



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
 In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
28th November 2021
The First Sunday of Advent



Readings: Jeremiah 13:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36

All our morning services are now onsite and online

9.00am Service of Holy Communion

10.45am Morning Worship for all ages and stages

If you are attending a service in church, we ask you to wear a face covering while moving around the building and when singing.

Please do not attend in person if you any symptoms of the virus.

To watch online 'as live' or later please visit our **YouTube Channel** St Matthew's Church Surbiton

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.

At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem 'Hark the glad sound' by Walford Davies and the organ voluntary will be a short improvisation based on the hymn "O come, O come Emmanuel".

Collect

Almighty God,
 as your kingdom dawns,
 turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
 that we may be ready to meet you
 in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for: For Sarah Rowe, Julia Bowden, Amy Diamond, Stephen Perry, David Weir, Janet Bolton & THiS Team Ministry.

Diary for the Week - more notices are on the church website at www.stmatthewskt6.org

Wednesday	1	10-2pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	2	10am	SMArties: Sitzler Room
		6.30pm	Choir Practice
Second Sunday of Advent	5	9am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Morning Worship for all ages and stages

Service Pattern – We have returned to having Morning Prayer on the third Sunday at 9am. So going forward we will trial a new service pattern at 9am as sung Holy Communion on the first and last Sundays of the month, spoken HC on the second Sunday and Morning Prayer on the third. Morning Prayer will take a variety of forms. If you would like to be involved in thinking through that service and other matters around worship then let Helen know so we can create an informal Worship Team which will cover both services. At 10.45am Holy Communion will continue on the third Sunday and baptisms will be offered on the second and fourth Sundays.

There has been a change of plan and Mary, Joseph and Bonkey are going to check into Airbnbs this year so our virtual **Posada** will not happen. The Posada will be back next year – thanks to those who had already volunteered a resting place for the night.



This week's eco tip –Choose your Christmas tree carefully. If it is real, consider buying one that can be replanted. If it is artificial, treasure it and reuse it for as many years as you can. Wait until after dark to turn on your Christmas lights, and turn them off before you go to bed.

Another eco – tip is to send Christmas greetings to the congregation via one large Christmas card. The time and money you save you can put to a good cause, perhaps donate to Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness and phone someone who may be in need of a call to cheer them up. More details next week.

Eco-Church WhatsApp Group - Want to hear recommendations of eco-friendly products and services which have worked for others? Or keep up-to-date with simple lifestyle changes which can make a big difference? If so, please join the 'St Matthew's Eco-Church' WhatsApp group. It's a way for members to share ideas and learn from one another; you'll also find out more about eco projects that are happening locally. Please see Jen Houghton (07792 242 710) for more details.

The THiS Team **Confirmation Service** with Bishop Richard will be on the afternoon of **Sunday 30 January**. We are organising separate preparation classes for adults and young people to take place in January. It's not too late to join - let Helen know if you are interested.

On **Saturday 4 December** Cotterill Road are celebrating 'Cotterill Christmas' and would like some Carol Singers to join them. Is any one free to go along and join in and be the 'presence of St Matthew's Church' and share in their Christmas fun? Singing should be about 7pm, please let Helen know.

If you would like to read at the **Carols by Candlelight Service** on 19 Dec at 6.30pm – please let Helen know asap. Readers at the 4pm service will hopefully be children and young people.

The Children's Society - If you are the owner of a Society collection box I would be very grateful, if you could bring your (hopefully full) box along to St. Matthew's Church over the next few Sunday's. I attend the 9.00am service but can be found at the back of church before the 10.45am service. **I should like to have them all by Sunday 19th December please.** Thank you.
Paul Mackie 8224 1296.

Foodbank- Urgent items please: Fruit squash, Instant Mash, Rice, Washing up liquid and Washing machine tablets, plus shampoo, some toilet paper, shower gel, tooth brushes, shaving foam, and razors. Money donations at: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/> Thank you.

Oberammergau Passion Play 2022 - William and Joan are leading a group to see the 10-yearly passion play in Germany in May next year – put off from 2020. The tour includes a 5-night holiday in the lakes and mountains of Austria finishing with 2 nights in the Passion Play village. See poster in church; full details and brochure from William on 07818 641576. wallberry49@gmail.com
(Pl. note: the Holy Land pilgrimage planned for Feb next year will be put back to Feb/March 2023).

Sps Collection for the Organ Fund. - The model of St Matthew's Church Piggy Bank is once again available and can be found at the back of church after both services for donations for the Organ Fund. Thanks for your contributions – please keep them coming, every little helps.

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Parish Office 020 8390 5121 (Julie is mixing working from home and in the Office so please call her if you need to be in touch more urgently on 07889 753290)

You can contact Rev Helen Hancock on 020 8390 3829 or teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org

Job opportunity at St Paul's Church, Hook – St Paul's are looking for a Parish Office & Lettings Administrator. If you are interested in applying, please contact the Parish Office on parish.office@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk or 020 8391 2362 . **Deadline is Tues 30th November 2021.** Interviews will be held early December.