



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

8th January 2023

The Epiphany The Baptism of Christ

Today's readings Isaiah 60:1-6 & Matthew 2: 1-12



Our morning services are all online on our YouTube Channel 'St Matthew's Church Surbiton'

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.

9.00am Service of Holy Communion

10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages

At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem 'Brightest and best of the sons of the morning' by Malcolm Archer, the organ voluntary is the Chorale Prelude "Ein' feste Burg is unser Gott" by Max Reger (1873-1916).

Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ- child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for: Helen, and THiS Team Ministry. We are also asked to pray for Christopher our Bishop and Martin, Bishop designate of Kingston- see prayer on page 2 overleaf.

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

Monday	9th	9.45am	Brunch Bunch: Sitzler Room
Wednesday	11th	10-3pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
		10.00am	Bereavement Walking Group
Thursday	12th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group – Chapel
		6.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	15th		Second Sunday of Epiphany
		9.00am	Morning Prayer (Safeguarding and Covenant)
		10.45am	Worship Together with Holy Communion

St Matthew's Christingle Service 2022

A huge thank you to all who helped in any way at our recent Christingle service. We really appreciate your time, talents and donations. The amount for Christingle donations is £460.80 including Gift Aid. The lives of vulnerable children will be positively changed as a result of everything that you did through, the work of The Children's Society. Thank you.

Dave & Jackie.

Prayer for Christopher our Bishop and Martin Bishop designate of Kingston

Happy New Year! We hope you had a very good Christmas.

Martin Gainsborough will be consecrated Bishop on 2nd February at Canterbury Cathedral, and no doubt more details will be known later. Until then we thought it would be good for parishes to pray for Martin, so we have written a prayer to be used in church and for individuals in their private prayers.

“Heavenly Father, our Shepherd and Guide

We thank you for the appointment of your servant, Martin Gainsborough,
as bishop designate of Kingston.

May your Holy Spirit give him your gifts of wisdom and strength, gentleness and compassion,
as he prepares to take up his role as our pastor and teacher.

May he be a shepherd after your own heart,

who will love you, walk with Jesus and be filled with the Spirit.

May he be a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth, Christ centred and outward focussed.

As Bishop designate Martin gets ready to make his home among us,

may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan community, and together bear witness to Christ
and the building up of your kingdom.

We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, Amen”

*The Venerable Simon Gates
Archdeacon of Lambeth*

*The Venerable John Kiddle
Archdeacon of Wandsworth*

Foodbank – For the first time ever, food banks are giving out more food than is being donated.

Kingston Foodbank say this is an emergency and these items are needed **urgently** please .

Tinned Meat, Long Life Milk, Coffee, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Squash, Instant Mash, Tinned Vegetables
Pot Noodles, Oils, Ketchup and Mayonnaise, Sanitary Towels, Toilet Paper, Washing Up Liquid
Household Cleaning Products, Washing Machine Tablets, Shaving Foam, Men’s Deodorant,
2 in1 Shampoo and Conditioner. Tinned Potatoes, Crisps and Treats, Tinned Tomatoes, Deodorants,
Shampoo and Conditioner, Toothpaste. Toothbrushes, Biscuits, Jam. **Thank you all for your
continued generosity and 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/>

Warm Hubs- **The cornerHOUSE** is operating a “Warm Hub “at the cornerHOUSE from
8.30am to 12.30pm 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.

Invitation to the Balance café - Please come along and support our Balance Cafe every Wednesday 10 - 3. It's a great way to reach out to the community and enjoy some good food. Why not bring a friend or come along and talk to someone new?



Ecotips - Time for Resolutions! Remember to consider ways of treading even more lightly in God's Creation, by reducing your carbon footprint (see footprint.wwf.org.uk)

Host Urgently Needed for Ukrainian Refugee Family

A Ukrainian refugee mother and daughter (aged 6) have arrived in Kingston to find that their expected host can no longer take them. They urgently need a local host to provide a room under the government Homes for Ukraine scheme. One room with either a double or two single beds. The mother speaks English.

Please contact Linda Davis (member of Chessington Methodist Church) 07787339243 who is already hosting the girl's grandmother.

The Children's Society – if you are an owner of a Society collection box, I would be grateful if you could bring your box along to St Matthew's Church over the next few Sundays please. I attend the 9.00am service but can be found at the back of church before the 10.45 service. **I should like to have them all by Sunday 29th January please.**

Thank you.

Paul Mackie 8224 1296

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 **7th to 16th 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.

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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