



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
 In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
19th December 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Advent



Readings: Micah 5: 2-5a and Luke 1: 39-45

All our services are now onsite and online unless otherwise stated

**9.00am Morning Prayer – today’s service is an hour
 of silent contemplation (not online)**

10.45am Holy Communion (no children’s groups)

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight including Children’s Choir

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

You are required to wear a face mask for the entire time you are in the church building unless an exemption applies. Please also take a lateral flow test before attending services and 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.

Collect

Eternal God,
 as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
 so we wait for his coming in glory;
 bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
 to see, with her, our great salvation
 in 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.

Diary for 2 Weeks to 2nd January - more notices are on the church website at www.stmatthewskt6.org

Wednesday	22	10-2pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	23	7.30pm	A “not-so-Merry Christmas”- a simple quiet service to acknowledge that celebrating at this time is hard for many. <i>(online only)</i>
Christmas Eve	24	4.00pm	Christingle Service
		11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Christmas Day	25	9.00am	Said Holy Communion <i>(not online)</i>
		10.00am	All Age Celebration
First Sunday after Christmas	26	10.00am	Holy Communion <i>(not online)</i>
Epiphany 2nd		9am	Holy Communion
January 2022		10.45am	Morning Worship for all ages incl. children’s groups

You are invited to make donations for the following **Charities at our Christmas Services** either in cash or using the 'tap and give' machines (there will be two available):

Carols by Candlelight – **African Vision Malawi**

Christingle – **The Children's Society**

Midnight Communion – **Embrace the Middle East**

Alternatively, you could give online to these when you get home give to your chosen charities as part of 'sharing the love' this Christmas.

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 – Source gifts that are ethically made or Fairtrade, or give a homemade or preloved gift. Visit charity shops (in person or online), and buy presents that benefit the makers or those in need. 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 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.

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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Parish Office 020 8390 5121 (but Julie is on holiday currently).

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