



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

15th January 2023

The Second Sunday of Epiphany (Safeguarding and Covenant)

Today's readings :1 John 1. 5-10 & John 12. 44-50



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 Morning Prayer

10.45am Worship Together with Holy Communion

At the 9(am service the choir will sing the anthem 'God be in my head' by Walford Davies, and the organ voluntary is the Allegro from Sonata No.3 in G major by Thomas Arne (1710-78)

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory,
hidden through past ages and made known
in Jesus Christ our lord. Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for: THiS Team Ministry. Michael Fletcher, Gill Davies whose long-awaited operation is scheduled for this week. We are also asked to pray for Christopher our Bishop and Martin, Bishop designate of Kingston - see prayer on page 3

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

Monday	16th	9.45am	Brunch Bunch: Sitzler Room
		11.00am	Holy Communion for the residents of Milverton Care Home
		4.00pm	Holy Communion for the residents of Royal Star & Garter
Wednesday	18th	10-3pm	Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	19th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group – Sitzler Room
		6.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	22nd		Third Sunday of Epiphany
		9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Worship Together for all ages and stages

THiS Team Weekend on 5/6 February- There are a few ways to get involved in our THiS Team Weekend on 5/6 Feb. Instead of a Team Walk, on Sat 5 Feb come along to St Matthew's between 2 - 4pm to enjoy an afternoon of board games, chat and refreshments.

Also, if you would like to join the Choir to sing an anthem at the Joint All Age Holy Communion Service at St Matthew's on Sun 6 Feb there will be a Choir practice on Thurs 26 Jan at 6.30pm. Just come along to the practice at St Matthew's or if you have any questions please get in touch with Simon at simonhancock29@gmail.com. There will also be a short Choir practice at 9.30am before the service itself. Finally come to the service itself at 10am on Sun 6 Feb - no services at either St Paul's or St George's on that Sunday. Everyone invited to everything!

Invitation to the Balance Café - Please come along and support our Balance Cafe every Wednesday 10am – 3pm. 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?

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.

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 in 1 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.



Ecotips - In this time of dark days, think green! Pot plants or herbs indoors can lighten your spirits and reduce your carbon footprint. Or think about how you might plant in your garden to help wildlife once the spring arrives.

Help please! Does anyone have a spare single handset with answerphone home phone they could donate to Helen to avoid introducing more plastic into the world? Thank you

African Vision Malawi would like to invite you to a free entry opening of their art exhibition at **The cornerHOUSE** Community Arts Centre on **Tuesday 17th January, starting at 7pm.** (116 Douglas Road, KT6 7SB) The exhibition message is empowering women and girls in Malawi and funds raised will go to our reforestation programme this year. Besides the artwork by Cilla Taylor, there is poetry and 3D art on sale. We look forward to seeing you then! Many thanks for your support. Heather & Nigel.

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

Prayer for Christopher our Bishop and Martin Bishop designate of Kingston

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*

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.

Holocaust Memorial Event. Sunday January 29th 13:45-16:00

Venue ..Kingston University..Town house Penryn Rd Kingston KT12 EQ tickets free from eventbrite.com for numbers attending.

Hosted by Rabbi Rene and the Interfaith Forum.

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.