



## Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

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

## Christmas Day

Today's readings : John 1. 14 -18 and Luke 2. 8 - 16



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

**9.00am Short Spoken Holy Communion** (not online)

**10.00am All Age Celebration**

*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 Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth;  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen

## 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

### Second Sunday of Christmas

### The Naming of Christ

Today's reading Luke 2:15-21

**10.00am Joint Service of Holy Communion** (no children's groups)

### Collect

God our Father,  
in love you sent your Son  
that the world may have life:  
lead us to seek him among the outcast  
and to find him in those in need,  
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

***Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for:*** Helen, and THiS Team Ministry.

For Janet Harries, David Carter and Matthew Boaler. Please also continue to pray for all those who are bereaved.

Many congratulations to Joan and William on becoming grandparents. William "Billy" was born to Clare and Nik on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

**Holy Land pilgrimage – last chance** - If you are able to join William with members of St Matthew's, St Andrew's and St Mark's, Surbiton, and All Saints, Kingston for the pilgrimage from 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March, now is the time to sign up to ensure that we have the hotel bookings. Full details from William (07818 641576), and brochures in church.

**Diary for 2 Weeks to 7 January** – more notices on the church website at [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)

<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10-3pm</b>	<b>Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Smarties Craft Group – Sitzler room</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Epiphany</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Worship Together for all ages and Stages</b>

**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. 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. Deadline for applications **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. More details on website.

**Warm Hubs- The cornerHOUSE** is operating a "Warm Hub "at the cornerHOUSE from **8.30am to 12.30pm** on the 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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** - There are lots of tasty ways of using leftovers in this season, and a walk in the park or countryside helps the digestion and lightens the spirits.

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

**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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**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](mailto:teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org)**