



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 14th May 2023

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's readings. Acts 17:22-31 and John 14:15-21



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

*Please note that all our services are live streamed and your image may be visible on the stream. By attending on site you are presumed to have consented to the terms of our Location Warning Notice which can be found in church or on our website.*

**9.00am Holy Communion**

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

At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem "Flocks in pastures green abiding" by Bach and the voluntary is "Prelude in C BWV 553", also by Bach.

#### Collect

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

#### ***Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for:***

THiS Team Ministry. Miles Stuart-William, Gerard Chichester. Doris Lelliott. For Sue O'Hagan, her mum and all the family on the death of Sue's Dad.

**The Bereavement Journey** continues this week, please hold this in your prayers.

#### **Diary for the Week** — more notices on the church website at [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)

##### Christian Aid Week 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May

Monday	15th	10.00am	Brunch Bunch Study Group: Sitzler Room
		11.00am	Holy Communion for the residents of Milverton Care Home
		4.00pm	Holy Communion for the residents of Royal Star & Garter Home
Tuesday	16th		Bereavement Journey Course (Week 5): Chapel
Wednesday	17th	10-3pm	Balance Community Café with Chatty Café from 1.30-2.30pm: Sitzler Room. All welcome
Thursday	18th		<u>Ascension Day</u>
		10.00am	THiS Team Ascension Day Service at St Paul's, Hook
		10.00am	Smarties Craft Group
		6.30pm	Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
Saturday	20th	9.30am	Dance practice in URC Hall Kingston followed by Singing then Dancing in Clarence St. at 12.30pm supporting Christian Aid Week see notice
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>		<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>
		9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.45am	Worship Together Holy Communion
		3-5pm	"Thy Kingdom Come" Prayer Walk across 3 parishes -see notice

**Christian Aid Week - Sat 20th May.** Dance practice from 9:30am in the URC Hall Kingston, followed by Singing and then Dancing in Clarence Street at 12:30pm. Put on your trainers and help make a great sound and spectacle. If you can't dance, then please come and help rattle a can or bucket or help donors use electronic donations.

Volunteers required to cook and serve a two course dinner for 12 people on the evening of Wednesday **31 May** for our **Marriage Preparation Class**. All offers to Helen please asap.

**Thy Kingdom Come starting next Sunday - 21st-28th May** - THiS Team is joining the global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost for more **people to come to know Jesus**. Please think how you can be a part of this. **Sunday May 21 3-5pm: Prayer Walk** across the 3 parishes.

**Prayer meetings from 8-8:30pm each evening** with a focus - **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** St. Paul's - the persecuted church, **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** St. Matthew's - children & young people, **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** St. George's - poverty: **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** on Zoom - the workplace Zoom ID: 521 380 444 Password: public

**Sunday 28th 5pm: THiS Team Pentecost Praise Service at St. George's**. Musicians required!



**Eco Tips** - Turn the tap off when you clean your teeth! And use a mug or measuring jug to fill the kettle, so as not to waste water.

**The Eco Church Group** do an annual count of the variety of plants, minibeasts and birds in the church garden one morning in June. This is taking place on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June between 10.00 and 12.00** and you are invited to come and join us to discover the improvement in diversity of wildlife since last June. If you have any questions, please speak to Sheena or Brenda.

Also **Church Garden**: does anyone have a spare battery-powered lawnmower which they could give to the garden team please? If so, please contact Sheena on 0208 399 2353. Thank you

**Some future dates** - The Choir will be singing **Evensong at Rochester Cathedral on Sat 24 June**. Everyone is welcome to come along - please let Simon Hancock know if you are interested in joining us for the day and having a seat on the coach.

In a new departure our '**not-so-far-AwayDay again**' this year will be on a **Sunday, 15 October**.

Once again it will be at Shrewsbury House School - please put it in your diaries now!

And the next **AwayWeekend** is booked for **10 - 12 May 2024!**

Would you like to be a table host for our **Chatty Cafe Scheme at the Balance Cafe?** You would be part of a team to encourage conversation for just an hour on **Wednesday afternoons 1.30-2.30pm** and would need to commit to be available just once a month. Alternatively, or additionally, if you would like to be part of a monthly Dementia Friendly Cafe to be run at the café. Support will be given. Please speak to Mark Curzon, Helen or see the advert at the back of church.

### **African Vision Malawi needs a new trustee with HR expertise.**

Trustees are unpaid volunteers who help to oversee the charity's work. We are looking for someone with experience in HR, who can help us to develop and implement our HR strategy. We have had a very good HR trustee for the last 12 years, who is stepping down in July so if you know anyone interested in this role, please contact Nigel Palmer on 07770 670000 for more information. Trustees typically meet 3 times per year and are expected to commit around 10 to 20 hours per month to their role. Many thanks.

**Foodbank** -Kingston Foodbank say this is still 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. **Thanks 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/>

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**Parish Office no. 020 8390 5121. Our Parish Administrator, Steve Blevins is working the usual hours Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am -1pm. You can contact Rev Helen Hancock on 020 8390 3829 or [teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto:teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org)**

**Accommodation Request** - Does anyone have a Granny Flat, or similar, to accommodate the wife of a resident at the Royal Star & Garter Home on a temporary basis for the next few months please? Please contact Jeff or Jennie Akerman on 8399 2549 or email jakerman28@btinternet.com if you can help or for more details. Thank you.

**Save the date! African Vision Malawi** will be having their Indulgence Day on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. We hope that some of you will be able to join us in our garden for some relaxation. Besides our therapies on offer such as Reflexology, Massage and Yoga, we shall be introducing a 'Singing workshop' and 'Setting Summer Intentions circle'. Back by popular demand is a classical recital by Nigel Palmer! There will also be stalls, homemade food, bar and raffle. If you are interested in booking a slot, please let me know and I will send you the link to book a treatment. All proceeds go to our programmes in Malawi, supporting ultra-poor. This year we are focusing on Disability and Reforestation. Many thanks for all your support. Heather Palmer 07798 695287 [Heather.palmer@africanvision.org.uk](mailto:Heather.palmer@africanvision.org.uk) [www.africanvision.org.uk](http://www.africanvision.org.uk)

**St. Matthew's Motto Verse for 2023**  
*For the Spirit that God has given us*  
**does not make us timid:**  
*Instead, his Spirit*  
**fills us with power, love, and self-control. 2 Timothy 1.7**