



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

28th August 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

“Why I am a Christian”

Today’s readings: Acts 8:26-31 & Mark 2: 13-17



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 this week is 'Fanfare' by Gordon Jacob.

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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. Congratulations to Judith and Paul Mackie who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary next Friday.

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

Wednesday	31st	10-2pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	1st	10.00am	SMARTies Craft Group- Sitzler Room
Sunday	4th	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Worship Together for all ages and stages

Why I am a Christian. Today we welcome Ashleigh Wakefield as she brings us her story of faith in this final week of our series.

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, or provide refreshments for the HOD and the workers, then Dave and Jackie (and Ian Davies for the Heritage Open Day) would love you to sign up on the sheet at the back of church so that they have an idea of helper numbers please!

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

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".*

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.

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^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. 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 – Kingston Foodbank say "we are welcoming more clients each week at all of our centres, but we also have fewer donations coming in. The Wednesday teams are working hard to make sure all crates have most of the items packed and ready but the following items are needed **urgently please . Instant Mash. .tinned potatoes and tomatoes ..oils and sauces ...Pot noodles .. male and female deodorant..shampoo and conditioner.. cordial juice .** Thank you all for your continued support to the Kingston Foodbank and Kingston Pantry as we work together to fight food insecurity in the Borough. You are all greatly appreciated by every client and those who are not able to support in such a giving way. 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).
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