



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
1st August 2021
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
“Why I am a Christian”



9.30am All-age Worship and 10.45am Service of Holy Communion

The voluntary this Sunday is the Allemande from Bach's French Suite No.5 in G.

The Gospel reading for our services is John 15. 1-17

Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:

For Miles Stuart- William, Janet Harries, Sarah Rowe, Julia Bowden and Joan Higgs Smith.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Paul Atkins will take place in church on **Monday 16 August at 2pm** and everyone is warmly invited to attend. There will also be a short service of cremation at Randall's Park at 10.15am the same day, to which anyone is also welcome.

Please continue to pray for Mark, Melissa and the family and friends of Paul.

Why I am Christian - Today we welcome Pauline Keane and please pray for Jason Pennington, Jessica Johnson, Rev Nicholas Lebey and Dave Hill as they prepare to bring their stories to us too.

On Wednesday (**4th Aug**) join Helen between 10.30 and 11.30am if you would like to discuss more about your **Pandemic Experience** (following on from the sermon on 25 July).
Drinks and cake available from the Balance Café - everyone welcome!

This summer's **THiS Team Walk and Picnic** is next **Sat7 August 10.00am**. Details from Dave & Jackie Farris on 07540 702400 or see page 3 of this notice sheet on the website.

Mini-maintenance morning on Sat 14 Aug. Please volunteer to get the last few things that we didn't manage to do the last time and to get the new garden planted up. There is a list of plants for donation for the new garden on the website eco pages – latest news page.
Please volunteer to the Wardens or Helen. More hands will make light work again!

A training session to continue our commitment to being a **Bereavement Friendly Church** will take place on **Wed 18 Aug 10 – 12.30**. Please let Susan Kang or Helen know if you would like to join.

Heritage Open Day: As part of the national Heritage Open Days St Matthew's will once again be opening to visitors on **Saturday 11 Sept**. There will be guided tours, exhibitions and information leaflets, plus a special children's activity trail created by our Heritage Activities Co-ordinator Alex Hill. Balance Café will be providing refreshments throughout the day, and there will be a short choral concert by a young professional group at 4pm. All welcome! Volunteers required!



This week's eco-tip : **Invest in a reusable water bottle and coffee cup and make a habit of carrying them everywhere you go.**

THiS Team 'Come and Sing' Choral Evensong: at St Matthew's on **Sunday 26 Sept at 5pm** as part of the **St Matthew's Weekend**, All invited to join (you don't have to be a choir member). We will rehearse from 3.00-4.30pm on the day and have a short break before we sing the service, which will last about 45 mins. The music will be straightforward and tuneful! We are very much hoping that the children's choir will join us.

Foodbank - Urgent items please: Pot Noodles and Instant Mash, washing up liquid and washing machine tablets plus shampoo and men and women's deodorant. Thank you.

AVM - A message of gratitude to all people who came to our Fundraising 'Garden Party' on July 10. We had our best ever event, even though it rained in the morning, it didn't dampen spirits! We raised an amazing £3,500 for African Vision Malawi which will keep our programmes running to support orphans, ultra-poor and disabled people. Please keep your prayers with Malawi as the Covid numbers rise and they are in their 3rd wave with no vaccine in the country at the moment. Thank you! Love Heather & Nigel www.africanvision.org.uk

9.30

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
the power throughout the universe displayed;
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I
wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
Then sings my soul,

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:
Then sings my soul,

10.45

Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear on every page;
our fathers owned Thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
One Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade men rise and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching
in every deed and word;
to all alike proclaiming:
One Church, one faith, one Lord

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave Thy work undone;
with Thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
One Church, one faith, one Lord.

Website www.stmatthewskt6.org **email address:** admin@stmatthewskt6.org **Julie is on holiday over the summer so please contact Helen if you have any questions or Mike on 07774 259577.**

Messages left for the Parish Office should be picked up occasionally.

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THiS Team Walk - Summer 2021 . WE'RE BACK!!!!

Hi all.

It's great to be able to say "We're back and walking."

This summer's THiS team walk and picnic will be on Saturday 7th August at 10.00 and will be based at Oaks Park, Carshalton.

Oaks Park has lots of parking, toilets and a café that serves hot and cold food.

Our walk will take us around a 2 mile nature trail through grassland, and lots of woodland offering shade from the sun, and we'll include an activity sheet for any children joining us. The walk has a couple of gentle upward slopes and is mainly broad paths with the occasional tree roots to step over – hiking boots are not required on this walk.

We anticipate having our picnic around 12:00 should you rather just join us for that.

If you'd prefer not to walk but simply join us for the picnic then the formal gardens or the café terrace would be a nice place to sit and relax

We'll also have a selection of outdoor games for people to play (if you've got some too please bring them along).

A new game for this year is Cornhole. A simple to play game for all ages. Here's a link to explain it. https://youtu.be/L4sLbFStJ_Y

(Note that we won't spread the cornholes that wide)

Dogs are very welcome in Oaks Park. The walk does cross a road and run alongside another for a short way, so a lead is advisable at these points.

Directions to the Oaks Park car parks are as follows.

Make your way to the Banstead crossroads – A2022 and A217. From there take the A2022 towards Purley.

After 100 yards, at the mini roundabout, go straight on A2022.

At the next roundabout, take the second exit, A2022 Purley.

After 1.1 miles, as the road sweeps down, then up around to the right, look for the set of waist high kerb railings and at the end of the railings turn left into Oaks Park (a green sign shows the entrance).

Follow the road into Oaks Park and then choose either left or right turn to the parking.

We'll meet by the café for the start.

As ever if the weather is rainy we'll call the walk off.

We're looking forward to meeting up.

Dave & Jackie Farris

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