



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 22nd January 2023

### The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Motto Verse and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Today's readings: 2 Timothy 1: 1-7 & John 3: 16-21



St Matthew's  
SURBITON

**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 Holy Communion

### 10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages

*At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem 'From the rising of the sun' by Ouseley, and the organ voluntary will be the Hornpipe from Handel's 'Water Music'.*

### Collect

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our lord. Amen

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

Gill Davies recuperating at home after her operation on Thursday. We are also asked to continue 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](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Brunch Bunch: Sitzler Room</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>10-3pm</b>	<b>Balance Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome</b>
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Bereavement Cafe</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26<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</b>	<b>29th</b>		<b><u>Candlemas</u></b>
		<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Worship Together for all ages and stages</b>

### **THiS Team Weekend on 4/5 February** –

There are a few ways to get involved in our THiS Team Weekend on 4/5 Feb. Instead of a Team Walk, on Saturday 4 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 Sunday 5 Feb, there will be a Choir practice on Thursday 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](mailto: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 Sunday 5 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.

Also, if anyone has a spare heated airtight they could donate to a Ukrainian family - please let Helen know.

### **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](mailto: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** - Snow, slush and strikes! But there may still be a public transport or self-pedalled way of making that local or not-so-local journey!

**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 next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January please.**

Thank you. Paul Mackie 8224 1296

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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)**

**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

**Prayer for Christopher our Bishop and Martin Bishop designate of Kingston**

*Martin Gainsborough will be consecrated Bishop on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

**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.