



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

14th August 2022

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

“Why I am a Christian”

Today's readings: 1 John 4:7-12 & John 10: 7-17



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.

The organ voluntary at the 9am service is 'Imperial March' by Simon Hancock.

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for:

Helen as she begins her Sabbatical tomorrow. For Carol Cameron and THiS Team Ministry.
Please continue to pray for all those who are bereaved.

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

Wednesday	17th	10-2pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	18 th	10.00am	SMArties Craft Group- Sitzler Room
Sunday	21st		“ Why I am a Christian”
		9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.45am	Holy Communion

Why I am a Christian. Today we welcome Mike Taylor and please continue to pray for William Allberry and Ashleigh Wakefield as they bring us their stories of faith in the next few weeks.

A big THANK YOU to all our children's group leaders and helpers who are taking a well – earned break over the summer. Also, many thanks to those who are stepping in to lead an altogether children's session each Sunday at our 10.45 service during August.

Saturday 10 September - Our participation in the national **Heritage Open Day** scheme and Surrey Churches' Ride and Stride event will this year be combined with a **Maintenance and Gardening Morning**. If you are able to offer to come along to clean, tidy, garden, work on maintenance jobs, take a trip to the dump or provide refreshments for the HOD and the workers then Dave and Jackie (and Ian Davies for the HOD) would love to hear from you as soon as possible!

Helen's Sabbatical starts tomorrow until 1 December. In her absence do remember that we have a Pastoral Team who will be happy to provide support, Jackie and Dave as our wardens and Julie will be back in the office from Mon 6 Sept but working from home sometimes. Rev Carolyn Lucas is also available to help with any pastoral emergency (07933 022516).

Helen writes: I am looking forward to my Sabbatical with a mixture of excitement and apprehension. It will be strange to be away from you all for more than three months and I will miss you. In order for my Sabbatical to be a complete rest for me and for you (!) I am arranging that any emails which arrive while I am away will be deleted, without being read. I will also not be accepting phone calls or replying to messages and will remove myself temporarily from Church WhatsApp groups. I realise this sounds a little drastic but it's the best way to ensure everything runs smoothly without me (which I know it will).

Simon will be around for some of the time while I am away but he will not be passing messages or letting me know what is happening so please bear that in mind and don't put him in an awkward situation or expect me to know something if we happen to bump into each other or as soon as I am back. I know that you will hold me in your prayers as I will you. God bless,

Young(ish) capable, trustworthy person sought to help with household tasks for church member - some cleaning, repairs and general assistance. No nursing or personal care required. Please contact thebookladyfinland@gmail.com

Eco Tip - Ditch disposables. Single-use plastic and single-use styrofoam are sourced from fossil fuels and contribute to climate change. Both materials are also known to contain carcinogens that are harmful to human health; this is particularly true when they are used for hot liquids or food, or microwaved. In a season of picnics and busyness, try to remember to 'BYOC' (Bring Your Own Container or Cutlery). Think reusable lunch boxes or [beeswax wraps](#). Glass jars are also a good non-toxic option. They don't hold on to grease or food smells, and can hold liquids well too (but do mind their temperature with hot liquids).

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

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.

African Vision Malawi - 500km cycle challenge in Malawi (18th –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. Also **London virtual marathon on October 2nd** choose your route and you have 24 hours to complete it! Contact Heather on 07798 695287 or email heather.palmer@blueyonder.co.uk

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.

KCAH - To donate please visit: <https://www.kcah.org.uk/can-you-help-us/donate-money/>

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Parish Office 020 8390 5121 (but Julie is working in part from home).
Rev Helen Hancock is now away on Sabbatical until 1 December.