



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

7th April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)

Today's readings: Acts 4:32-35 & John 20: 19-30



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 :Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (omit vv2&3, MP647 (omit vv4&5), MP381, MP109(omit v2)

10.45 am Worship Together for all ages and stages

At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem "O sons and daughters, let us sing" arr. by Barnard and the organ voluntary will be "Toccata in G" – Dubois.

Collect

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father. 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. For the family and friends of Pat Ward (see notice). Emma White and Myles Simmons who are to be married in Church on Saturday.

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

Sunday	7th	5-6pm	Fuel (for ages 10-14) and Ignite (for ages 14-18)
Monday	8th	10.00am	Brunch Bunch: Sitzler Room
Wednesday	10th	10.00am	Bereavement Walking Group
		7.30pm	Sacred Spaces Course : St Paul's Hook : see notice
Thursday	11th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group: Sitzler Group
		6.30pm	Choir Practice : Sitzler Room
Saturday	13th	1.00pm	Wedding in Church
Sunday	14th	Third Sunday of Easter	
		9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Worship Together for all ages and stages with a baptism

Church Electoral Roll Revision - We are updating the church Electoral Roll between **Sunday 17 March and next 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 today.

Pat Ward- You may already have heard that my mother, Patricia Ward, sadly died on Friday 22nd March at Kingston hospital, aged 90. Her death was peaceful and my brother Tim and I were with her for most of the last week of her life. There will be a service of thanksgiving for Patricia's Life at St George's Church, Hamilton Avenue, on **Friday 19th April 2024 at 2.30pm**. Anyone who knew her is very welcome to attend. The service will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. As a member of all three of the Tolworth, Hook and Surbiton Team Ministry churches for most of her adult life, alongside her husband David Ward until 2011, she valued the fellowship she had with so many. Thanks so much.
Sandra Winterburn

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

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. It is only a month away now and 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 20th April, Sat 18th 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

Sacred Spaces course - St Paul's Hook –

We are currently running a course called Sacred Spaces, based on the book Seven Sacred Spaces by George Lings. Taking inspiration from the monastic tradition, the course explores 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 has five sessions, on Weds at St Paul's in the Mary Wise Room between **7.30-9pm, it began on Wed 3rd Apr and finishes on Wed 24th Apr**. The sessions are 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

The return of St Matthew's Desert Island Discs !

Once again, we are inviting four 'castaways' from our church family to share their favourite music with us. Come along at **7.00pm on Saturday 27th April** to hear their choices, and their reasons for choosing them. There will be refreshments on a tropical theme, and you can wear your most colourful holiday clothes to get in the mood if you wish! Free admission but, so we get enough supplies in, can you let Carol Cameron, Mary Edwards or Ian Davies know that you are coming, please?

African Vision Malawi -Jacob Palmer (son of Heather & Nigel) is running his first ever marathon in Brighton on 7th April and raising funds for African Vision Malawi. He was made an honouree chief 16 years ago at M'ndozi Village. He returned to his village last year and heard about a local river that flooded in the rainy season (Dec – April) and children were then unable to cross and get to school, people couldn't reach the local clinic or market. He decided to run a marathon to hopefully raise enough to build a bridge! If you are able to help him and his community he is chief in, you will give access to education all year round for those kids! Thank you in advance. We wish him and Jonathan Curzon (Marks son) all the best on Sunday! May the wind blow in the right direction! <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/malawi2024>

Eco Tips Say no to mow! Help give nature a home. Leave mowing till August and watch the wild flowers grow. (There is more guidance on this on Eco Church 'Resources' section within the church website.)

Faith Talks- Wednesday, 24th April, 6:30pm at All Saints Church

This talk is centred around 'Immigration - what needs to change', led by Dr. Krish Kandiah OBE

Confirmation -The next confirmation service in Kingston deanery is planned for early autumn (exact date TBC). If you are interested in being confirmed please contact Carolyn Lucas on carolynlucas@gmail.com

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/>

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, and to display any prayer requests on the prayer board so others can join you in praying for them.

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

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 please**