



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Today's readings Isaiah 35.1-10 & Matthew 11.2 -11



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

9.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Worship Together with children's Nativity Play

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 "A great and mighty wonder" by Michael Pretorius, and the organ voluntary will be Bach's harmonisation of the Advent chorale 'Wachet Auf' (Wake, O wake) followed by a short toccata variation on the theme.

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for:

Helen, and THiS Team Ministry. For Janet Harries, David Carter and Matthew Boaler.
For the family and friends of David Weir whose funeral will be at 3pm on Thursday 22nd December at St Matthew's. 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

Monday	12th	10.00am	Brunch Bunch: Sitzler Room
		11.00am	Christmas Service for residents of Milverton Care Home
		6.00pm	Community Carols : cornerHOUSE, Douglas Road
Wednesday	14th	10-3pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
		10.00am	Bereavement Walking Group
Thursday	15th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group - Sitzler Room
		2.00pm	Christmas Service for residents of Rosclare Care Home
		6.30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	16th	10.30- 12.00	Southborough School Christmas Service
Sunday	18th	<u>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>	
	9.00am	An hour of Silent Contemplation (not online)	
	10.45am	Worship Together with Holy Communion (no children's groups)	
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	

We visit a number of Care Homes throughout the year and are taking Carol Services into five this year. If you are free to be the friendly face of St Matthew's on Monday 12 @ 11am, Thursday 15 @ 2pm, Wednesday 21 @ 11am and 2pm please let Helen know asap.

Community Carols at the cornerHOUSE : tomorrow, **12th December at 6.00pm**. 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.

Christingle - this year people will make their own Christingles as they arrive, rather than have a separate workshop before. So, if you are coming to the service, please arrive from 3pm (for a 4pm service) to make your own and some spares and spread the word about the new timing! Some volunteers required from 2.30pm - offers please to Dave or Jackie Farris.

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/>

Parish Administrator -Sadly, Julie Usher is standing down as our Parish Administrator in the New Year to return to the full-time workforce and we will take time then to thank her for all she has done for us.

But this leaves a new opportunity for someone else to take on the role. You will be the first point of contact for many people dealing with the Church, so you'll need a friendly, approachable, professional, and 'can-do' manner with an ability to carry out all sorts of administrative tasks to support Helen and the rest of the Team.

Hours: 12 hours per week to be spread over the week, (currently Julie does three mornings) some working from home may become possible and flexibility around school holidays.

Interviews in mid-Jan with a starting date before the end of January to allow an effective handover.

If you're interested then please initially get in touch with Helen informally asap.

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.com.

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.



Ecotips - Try to source gifts that are ethically made, Fairtrade, homemade or preloved. Christmas cards too! Are you planning a Christmas dinner with less meat, dairy and fish, and some vegetarian and vegan options?

Christmas Cards - Instead of sending individual cards to your friends in our church family, why not place your Christmas greetings on our Christmas Tree, on the notice board at back of church, and make a suitable donation to KCAH.

Bereavement Café – Change for December only.

Please note this 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

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.

5p's Collection for the Organ Fund. - The model of St Matthew's Church piggy bank can be found at the back of church after both services for donations towards future maintenance of the organ. Thanks for your contributions – please keep them coming, every little helps

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