



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 9th January 2022

# The Baptism of Christ Covenant Sunday

Readings: Proverbs 31. 1-9 and Luke 3.15-17, 21-22



All our morning services are now onsite and online

**9.00am Service of Holy Communion**

**10.45am Morning Worship for all ages incl. children's groups**

**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.*

No refreshments are being provided at our services today

*At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem " God be in my head" by John Rutter.*

### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son;  
may we recognise him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

**Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:** For Miles Stewart William, Sarah Rowe, Julia Bowden, Amy Diamond, Stephen Perry, David Weir, John Symons and the family friends of Janet Bolton who died recently. THiS Team Ministry.

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

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>10-2pm</b>	<b>Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Smarties</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Second Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
		<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Morning Worship with Holy Communion</b>

This Sunday is our **Covenant Sunday** and you will be invited to make a commitment (should you wish) during the service. It is the opportunity to take stock of where we are in our Christian life and to renew our covenant with God in service and obedience. The words of the Covenant prayer will be up on the screen and can be found on the KiT page on the website.

**Thank you** - A huge thank you for all who donated to The Children's Society at our Christingle service on Christmas Eve. We raised the wonderful sum of £403.53, which will be used to help vulnerable children. For more information go to <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/>

**Forthcoming Services** - There will be a **Civic Service at 3pm on 23 January** in the presence of the Mayor, Councillor Sushila Abraham with Bishop Richard preaching - all welcome!

Also, on **30 January** we have the **THiS Team Confirmation Service at 4pm** with Bishop Richard back again!! Again everyone is welcome!!



**This week's eco tip** - Turn off lights in all the rooms you are not using, and buy a stock of LED bulbs ready for when you need to replace a bulb.

**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.

Over the Christmas period Olive, our church olive tree in the garden was decorated with **baubles or decorations from home** to eco-decorate. There are still some on the tree and anyone is welcome to take an ornament away with them to re-use next year, not necessarily the one you brought. 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 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 and pot noodles, ketchup, oils and sauces, Washing up liquid, 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.

**Oberammergau Passion Play 2022** - William and Joan are leading a group to see the 10-yearly passion play in Germany in May this 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](mailto:wallberry49@gmail.com) (Pl. note: the Holy Land pilgrimage planned for Feb this year will be put back to Feb/March 2023).

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**Parish Office 020 8390 5121 (but Julie is currently on jury service).**

**You can contact Rev Helen Hancock on 020 8390 3829 or [teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto:teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org)**