



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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.

10.00am Joint Service of Worship and Annual Parochial Church Meeting followed by a short Service of Holy Communion (said).

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory 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.
Mary Carter, Julie Martin and her family, Norma Yates. We pray for Catherine, the family and friends of Miles Stuart-William who died peacefully in his sleep this week.

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

Sunday	28th	5-6pm	Fuel (for ages 10-14) and Ignite (for ages 14-18)
Monday	29th	10.00am	Brunch Bunch: Sitzler Room
Wednesday	1st	7.30pm	Sacred Spaces Course : St Paul's Hook
Thursday	2nd	7.00am -10pm Church being used as Polling Station all day.	
Sunday	5th	<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u>	
		9.00am Holy Communion	
		10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages	

Away Weekend 10th to 12th May 2024 : The 2024 Away Weekend in two weeks time, 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."

There are no more weekend places left but day visits are available and there is a waiting list should anyone drop out. If you are interested in attending, please speak with David Itcovitz who will advise you of the details and the day cost.

The Peace- As from Sunday 5th May during Holy Communion Services we will be encouraging people to Share the Peace by shaking hands if they feel comfortable doing so. We ask that everyone should be aware that not everybody will want to shake hands but everyone should feel comfortable in their choice, and respect the choice of others in the congregation. Thank you.

The Bereavement Journey begins next Tuesday 7th 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

African Vision Malawi are doing a 500km cycle challenge in Malawi starting on May 11th.

Both Heather Palmer and Jason Pennington are doing the challenge and if anyone would like to support them, you can add to their fundraising page at the links below or give a donation to Nigel Palmer who plays the piano. The donations will be split between the two cyclists. All the funds will go to our programmes which help ultra-poor people and orphans in their rural communities to become self-sufficient.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/malawi-2024> for Heather Palmer

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/pedal-power-2024> for Jason Pennington

Thank you in advance for your kindness!

“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:

Saturday May 18th 9:45am-12:15pm,

Saturday June 15th 9:45am-12:15pm,

Saturday July 20th 9:45am-12:15pm,

(August - break),

Saturday 21st September (concert day), Rehearsal (Come-and-Sing style) 2:30-5pm Concert 7pm.

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

Faith Talks - next one is next Wednesday, 19th June, 6:30pm at All Saints Church

The topic is “ Foreign Conflicts - How do we respond to the changing shape of war? “

Speaker : Lord Alderdice

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



Eco Tips- Prepare for hot weather and drought: install a water butt, make a bucket pond or marshy area, place a shallow plate in a sheltered spot and provide water for bees and other insects during hot, dry weather.

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.

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**