



**Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton**  
 In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry  
**21st August 2022**  
**Tenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**“Why I am a Christian”**



Today's readings: Psalm 113, Revelation 3:14-22 & Luke 18: 1-8

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

**9.00am Morning Prayer**

**10.45am Holy Communion**

*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**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
 as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
 give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
 but always to bring our prayers before you;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for:**

Helen, on Sabbatical. 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](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24th</b>	<b>10-2pm</b>	<b>Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Bereavement Café in Chapel</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>SMArties Craft Group- Sitzler Room</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28th</b>		<b>“ Why I am a Christian”</b>
		<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Worship Together for all ages and stages</b>

**Why I am a Christian.** Today we welcome William Allberry and please continue to pray for Ashleigh Wakefield as they bring us their stories of faith in these closing 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 Heritage Open Day) would love to hear from you as soon as possible!

Helen is now on Sabbatical 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 Monday 6 September but working from home sometimes. Rev Carolyn Lucas is also available to help with any pastoral emergency (07933 022516).

Helen left this message for us: *"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".*

**Help please** -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](mailto:thebookladyfinland@gmail.com)

**Quiz Night**- Kingston Community Refugee Sponsorship are holding a Quiz Night at All Saints Kingston on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 6.30 for 7.00**. Entry is £10.00 which includes a light supper and a soft drink. There are fliers about it at the back of the church. You can just turn up on the night but it would help with catering if you could let Brenda Tyrrell know, 07891 317283/ [brendamtyrrell@gmail.com](mailto:brendamtyrrell@gmail.com) in advance.

**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).

**Date for your Diary**- THIS team quiz night - **Saturday 8th October**, The Corner House, Douglas Rd. 6:45 start - In aid of The Children's Society charity. More details soon.

**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 (18<sup>h</sup> –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 2<sup>nd</sup>** choose your route and you have 24 hours to complete it! Contact Heather on 07798 695287 or email [heather.palmer@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto: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.**

