



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

25th February 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Today's readings: Isaiah 58:1-7 & Matthew 6: 5-15.



Our 10.45 service is live-streamed on our [YouTube Channel](#) so your image may be visible on the stream. By attending onsite you are presumed to have consented to our Location Warning Notice which can be found in church or on our website.

9.00am Holy Communion

Hymns: MP 160, MP 132(omit v5), Take up your cross (sheet), MP746

10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages

Theme: "Celebration of Discipline"

This Week - "Prayer and Fasting"

At the 9am service, the choir will sing the anthem "The mystery of Christ" by Christopher Totney and the organ voluntary is Chorale on "Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist" by J. S. Bach.

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Motto Verse for 2024

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

1 Corinthians 12:27

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for: Carolyn and William, THIS Team Ministry. Miles Stuart-William, Mary Carter, Julie Martin and her family, Norma Yates, Mitesh, Michelle and Kaps. For Robert, Vicky, Gillian, Emma, Alfie and all the family and friends of Doris Lelliott. Her funeral, which will be conducted by Rev Helen Hancock, is next Thursday 29th February at 11am in St Matthew's Church.

Diary for the Week - additional pages of notice sheet are on the church website at www.stmatthewskt6.org

Monday	26th	10.00am	Brunch Bunch Lenten Study: Sitzler Room
		4.00pm	Holy Communion for residents at Royal Star & Garter
Wednesday	28th	10.00pm	Bereavement Café : Chapel
		8.00pm	Fellers Meeting : St George's- see notice
Thursday	29th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group: Sitzler Group
		11.00am	Funeral Service for Doris Lelliott in Church - see notice
		6.30pm	Choir Practice : Sitzler Room
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>3rd</u>		<u>Third Sunday of lent</u>
		9.00am	Holy Communion with a Baptism
		10.45am	Worship Together for all ages and stages

Lent booklets for daily reflection have been compiled by Carolyn and are ready for collection - I apologise that they are not as professional as in the past - my computer skills are somewhat lacking. The booklets are also available online to download as we are trying to avoid overprinting. Jackie

Vacancy update St Matthew's Rector- You have been invited to share your thoughts regarding the role and person characteristics of St Matthew's new Rector. A guidance sheet provided for you to complete **will need to be returned to Dave Farris not later than by the end of today please.**

Thank you for support during this time of vacancy. Dave Farris Lay chair PCC

Doris Lelliott's Funeral is taking place on **Thursday 29th Feb - 11am@ St Matthews Church.**

The burial service will take place afterwards for close family and friends at Surbiton Cemetery. A reception to celebrate Doris will be at The Surbiton British Legion, Hollyfield Road from 12pm.

Doris requested no flowers but instead if you wanted to, buy some flowers to put up in your own home to remember her by.

Her preference was for donations to be made to the Lullaby Trust which is for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome which her daughter Julie died of. <http://www.justgiving.com/page/dorislelliott-funeral>

If you can let her son Rob know by email (rob1el@sky.com), text or WhatsApp (07957 423494) if you are attending that would be much appreciated. If you are unable to attend, the service will be streamed on YouTube <https://youtube.com/live/v5AptHzUTfy>.

Away Weekend 10th to 12th May 2024 : This weekend we are launching the 2024 Away Weekend at the De Vere Hotel, Horsely. The speaker will be an old friend of St Matthew's, Peter Graystone, the author of *The Bare Bible*, amongst many other Christian books. This time Peter will be leading us on "Meeting Jesus", and he says of his plans -

"We will look at some stories of people who met Jesus two thousand years ago. And we will ask ourselves what it means to meet Jesus in our everyday lives today. We are going to try to catch sight of him in some unexpected places. This is going to be a weekend of creativity, prayer, laughter and learning."

The price is £198 per person for the weekend and includes all meals and refreshments as well as accommodation and study materials. Single rooms are available at no extra charge, and access needs and allergies can be accommodated. Travel sharing will be arranged where possible.

There will be limited numbers of spaces for this event and early booking is strongly advised.

Surprised by Generosity- This is the title of a new Lent course from the Diocese of Exeter. Based on the Gospel of Luke and featuring video reflections, interviews and group studies, it looks at God's generosity and at our call to live generously in return. Some of the house groups will be following the course, and there is a chance for others to join a group in church; depending on demand, this could be in the afternoon and/or evening: the possibilities are Wednesday pm, Wednesday evening and Friday pm. If you are interested, please let William know which you would prefer – 07818 641576 or wallberry49@gmail.com.

"Sing at St Matthew's" – Directed by Jason Edge

If you are someone who loves to sing (but welcomes flexibility) come and join us for 120 minutes of pure singing joy, on the third Saturday morning of each month between 9.45am -12.15am.

With "Sing at St Matthew's" there is absolutely no commitment or subscription (come and go when you please). There is no audition, you do not need to read music, but, of course, it helps, and there is no obligation to participate in any performances that "Sing at Matthew's" are invited to perform.

We will also be previewing forthcoming music that St Matthew's Church Choir will be singing in various services throughout the year. If we rehearse something you enjoy, you will be welcome to sing as part of the official choir for the service that features your favourite! The next dates are, **Sat 16th March, Sat 20th April, Sat 20th May**. Do come along and tell your friends, the more the merrier. See poster at the back of Church and for more information email: jason.a.edge@gmail.com



Eco Tips - Needing to buy paper? Is there a more eco-friendly alternative? If not, there must be a recycled option for kitchen towel, toilet paper, stationery, printing paper.

Deanery Synod - St Matthew's is one of fourteen churches collectively represented on the Kingston Deanery Synod. The synod acts as an intermediary between the parochial church councils of each parish and the synod of Southwark diocese as a whole.

Our area synod is keen to raise both its profile and involvement within member churches. Particularly looking to encourage and support (including assistance with enrolling on the appropriate courses) new readers and opportunities which may be available in other senior laity positions. For further details please have a chat with or mail Mark Curzon. markcurzon@icloud.com

Fellers

All gentlemen within our THiS community are cordially invited to join us at Fellers. Fellers is our THiS men's group encouraging friendship and fellowship as we grow in faith together. We used to meet (via Zoom) on the fourth Monday evening of each month in addition to coming together for occasional social events. Our last social gathering - the Fellers Christmas Dinner - was well attended and a really enjoyable evening. By popular agreement from our existing members we are relaunching the group. Reverting to meeting monthly in person at St George's Church lounge and switching to the fourth Wednesday, from Monday.

Our next meeting is 28th February 8pm start.

For further details please have a chat with Mark Curzon or otherwise mail me markcurzon@icloud.com

Prayer Corner: As well as sharing your prayer requests with the congregation during "7 Whole Days", please feel free to use our prayer corner in the North Transept before and after services for quiet reflection, inspiration, and to display any prayer requests on the prayer board so others can join you in praying them.

Kingston Foodbank- The box for food etc. donations is available at the BACK OF CHURCH.

They would also appreciate any money donations via their website: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/>

KCAH- To donate please visit: <https://www.kcah.org.uk/can-you-help-us/donate-money/>

Giving to the church- Regular, predictable giving is of great value to the church as it helps us plan future expenditure. The easiest way of giving in this way is by setting up a standing order with your bank. This can normally be set up using your online banking or banking app. The key inputs are the amount the regularity of payment and the church bank details ie A/C name: Surbiton St Matthew PCC A/C number 50793698 Sort Code :20-46-73. If you do not have access to internet banking, you can still set up a standing order by writing to your bank with all the relevant details (including the account from which you wish the payment to be made).

The value of giving can be enhanced (by 25%) if you are a taxpayer and sign a gift aid form. This form can be found on the church website at www.stmatthewskt6.org/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=238647

Alternatively, paper copies are available at the back of church. It is also possible to give to the church in other ways.

Please contact the Treasurer (Tim Lucas) if you need any help in this area or have any questions.

Website: www.stmatthewskt6.org **email address:** admin@stmatthewskt6.org **Parish Office no. 020 8390 5121.** Our Parish Administrator, Steve Blevins is working the usual hours Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am -1pm. During the Vacancy, if you need to speak to a member of the clergy, please contact either Rev Carolyn Lucas on 07933 022516 or carolynlucas@gmail.com or Rev William Allberry on 07818 641576 or wallberry49@gmail.com

Church Notices- If you have any notices for the next weekly sheet, please contact Jennie or Jeff Akerman on jakerman28@btinternet.com or 8399 2549 or mob. 07519 514194, by **Thursday evening,**