



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 28th May 2023

### Pentecost

Today's readings. Acts 2: 1-13 & John 7. 37-39



**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 with a Baptism**

**5.00pm TKC Pentecost Praise Service : St George's** see notice

*The anthem this week is 'Come, Holy Ghost' by Thomas Attwood, and the organ voluntary will be 'Carillon' by Herbert Murrill.*

#### **Collect**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

THiS Team Ministry. Miles Stuart-William, Gerard Chichester. Doris Lelliott. For Alfie Tilson who is to be baptised in our service this morning.

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>29th</b>		<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>31st</b>	<b>10-3pm</b>	<b>Balance Community Café: Sitzler Room. All welcome</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Smarties Craft Group</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice: Sitzler Room</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Worship Together for all ages and stages</b>
		<b>6pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b> <small>see notice</small>

#### **"Thy Kingdom Come" Pentecost Praise Service : St George's**

This is great opportunity for people to come together for our Pentecost Praise Service this afternoon at St Georges **at 5pm.** We have a worship leader coming along specially to lead some worship and Canon Will Cookson from the Diocese is coming to speak. It is realised that it is a Bank Holiday weekend so many are away but it would be great if others could come and also encourage others to come along.

**During June** we will be sharing in a sermon series called '**Bursting the Bubble**'. After Trinity Sunday, we will have three different speakers (two external) talking to us about crucial modern day issues - biodiversity, modern day slavery and children's wellbeing and mental health. Please make the effort to come along to hear the whole series and see how, as Christians, we might respond. If you can't make it one Sunday you can always catch up on the talks on our YouTube channel.

**Christian Aid Week** - If you haven't yet donated to please do so now to show Helen all that dancing was worth it!! <https://www.justgiving.com/page/christian-aid-kingston-2023>

**Accommodation available for Elderly People in Kingston upon Thames - CLEAVE'S ALMSHOUSES** See advertisement and flyer on the Community Notice Board in the church porch.



**Eco Tips** - When out walking or cycling, try not to disturb plants and wildlife. Keep to the main paths and take your litter home.

**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. There will be a **Choral Evensong here at St Matthew's next Sunday 4th June at 6pm**, sung by the joint choirs of St Matthew, St Andrew and St Mark, in preparation for our visit to Rochester on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome.

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** booked for **10 - 12 May 2024** is once again at the De Vere, Horsley.

### **Motto Verse event - Tuesday 25 July @ 7.30pm**

Power, love and self control: a Home Group and Motto Verse Celebration. The Discipleship and Ministry Team are planning an evening at the end of the Home Group year to promote Home Groups for September and to think about our Motto Verse. Material has been specially commissioned (!) and we hope this will be the opportunity to showcase our Home Groups, to come together to study and support each other together across the groups and enjoy a balmy sunny evening together.

**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)

**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 in 1 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/>

### **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**

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**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.

**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.