



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
29th August 2021
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
“Why I am a Christian”



All our services are now onsite and online

9.30am All-age Worship

with summer provision 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 while moving around inside the building, please.

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, if you want, click "Subscribe"*

Please note that all our services are live streamed. If you sit in the pews from the third pew back you should not be visible but by attending onsite you are presumed to have consented to the terms of our location warning notice.

Please see the notices in church or on the front page of the website which explains more.

The organ voluntary this week is the Prelude in C BWV553 by Bach

The reading for our services this week is Psalm 71: 19-24.

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:

For Janet Harries, Sarah Rowe, Julia Bowden, Amy Diamond, Joan Higgs Smith and Victor Cuthbert, and THiS Team Ministry.

Why I am Christian - Today we welcome Dave Hill who brings us the final story for this year.

From next Sunday, 5 September we will have a change of Service Times.
Our more traditional service will be at 9am and the less formal service with children's groups will at 10.45am.

The Heritage Open Day: As part of the national Heritage Open Days we will once again be open on **Sat 11 Sept.** Music, food, heritage, children's trail, trips up the Tower (must be booked in advance) recitals, still life drawing class, craft activities for children and lots more.
All welcome – come along and bring your friends!

After the disappointment of having to cancel the earlier **Summer THiS Team Walk** and picnic we will try and run it again next **Saturday 4th September at 10.00** and will be based at Oaks Park, Carshalton. For more information please contact Dave & Jackie Farris on 07540702400 or see details on page 3 of this notice sheet on the church website.

St Matthew's Weekend - SAVE THE DATE on 25 – 26 September Film shows at the cornerHOUSE for children and adults on Saturday afternoon and evening, Harvest Services on Sunday and **THiS Team 'Come and Sing' Choral Evensong** on Sunday afternoon at 5pm. All are invited to sing (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! The children's choir will be joining too.

We are hoping to have a **THiS Team Confirmation Service** at St Matthew's in the autumn. Adult and teenager preparation classes will be run – please contact Helen asap if you are interested.

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.



This week's eco-tip : **When ordering food, ask in advance to avoid receiving any unnecessary plastic utensils, straws, etc., buy ice cream in a cone instead of a cup, don't accept "free" promotional products and choose the product with the least amount of packaging.**

Flowers – would you be prepared to put some flowers in church for one Sunday please? We are experimenting with people having a go themselves rather than having a few 'flower ladies' arranging them. It could be in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. You don't need to offer a grand arrangement but some fresh flowers always brighten the church. Please let Jackie or Mike know if you could volunteer and if there is a particular date. Thank You!

The Good Food Co-Op supplies fruit and veg boxes of locally sourced produce for pick up or delivery, but with a difference. Any profit generated from the purchase of a box goes to help someone local in need receive a similar box at a heavily subsidised price. Please visit www.goodfoodcoop.org.uk for more information on how to order your box or to refer a family in need of the service.

TWO great things to look forward to: You are invited to sign up at the back of church or let Jen know (in person or jen.houghton@hotmail.com) if you plan to come to our '**another-not-very-far-AwayDay**' at Shrewsbury House on **Saturday 16 October**. We are delighted Peter Graystone is returning to give us his talk about the New Testament after the popularity of his talk last time. Places may have to be limited so reserve a place now!
Also please make sure our **WeekendAway**, once again at the De Vere Horsley hotel, is in your diary for 6-8 May 2022 – more details to follow.

Would you like to find out more about your faith and the church? If so, the **Bishop's Certificate** might be for you. Have a look here <https://southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/ministry/discipleship-ministry/discipleship/bishops-certificate/> and talk to Sheena Evans who is a recent completer and fan!

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Julie is on holiday over the summer so please contact Helen if you have any questions on
teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org *or Mike on 07774 259577. Messages left for the Parish Office will be*
picked up occasionally. Parish Office 020 8390 5121 Rev Helen Hancock 020 8390 3829

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 4th September 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 in to 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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