



## Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

**17th March 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Today's readings: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 & John 12:20-33



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 Morning Prayer Psalm 119:9-16**

**Hymns : Take up thy cross (Sheet), Benedictus, MP162**

**10.45 am Worship Together with Holy Communion**

At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem "God so loved the world" by Stainer and the organ voluntary will be "Saraband in Modo Elegiaco" by Howells

### Collect

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
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."*

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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. For the family and friends of Trevor Ribbins whose funeral is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am in church.

**Diary for the Week** - additional pages of notice sheet are on the church website at  
[www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5-6pm</b>	<b>Fuel (for ages 10-14) and Ignite (for ages 14-18)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Brunch Bunch Lenten Study: Sitzler Room</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion for the residents at Milverton Home</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Funeral service for Trevor Ribbins : in Church</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Smarties Craft Group: Sitzler Group</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice : Sitzler Room</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Garden/ Coffee Morning</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)</b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Worship Together for all ages and stages</b>

**Easter Flowers** If you would like a white rose placed in church for Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one, please let Carol Bainbridge know by next **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at the latest**. Carol attends the 9am service and she can be contacted on 8399 4932. The roses will cost £5 per stem.

### **Bethel Church Ministering in Tolworth and Surbiton.**

A group from Bethel Church Redding, California, will teach and minister at **St. George's morning service today March 17th**. They will pray for healing and offer prophetic words and encouragement.

**Later, at 3 p.m. on the same day, they will be ministering at Christ Church Surbiton Hill.** Again, they will offer teaching, prayer for healing, and prophetic ministry. It's an excellent opportunity, and we hope to see you there. For more info, contact Rev Nicholas Lebey at 07933785179 or [nlebey@gmail.com](mailto:nlebey@gmail.com)

**Also – St. George's are holding an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am** which you are welcome to attend as St Matthew's isn't holding one this year.

**Church Electoral Roll Revision** - We are updating the church Electoral Roll between **Sunday 17 March and Saturday 13 April** in preparation for the APCM on Sunday 28 April. If you are not already on the Roll and would like to be, please complete a form at the back of the church and post in the box provided. If you have done this within the last five years you will already be on the Roll. If you aren't sure, please speak to Judith Jones on 8390 4975 or between the 9.00 and 10.45 services.

**Easter Leaflets** : We are delivering leaflets across the Parish again with details of our Holy Week services. The leaflets are at the back of the church for collection and it would be great to have these **delivered by 24 March** please (ahead of Holy Week starting on Monday, 25 March). There are a few extra roads for delivery – if anyone is able to drop off the leaflets for Herne Road, Ditton Road (from Upper Brighton to Herne Road) or Langley Road & Kirleas Avenue, that would be really helpful. If you are able to do these roads, please let Isobel Hill know ([isobelhill@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:isobelhill@blueyonder.co.uk)). Thank you.

**Holy Saturday (30 March) Spring Clean!** Come along between 9.30-12.30pm for our clean-up that morning, to make the church sparkle for Easter Sunday. No maintenance this time, just mops, buckets, dusting and vacuuming. And of course, refreshments! Any queries to Sheena Evans on 07880 234 018

### **Away Weekend 10th to 12th May 2024 :**

The 2024 Away Weekend is at the De Vere Hotel, Horsley. 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.

### **"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 20<sup>th</sup> April, Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jason.a.edge@gmail.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 for them.

**Fellers-** You are cordially invited to a THiS Men’s Breakfast on **Sat 6th April at 8.15am** in the **St Paul’s Parish Hall**. Our guest speaker is **Bob Bailey**, who is a trustee and retired operational director of **Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH)**.

Come along to hear about Bob’s work with KCAH and his own faith journey. Hot bacon rolls and tea/coffee will be available and a good time of fellowship as well. £4 cash entry on the day.

Please let Mark Curzon know you if are coming nearer the time, to help with planning and catering.

[markcurzon@icloud.com](mailto:markcurzon@icloud.com) **Our next meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> March 8pm start.**

For further details please have a chat with Mark Curzon or otherwise mail me [markcurzon@icloud.com](mailto:markcurzon@icloud.com)

**Eco Tips** - Do you need that disposable food wrap? Why not store food in whatever containers you have to hand? Eco-friendly wraps are ideal for packing food for working lunch or picnics, and can be used again and again.

**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/>

**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](mailto:markcurzon@icloud.com)

**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](http://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](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org) **email address:** [admin@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto: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](mailto:carolynlucas@gmail.com) or Rev William Allberry on 07818 641576 or [wallberry49@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jakerman28@btinternet.com) or 8399 2549 or mob. 07519 514194, **by Thursday evening please**