



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
23rd January 2022
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Readings: Romans 12: 9-21 and Luke 4: 14-19



All our morning services are now onsite and online

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Morning Worship for all ages

3.00pm Civic Service (not online)

You are required to wear a face mask for the entire time you are in the church building unless an exemption applies.

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 "'Jesus, Lamb of God' by Brian Mayhew, and the organ voluntary is 'Alla Marcia' by Gordon Jacob.

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for: For Julia Bowden, Stephen Perry, John Symons and THiS Team Ministry. Please also pray for Confirmation candidates from across THiS Team: Mark, Tanya, Samara, Rochelle, Evie, Ellis, Elliott, Nigel, Alison, Agur, QJ, Paul, Emma, Rowan and others from local churches.

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

Tuesday	25th	8.45am	Morning Prayer in Church
Wednesday	26th	10-2pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	27th	10.00am	Smarties
Saturday	29th	10.00am	THiS Team Winter Walk see notice
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	30th	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Morning Worship for all ages and stages
		4.00pm	THiS Team Confirmation Service see notice

Forthcoming Services - There will be a **Civic Service at 3pm today** in the presence of the Mayor, Councillor Sushila Abraham with Bishop Richard. Next **Sun 30 January** is the **THiS Team Confirmation Service at 4pm** with Bishop Richard back again!! The Confirmation Service will be available to watch live streamed on our YouTube Channel.

Important Information: We are soon to switch off the **tolworthtm** domain name so please make sure you have www.stmatthewskt6.org saved in your favourites and have our email addresses as teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org and admin@stmatthewskt6.org

Team Winter Walk Sat 29th Jan 2022 - Sadly, the Team Winter walk has had to be changed this year because of muddy conditions. It has been decided that our walk will instead be a re-run of our autumn walk around Horton Country Park, Ewell starting at 10.am. For details and directions see page 3 of Notices on the website or on the board at back of church. Dave Farris tel. 07540 702400.

Do you have the dates of our **AwayWeekend** in your diary – **May 6 -8** at the De Vere Horsley Hotel once again. Booking will begin soon.

Also our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is now scheduled for Sunday 3 April. Perhaps you would like to stand for our PCC? More details from Helen or the wardens.

Along with the PCC's of St George's and St Paul's, our PCC is meeting on **Sat 5 February** for a **PCC AwayMorning** to discuss whether we should seek to appoint a full time Family and Children's Worker across THiS Team. If you have any thoughts about this – what such a worker might do, whether it is the right time for this or whether there should be a different priority then please do speak with Helen or email her by the end of the month.



This week's eco tip – Put on more layers of clothing and turn your central heating thermostat down by a degree or two. Consider what you might do to improve your home's insulation, so you can turn the heat down even further.

Sunday 27 February - lunch and film - As part of our eco-Church initiative, we will be screening 'The True Cost', a film exploring the social and environmental impact of how we consume fashion. This eye-opening documentary will be followed by light refreshments and a chance to reflect on what you've seen. Screening will begin at 12 noon and you are invited to bring your lunch. No need to book, please see Jen Houghton (jen.houghton@hotmail.com) for more info.

THiS Team Quiz night - Saturday 12th February -The CornerHouse - Douglas Rd.

Do come and join fellow quizzers for a lighthearted evening of quizzing, starting at 6:45 pm on Saturday 12th February at the CornerHouse. Teams of 4, or come along and find yourself in a team on the night. Seating will be socially distanced around circular tables. The Bar will be open for you to buy your drinks. Bring your own nibbles. An estimated finish at 9:00. To reserve spaces please contact Dave Farris at dave.farris@talk21.com; 07540702400; or see Dave at church. Entry - a donation to charity on the night.

5ps 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, household cleaning materials, washing machine tablets, male and female deodorant, cream. Vegetarian /Vegan options. Money donations at: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/>

KCAH - We are currently taking donations of men's (new) underwear and jogging bottoms please.

Website: www.stmatthewskt6.org **email address:** admin@stmatthewskt6.org

Parish Office 020 8390 5121 (but Julie is working in part from home).

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

Team Winter Walk Saturday 29th January 2022

Sadly our planned Team Winter walk has had to be changed this year because the walk we'd planned is so muddy that has become a severe slip hazard. Due to that fact that we feel anywhere without graded paths is liable to be the same we have decided that our Team Winter walk will be a re-run of our autumn walk around Horton Country Park, Ewell.

Situated only 4 miles from Tolworth, the park has wide paths, some of which were a railway in the past, which can be muddy in places, a Bat Roost, and is a joy to stroll around. The 3.3 mile loop is virtually flat and very child friendly. Directions to the start car park are at the bottom of this article. We'll meet at 10.00 and as ever if the weather is bad we won't walk. If you want to check if the walk is on then please phone Dave on 07540702400.

Please feel free to bring your own hot drink and snack for when we have a pause part way around the loop.

Directions

From Tolworth take the A240 towards Epsom. Turn right into Ruxley Lane, signpost West Ewell B2200. At the traffic lights at the end of Ruxley Lane turn left into Chessington Rd B284. At the roundabout follow the B284, second exit, into Hook Road, with the Horton Park golf Club on your right. At the next roundabout take the second exit, Horton Lane, signpost West Park & New Cottage Hospital. Follow the signs for West Park & New Cottage Hospital for the next 3 roundabouts. 150 yards after the third roundabout take the right-hand turn into Horton Country Park and bear left to the parking area.

If you are coming to the walk please consider sharing your car with others. You can phone or email Dave on dave.farris@talk21.com if you want a lift or can offer others a lift.

To get to the start by public transport take the 418 bus from Tolworth towards Epsom and get off at Longmead Rd / Roy Richmond Way. Cross Longmead Rd to the bus stop on the other side and take the E9 bus, getting off at Ripley Way. Walk back from the bus stop to Horton Lane. Turn left, cross the road and then enter Horton Country Park. From Tolworth Station bus stop this journey is appx 1 hour.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dave & Jackie Farris

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