



**Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton**  
 In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry  
**5th December 2021**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**



Readings: Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6

**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 Advent chorale 'Wake, O wake' to a tune by Philipp Nicolai harmonised by Bach, and the organ voluntary will be 'Litanies' by the French composer Jehan Alain.*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
 purify our hearts and minds,  
 that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
 judge and saviour  
 we may be ready to receive him,  
 who is our Lord and our God. 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](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)**

Monday	6	7pm	Community Carols <b>at the cornerHOUSE</b> – see notice below
Wednesday	8	10-2pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	9	10am	SMArties: Sitzler Room
		6.30pm	Choir Practice
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Holy Communion with Baptism and children's Nativity video</b>
		<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Morning Worship with children's Nativity video- 'come dressed in character, if you like!'</b>

**On Monday 6 December** everyone is invited to **Community Carols at the cornerHOUSE** (116 Douglas Road) from 6.30 – 8pm with mulled wine and mince pies. Come along and join in singing your favourite carols led by our Church Choir from 7pm. Book on the cH website (<https://www.thecornerhouse.org/>) or just come along.

If you would like to read at the **Carols by Candlelight Service** on **Sun 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 19<sup>th</sup> December please.** Thank you.  
Paul Mackie 8224 1296.

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.



**This week's eco tip** – Buy recyclable wrapping paper! Avoid shiny metallic or foiled paper. Remember to recycle the paper you're given wherever possible – as a rough guide, if you scrunch paper and it doesn't spring back, then it can be recycled. Another eco – tip is to send Christmas greetings to the congregation via the large Christmas Tree Christmas Card at the back of church. Donations are welcomed for Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness

**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.

This year please **bring a bauble or decoration from home** to eco-decorate Olive, our church olive tree in the garden. Then once we get into the New Year anyone will be welcome to take an ornament away with them so you won't necessarily end up with the one you brought or one at all! When putting something on the tree please take care as Olive is quite fragile!

### **Can you join the gardening team?**

We are appealing for help with regular maintenance work in our Church grounds. Weekly, fortnightly, monthly or ad hoc help - all would be hugely appreciated. If you have limited time or are not able to carry out physical work, we would love your advice or the gift of seeds or plants. If you are interested, please contact Jen ([jen.houghton@hotmail.com](mailto:jen.houghton@hotmail.com) or 07792 242710).

**SAVE THE DATE** for the welcome return of our ever popular **Quiz Night on the evening of Saturday 12 Feb** at the cornerHOUSE - more details to follow in the New Year.

**5ps 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.

**We also now have a machine to take donations for the work of the church – just tap and give!**

**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.

Website [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org) email address: [admin@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto:admin@stmatthewskt6.org)

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