



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

8th May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Many of us at our Away Weekend

Today's readings: Colossians 1:15-23 & John 8:48-59



Our morning services are all online on our [YouTube Channel](#) 'St Matthew's Church Surbiton'

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45 am Worship Together for all ages and stages

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

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for Julia Bowden, John Symons, Sarah Rowe and family, Carol Cameron, the Eco-schools event, THiS Team Ministry.

Diary for the Week – more notices on the church website at www.stmatthewskt6.org

Tuesday	10th	10.30-1.30pm	The Bereavement Journey Course (4 of 6) – Chapel
Wednesday	11 th	10-2.00pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	12th	10.00am 10.15am	SMArties Craft Group – 35 Queen's Drive Eco church School's Event in church – by invitation only – see notice for details
Fifth Sunday of Easter	15th	9.00am 10.45am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion

During May we will share in a sermon based on a suggestion by Jen Houghton and largely preached on by Carolyn Lucas, who is kindly covering holidays and our AwayWeekend. How would we manage without her! The series is entitled: '**Would you believe it?! Dispelling 'myths' about Christian belief**'. This week we will challenge the notion: 'The most important thing about Jesus is that he was a great teacher.'



Eco tip – Wash clothes less frequently – air them, and spot clean small marks instead of washing the whole garment. Buy a washing bag e.g. Guppyfriend to catch microfibres.

Eco-School Event- This **Thursday 12 May**, our eco-Church team will be hosting local schools for a panel event with Sir Ed Davey, MP and representatives from Kingston Council and the C of E. The event will bring together young people to showcase their eco-initiatives, be inspired and create new partnerships. The event is not open to the wider Church, but we would be very grateful for your prayers as we prepare to welcome schools, panellists, local environmental groups and media to Church. Please pray that God's love and care for creation will be evident to all those attending.

Visit to The Mayor's Parlour- The Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Sushila Abraham, has kindly invited for a small group (6-8 people) from St Matthew's to visit the Mayor's Parlour in the Guildhall on **Tues 17 May, 2.30pm –3.30pm** for some light refreshments and to see some of the special historical pieces that are held within the Parlour. If you want to come along, please contact Jeff Akerman on 8399 2549 or jakerman28@btinternet.com asap or at least by **Sun 15 May**.

Places will be allocated on a first come - first served basis.

4-Week Home Group Not currently in a Home Group? Want to try one out before making a regular longer term commitment? Why not join our 4-week course on the Lord's Prayer - **7.45pm in Church on Tuesday evenings starting 17 May**. More details from Course leader Jen on 07792 242 710 or at jen.houghton@hotmail.com.

Wimborne Minster - SAVE THE DATE – our choir is singing Evensong in the Minster on **Sat July 9th** - anyone who would like to come for a day out is very welcome – we may book a coach.

Foodbank - Urgent items please: Instant Mash and pot noodles, Longlife milk, jam (NOT peanut butter or chocolate spread), tinned tomatoes, oils and sauces, male and female deodorant and body cream. Money donations at: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/>

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

Events for Christian Aid Week - 15th to 21st May -

Christian Aid Quiz Night - Sat 14 May 7pm -10pm. Kingston URC, Eden Street. £10 per person includes a light supper. Paying Bar available.

Concert for Ukraine - Piano Recital in support of Christian Aid work in Ukraine given by Concert Pianist Andrew Zolinsky also Saturday 14th May 7pm, St Andrew's Church, Surbiton £10 minimum suggested donation.

Jerusalema Dance – Flash Mob Dance on **Saturday 21st May** – gather at 12:30 for 1pm Dance – in Kingston – exact place tbc. – the more the merrier!

The River Thames Boat Project is a locally based charity whose aim is to provide access to the River Thames for people of all ages, including those with a special need, disability or mental health condition using specially adapted and wheelchair-accessible boats. Normally the boats are used by groups, but each year dates are made available for individual bookings for day cruises. Available dates through until October. Please see the poster at back of church for more details.

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

INDULGENCE DAY SATURDAY 18th JUNE 2022

**COME AND JOIN US FROM 10:00 – 6:00PM IN OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDEN
31 UPPER BRIGHTON RD, SURBITON, KT6 6QX- Free entry**

COVID-19 has turned our lives upside down, but we can still 'enjoy the moment' and make a difference to ourselves and people in Malawi. Come and be part of the journey! This year we focus on raising funds for people with disability.... the most vulnerable group in Malawi.

Book a session to avoid disappointment or just come and relax in the garden with homemade lunch or cake, listen to music or chat to people around you!

MASSAGE & REFLEXOLOGY TREATMENTS . RAFFLE . BAR . LUNCHES & HOMEMADE CAKE .
FACIALS . YOGA SESSIONS . MALAWI ARTIFACTS . LIVE ACOUSTIC MUSIC . JEWELLERY,
GLASS ART, CARDS & NATURAL BODY PRODUCTS STALLS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORTING ORPHAN AND DISABLED PEOPLE IN MALAWI

Contact: info@africanvision.org.uk Phone: 07798 695287 or 020 8287 8169

Optimal Vitality Reflexology . Ginger Tonic Yoga (Kate Woodward) . Tropic Skincare
products and facial . Flamingo Cards . Feel Fantastic Massages . Wendoodle Glass Designs .
Jungle Boy (Jacob Palmer acoustic/keyboard) and more to be confirmed

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