



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 12th December 2021

### The Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Matthew 12. 46-50



All our morning services are now onsite and online

**9.00am Service of Holy Communion with Baptism and children's Nativity Play video.**

**10.45am Morning Worship for all ages and stages with children's Nativity Play video.**

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 'The angel Gabriel', set to a Basque tune arranged by Edgar Pettman, and the organ voluntary is the chorale prelude "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her" by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706).*

### **Collect**

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:*** For Miles Stewart William, Sarah Rowe, Julia Bowden, Amy Diamond, Stephen Perry, David Weir, Janet Bolton & THiS Team Ministry. For Mitesh Kapilan who is to be baptised in our 9am service today.

### **Diary for the Week - more notices are on the church website at [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)**

Wednesday	15	10-2pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	16	10am	SMArties: Sitzler Room
		6.30pm	Choir Practice
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer -an hour of silent contemplation (not online)</b>
		<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (no children's groups since service at 4pm)</b>
		<b>4pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight including Children's Choir</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>

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

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.

**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 next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December please.** Thank you.  
Paul Mackie 8224 1296.



**This week's eco tip** – Give gifts that people actually want! Ask them what they would like, and buy things they will enjoy long term, rather than festive novelties; or agree to exchange 'experiences' instead. 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.

**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.

**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.

**KCAH** - are in quite urgent need of Unisex tracksuits, eg. Grey, small and medium sized, please.

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