



## **Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton**

*In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry*

**24th March 2024**

**Palm Sunday with**

**Passiontide Dramatic reading (Mark 14&15)**

*Today's readings: Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:12-16*



*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**

**Hymn: MP9, MP697 (omit v3), MP580, The Royal Banners (omit v3)  
(sheet)**

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

*At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem "Ingrediente Domino" by George Malcom and the organ voluntary will be "Procession" by Arthur Wills.*

### **Collect**

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory 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 Pat Ward in hospital.

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

Monday	25th	10.00am	Brunch Bunch Lenten Study: Sitzler Room
		4.00pm	Holy Communion for the residents at Royal Star & Garter
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Bereavement Café : Chapel
Thursday	28th		<b><u>Maundy Thursday</u></b>
		8.00pm	Holy Communion Service with handwashing followed by a Vigil (optional) until 10pm
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>		<b><u>Good Friday</u></b>
		12-3pm	3 hours at the Cross - <i>come and go as you wish</i>
		2pm	Good Friday Liturgy with choir
Saturday	30th	9.30-12.30pm	Holy Saturday Spring Clean! - see notice
			<b>CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR TONIGHT</b>
Sunday	31st		<b><u>Easter Day</u></b>
		9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	All Age Worship with Easter Egg Hunt

**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.

**The Bereavement Journey begins on 7 May 2024 for seven Tuesdays 2pm -4.30pm** . It is suitable for those of any faith or no faith and is for anyone bereaved in any way and at any time. To benefit from the course you should be able to attend the first six sessions, the final seventh session which is optional addresses questions of faith related to bereavement.

For more details phone Susan Kang on 07745 795395 or [susan.kang10@gmail.com](mailto:susan.kang10@gmail.com)

### **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. To book ask either, David Itcovich or Ian Davies, for a booking form please.

### **"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.



**Eco Tips** – Try some Eco-therapy: grow some herbs or vegetables on your windowsill or in the garden, and see how much better you feel even before you taste how delicious they are.

**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.

**We have a Fellers relaunch meeting at St George's lounge next Wednesday 27th March 8pm start.** All are very welcome, whether attending in person or logging in online via Zoom.  
For Zoom log in details please either ask Mark Curzon or see the posters on the church notice board.

**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/>

**Sacred Spaces course - St Paul's Hook -** We will soon be running a course called Sacred Spaces, based on the book Seven Sacred Spaces by George Lings. Taking inspiration from the monastic tradition, the course will explore how we deepen our relationship with God in different aspects of our lives, for example 'chapel' (our corporate worship together), 'cell' (our own individual prayer life) or 'refectory' (our social times together). The course will have five sessions, on Weds at St Paul's in the Mary Wise Room between 7.30-9pm, beginning **Wed 3rd Apr and finishing Wed 24th Apr**. The sessions will be led by Neil Meehan and other members of St Paul's. If you are interested in coming, or just finding out more, please email Neil on [neilanthonymeehan@gmail.com](mailto:neilanthonymeehan@gmail.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 but the office is closed between 26 March and 9 April. 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 Wednesday please**