (jdewhurst34@gmail.com) for more information. Nominations must be submitted by **17th June**.

Eco Church - We are committed to reusing where we can so 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? If you do, 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. Thank you.

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.

AFRICAN VISION MALAWI GARDEN PARTY **Saturday 10th July 2021 from: 10am - 6pm**

At 31 Upper Brighton Road, KT6 6QX. Come and relax in the garden with Bar & Homemade Lunch and cakes. **Need to book for** : Group and individual Yoga Sessions, Tai Chi Session, Facial, Hand Massage, Healing Hands, Manicure and Piano Recital.

No need to book and just enjoy! – Live Acoustic Music, Stalls, Raffle, Face Painting, Homemade Lunches and Cakes, Bar, Games and Magician! £1 ENTRANCE AND 50p FOR CHILDREN

Call: 020 8287 8169 or email: info@africanvision.org.uk

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORTING ORPHAN AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN MALAWI

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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