



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

18th December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's reading Luke 2: 46-56



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

9.00am An Hour of Silent Contemplation (not online)

10.45am Worship Together with Holy Communion

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

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

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in 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 Dec at St Matthew's. For the family and friends of Beth Russell, a long time former member of St Matthew's who died peacefully on the 8th December. 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

Wednesday 21st	10-3pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
	10.00am	Bereavement Café
	11.00am	Christmas Service for residents of Bourne House Home
Thursday 22nd	2.00pm	Christmas Service for residents of Southborough Home
	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group - Sitzler Room
Friday 23rd	3.00pm	Funeral Service for David Weir in Church
	10.45am	Christmas Service for residents of the Royal Star & Garter
Saturday 24th		<u>Christmas Eve</u>
	4.00pm	Christingle Service. Please arrive from 3pm to make your own Christingle for the service. (see notice)
	11.15pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Sunday 25th		<u>Christmas Day</u>
	9.00am	Short Spoken Holy Communion (not online)
	10.0am	All Age Celebration
Sunday 1st		<u>New Year's Day</u>
	10.00am	Joint Service of Holy Communion (no children's groups)

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 **Wednesday 21 @11am** please let Helen know asap.

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 admin. tasks to support Helen and the rest of the Team. Hours: 12 hours p. w. to be spread over the week, (currently Julie does 3 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 is operating a "Warm Hub "at the cornerHOUSE from **8.30am to 12.30pm** on the 26th, 28th and 30th Dec. followed by every Monday and Friday until the end of March. The Hub will be a place where people can come, be warm, have a hot drink and company, etc. Volunteer support for all or part of a session is required please. If you are interested in helping with the Warm Hub please contact Jeremy__thorn@hotmail.com.

Also, **Surbiton High School** is running a 'Warm Hub' through midwinter. *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 - Remember if you can to buy LOAF (local, organic, animal-friendly, fairly traded) in your food shopping, and check quantities to avoid waste.

Christmas Greetings Tree - 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 next **Wednesday 21st** from 10am -11.30am, instead of the usual fourth Wednesday.

Balance Café- Please note there will be **NO** Balance Café on Wednesday 28th December.

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

<p>Website: www.stmatthewskt6.org email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org Parish Office no. 020 8390 5121, usual hours Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am -12.30pm (term time only) but Julie Usher can be contacted on 07889 753290 as she is working part time from home. You can contact Rev Helen Hancock on 020 8390 3829 or teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org</p>
