



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

31st July 2022

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

“ Why I am a Christian”

Today's readings: Isaiah 11: 1-3 & 6-9, Luke 18: 15-17



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

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am 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.

At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem " Wash me clean" by Maggi Dawn, and the organ voluntary is Allegro Brill ante' by Franco Leoni.

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for:

Carol Cameron and THiS Team Ministry. Please continue to pray for Simon, Elliott and Matilda and all the family and friends of Sarah Rowe, Kath Levanti and for Rachel Rollason whose funeral will be in church on Monday 8 August at 11am.

Simon and the choir, as they take a well-earned break during August, we thank them for all their hard work and for assisting us in our worship at our 9am service throughout the year.

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

Wednesday	3rd		Balance Café CLOSED today - open next week again
Thursday	4th	10.00am	SMArties Craft Group- Sitzler Room
Saturday	6th	10.00am	Summer THiS Team Walk round Bushy Park -see notice
Sunday	7th		“ Why I am a Christian”
		9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Worship Together for all ages and stages
		6pm	Six on Sunday for Six- Zoom Prayer Meeting

Why I am a Christian. Today we welcome Sheena Evans and please continue to pray for Lila Powell, Mike Taylor, William Allberry and Ashleigh Wakefield as they also prepare to bring us their stories of faith across the summer.

Our **Balance Café will be closed for summer holidays on 3 August** – but open after that. Please come and support it over the summer and beyond - every Wed. 10am -2pm

Join the final **Six on Sunday for Six Zoom Prayer Meeting** for our children and young people's work next **Sunday, 7 Aug at 6pm**. Zoom details: Meeting ID: 857 9510 4224 and Passcode: 181472 or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85795104224?pwd=RIFIUXIGa3JXbUhYeDk1aWkzTmVmZz09>

Plans are being finalised for while **Helen is away on Sabbatical**. Her last day will be **Sunday 14 August** so if you need to be in touch or want to see her, please do get in touch as soon as possible. She will be back on 1 December in time for Christmas as usual!

Is anyone happy to go on the Toilet cleaning Team (along with the Wardens) for the next few months please?



Look out for details of this amazing exhibition coming to Southwark Cathedral in October. <https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/news/latest-news/see-the-earth-as-if-from-space-gaia-comes-to-southwark-cathedral/>

Summer THiS Team Walk is scheduled for next **Saturday 6th August** at 11am and is planned to be our family friendly walk and picnic. Details from Dave & Jackie Farris on 07540 702400 or see third page of this notice on the website or poster at back of church.

Holy Land pilgrimage. Revd's William Allberry and Michael Johns-Perring will be leading a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 7-16 March, 2023 Brochures are available in church, or further information from William on 07818 641576.

The King's Storeroom, Christian Bookshop, Richard Mayo Centre, Eden St, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1HZ - Graham Laphorne says 'The King's Storeroom now sells gift cards starting at £10 and going up in multiples of five. Ideal for presentations or to show appreciation to that special person.'

Surbiton Hill Methodist Church are advertising for a Children and Families Worker, 20 hours a week, 40 weeks a year (very largely term time) £12,500 - £14,500, to help build on their established work with children and families. Further details: shmc.office@kingstoncircuit.org.uk. Applications deadline – Mon. 19th September. See also advert at back of church.

African Vision Malawi (Heather & Nigel) - We are looking for people to take up a challenge: AVM have some places available on **our 500km cycle challenge in Malawi (18^h –29 Sept)**. An incredible way to experience the beautiful parts of Malawi and end up seeing our programmes and who your money helps. £1,750, includes everything in Malawi, except medication, insurance, visa and flights. There are 6 cycle days and 2 off days, one on safari and the other by Lake Malawi.

We also have 5 running places for the **London virtual marathon on October 2nd**. You choose your route and have 24 hours to complete it! Contact Heather on 07798 695287 or email heather.palmer@blueyonder.co.uk if you want to know more information.

Foodbank - Urgent items required ..Instant Mash ..tinned potatoes ..Longlife Milk ..Oils and sauces ..squash and Longlife juice..Pot noodles ..shampoo and conditioner. Money donations at: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/> Thank you.

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

THiS team summer walk and picnic - Saturday 6th August, Bushy Park

Hi all

Here are the details for the Summer THiS team walk and picnic , Bushy Park, near Hampton Court.

Saturday 6th August 2022 - **START TIME 11:00**

PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME DIFFERS FROM USUAL DUE TO A WEEKLY ORGAINSED 5K RUN THAT ENDS AROUND 10.00.

This year's summer team walk and picnic will be held in Bushy Park, Hampton. We'll meet by the coffee kiosk in the main car park, to the East of the Diana Fountain and from there take a 3 mile stroll around this wonderful park. If you'd like to come along and simply sit and enjoy the spectacle of the park whilst the rest of us walk then there's toilets nearby, a children's playground and the coffee kiosk..

PLEASE NOTE

We will meet at no earlier than 10.30. This is because the car park is congested before that due to a regular morning Park Run. We'll aim to start our walk at 11.00 with our picnic afterwards, should you wish to stay for that.

The walk will be on paths so there is no need for hiking boots etc. unless you feel more comfortable in them.

We'll be walking around the Western side of the park and propose to stop at the Pheasantry cafe after about an hour of walking, for a drink - tea coffee, or please bring your own if you prefer. We'll be sitting in their picnic area where dogs are allowed as they aren't permitted within the café itself.

All dogs must be kept on a lead at all times because of the the deer roaming free.

After the walk we'll gather for a picnic near the car park hopefully in the shade of a tree..

Do bring your chairs, rugs and your picnic or buy something from the kiosk (limited offering), and of course your sun cream (we hope).

Directions to the start are as follows

Join the A308 Hampton Court Rd from either Hampton Court Bridge or Kingston Bridge, whichever suits your travel. Turn into Bushy Park at the Hampton Court Gate (turn left if coming from Hampton Court or turn right if from Kingston). Drive along Chestnut Avenue to the Diana Fountain and drive around the lake taking the right hand lane as if you were returning to the Hampton Gate, then take a left into the car park as signposted. We'll meet to the East of the kiosk in a shady spot under a tree.

If you wish to check if the walk is still on please phone Dave on 07540702400

See you there and here's praying for good weather.

Dave & Jackie Farris