



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Second Sunday of Advent

Today's readings: Isaiah 11: 1- 10 & Matthew 3:1-12



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 with a Baptism**

*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.*

*We are delighted to welcome Helen back with us today. We also welcome Julia Bowden as our Preacher this morning. At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem 'This is a time for waiting and watching', words by Sheena Evans and music by Simon Hancock.*

### Collect

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God. Amen

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

Helen, on her return from Sabbatical this Sunday and THiS Team Ministry. For Janet Harries, David Carter and Matthew Boaler. For Florence Purton, who is to be baptised in our service this morning. For the family and friends of David Weir who died peacefully on Monday evening with his family by his side. Funeral details to follow.

Please also 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>Monday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Brunch Bunch: Sitzler Room</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>10-3pm</b>	<b>Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>SMArties Craft Group - Sitzler Room</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Worship Together with children's Nativity Play</b>



**Ecotips** - Have you thought about agreeing on 'no gifts for adults' this Christmas? Or giving 'experiences' rather than festive novelties? And do you limit the time for which you turn on tree and other festive lights, indoors and out?

**Foodbank** – Kingston Foodbank say “ these items are needed **urgently** please .

Tinned meat-long life milk- coffee -rice- biscuits- squash- instant mash- tinned vegetables -jam- pot noodles- oils -ketchup and mayonnaise -crisps and treats for Christmas- Christmas puddings. Sanitary towels -toilet paper- washing up liquid – household cleaning products- washing machine tablets. Thank you all for your continued support”.

Money donations at: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/>

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

**Community carols** at the cornerHOUSE : Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00. Come and join in with a relaxed family-friendly hour or so of carol singing. All the traditional favourites; song sheets provided. Mulled wine, mince pies and soft drinks provided free of charge. Bring your friends and neighbours. Retiring collection for charity.

**Accommodation Request** - Does anyone have a Granny Flat, or similar, to accommodate the wife of a resident at the Royal Star & Garter Home on a temporary basis for the next few months please? Please contact Jeff or Jennie Akerman on 8399 2549 or email jakerman28@btinternet.com if you can help or for more details. Thank you.

**Bereavement Café – Change for December only.**

**Please note** next month’s Bereavement Café in the Chapel is being brought forward to **Wednesday 21st** from 10am -11.30am, instead of the usual fourth Wednesday.

**African Vision Malawi** - When thinking about Christmas cards and gifts, please think about African Vision Malawi. You can buy 10 cards for £5 and there are a number of lovely gifts to choose from the shop on the website. Thank you in advance! [www.africanvision.org.uk](http://www.africanvision.org.uk)

**Warm Hubs- The cornerHOUSE** has successfully applied for and been allocated a grant to operate a “Warm Hub “at the cornerHOUSE this winter which will start immediately after Christmas.The Hub will be a place where people can come, be warm, have a hot drink and company, etc. between **8.30am to 12.30pm** on a couple of days a week. The actual dates are yet to be finalised. This new venture will require volunteer support for all or part of a session. If you are interested in helping with the Warm Hub please contact [jeremy\\_thorn@hotmail.co](mailto:jeremy_thorn@hotmail.co). Also, **Surbiton High School** is committed to running a ‘Warm Hub’ through the bleak midwinter. Hopefully, it will not only be a place for a hot drink but also to feel connected, to know that people care, and that we are need not be isolated and alone in these difficult times.  
*Where:* a gazebo outside Surbiton Girls’ Prep, 95-97 Surbiton Rd, Kingston upon Thames KT1 2HW (Surbiton Road entrance only),*When:* **Thursdays 3.30-5.00pm**, *What:* Hot drinks, soup & bread, warm conversation. *Duration:* Dec -Feb at least. The warm hub is outdoors, but it will provide hot soup, chairs & tables for conversation, blankets & lighting. They hope this may be of use to some of our community.

**Energy Payments** - The Government is currently making payments to help with energy costs over the winter. Please consider whether you actually need this money and if not you might like to donate it to a charity that helps people who are struggling with their energy bills and having to make difficult financial choices.

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