



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
in the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

4th May 2025

The Third Sunday of Easter

Bible readings: Acts 9: 1-6 (page 1102)
and John 21:1-9 (page 1090).



9.00am Holy Communion

Hymns: MP575, Will you come and follow me (sheet, omit vv2&3), MP396(omit v2), MP728.

10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages

*At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem "Go forth into the world in peace" - Rutter
and the voluntary will be "Fantasie in E b" – Saint Saens*

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.

Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for:

Southwark Diocese, Caroline and family, Carolyn, William, Nicholas. THiS Team Ministry. For St Paul's, Hook during their Interregnum, Mary Carter, Malcolm Beckett.

Diary for the Week - the notice sheet is also on the church website at www.stmatthewskt6.org

Sunday	4th	4.00pm	Service for the residents at The Royal Star & Garter Home
Monday	5th		Bank Holiday
Tuesday	6th	9.00am	Morning Prayer: Chapel
		2.00-4.30pm	Bereavement Journey (Week 2): Chapel
		7.30-8.30pm	Baptism Taster Session - Sitzler Room
Wednesday	7th	9.00am	Morning Prayer: Chapel
Thursday	8th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group : Sitzler Room
Friday	9th	9.00am	Morning Prayer: Chapel
Saturday	10th	9.00am	Morning Prayer: Chapel
Sunday	11th		<u>Christian Aid Week</u>
		9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Worship Together for all ages and stages
		6.00pm	Choral Evensong see notice

Choral Evensong at St Matthew's - 6pm on Sunday 11th May. Join us as we celebrate a beautiful service of Evensong in preparation for our visit to St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle later this month. Our Choir will be joined by musicians from St Andrew's and St Mark's to sing all the music to be featured in Windsor on 26th May. It would be fabulous to have a congregation! (Jason Edge)

Prayer Calendar for May – Please pick up and take home your copy of the Prayer Calendar for May which is available now, and pray on the specified day for the whole family of the St Matthew's member(s) and topic shown



As a precursor to **Christian Aid Week 2025 (11-17 May)**

there will be a **Christian Aid Quiz on Friday 9th May 7-10pm at Kingston**

United Reformed Church, Eden Street. Everyone is welcome to come, individually or as a team. £10 per person, pay on the night. (includes a light supper). There is a paying

Bar & Cash Raffle. Please bring a team if you can 6/7 people and let us know for catering purposes. (Please contact : Ray Charlton <ray.charlton@outlook.com>)

Other events in the week are a **Joint Service on Sunday 11th May at 6.30pm in the Kingston**

Methodist Church. The London Freedom Walk on Sat 10th beginning at St Martin in the Fields at noon and ending with Evensong at St Pauls Cathedral at 5pm.

Flag Day in Kingston on Sat 17th May. Supporters are invited to collect and/or take part in the dancing. Collecting from 10.30 in Kingston Town Centre. Buckets available from All Saints church. Dancing practice in Kingston URC from 11.00 and in Clarence Street at 13.00 or just turn up.

For more details see Christian Aid website.

Kingston churches are fighting poverty again! We'll be out and about on the streets collecting money in the famous red envelopes and dancing in Kingston town centre.

Please give generously as people across the churches show their solidarity with people across the world who experience devastating levels of poverty. Everyone is equal in the sight of God. For over 75 years, this truth has inspired us to stand together in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, of all faiths and none. Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. We seek to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. Together with people living in poverty, we amplify our voices to speak truth to power and create lasting change.

To donate visit Christian Aid Kingston's Just Giving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/christian-aid-kingston-2025> Thank you.

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 31st May** 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 refreshments in, can you let Carol Cameron, or Ian Davies know that you are coming, please? A part of the programme of St Matthew's 150th anniversary celebrations.

"Sing at St Matthew's" - Directed by Jason Edge. ONCE-A-MONTH (no strings attached!)

No commitment or subscription (come when you please) 120 minutes of pure singing joy! (And cake!)

St Matthew's Church. **Next Workshop dates: 9.45am to 12.15pm on Saturdays- 17 May,**

21 June, 19 July, Break for August. For more information and FAQ's, there is a flyer on the notice board at the back of church or contact Jason via email: jason.a.edge+sing@gmail.com

Concert "Faithful in Living Love" A Concert, inspired by Care and Commitment of CMS Missionaries

(Church Mission Society and Walter Senior), is to be held in **St Matthew's Church on Saturday**

17th May from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. A ten piece orchestra will be performing to raise funds and awareness for a mission focussed on combating hunger in Sri Lanka and promoting empathy and kindness under the theme "Faithful in Living Love". Admission to the concert only is: £15. Concert including a 3 course dinner and live music at Aanaya Sri Lankan and Indian restaurant in Surbiton: £35.

London Marathon Sponsorship - Congratulations to John Martin, the husband of Julie (Carol Pratt's daughter) who we have been praying for over the last few years, ran the **London Marathon** in support of the Kidney Care Charity in 4hrs 58 mins, 20 secs. He thanks everyone who supported him. If you would like support John, his sponsor page link is still open at <https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/john-martin> Thank you.

Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday) - Join our Choir Trip to Windsor

Our choir is joining with that of St Andrew's and St Mark's again to sing Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. This is advance notice for anyone who would like to come along and support us. Evensong in the Chapel is at 5:15pm. We have booked a coach to transport singers and supporters. The coach is now full, however if you would like to be added to a reserve list in case spaces become available please contact Hannah Barritt - hannahebarritt@gmail.com. (Jason Edge)

Joint Team Service -There will be a **Joint Team Service on Pentecost Sunday (8th June) at St. Georges**. At 4pm. More will be set as we go through the year. If you would like to be involved, please let the Vicar know.

Healing Ministry-The first opportunity for prayer for healing will be during the 9am Service on the Feast of Pentecost on **June 8th**. The pattern will be that there will be people in pairs willing to spend a few moments praying with you as you return from Communion. All prayer ministers will be trained and will have undergone basic Safeguarding.

Pentecost, Sunday 8th June

After the 10.45am service on the Feast of Pentecost why not stay around and join us in our Pentecost Picnic. Bring something either from a region of the World or the UK with which you have an association or which you just like! All sorts of food welcome. The Holy Spirit made people able to understand the Disciples no matter what language they were speaking and so we celebrate our international and national heritage. We will have some games/crafts for children. Hopefully we will have the choice to use the outside space if the weather cooperates. More details to come.

Stillness Workshop 10am-noon June 14th. More details to follow. This will be a chance to look at some traditions of quieter prayer and to learn a little bit about silent prayer and breathing for prayer.

School Welcome Service.

The Welcome Service for new children at St. Matthew's School will be on **29th June**.

Arts and Crafts and garden quiet morning July 5th. More details to follow but this will be a chance for you to explore the theme of "Be Still and Know that I am God" in quiet spaces with various activities.

Reflection and Prayer- Want to talk to God but need some inspiration? There are plenty of resources in our Prayer Corner in the North Transept. Take some time between the two Sunday Services to look through the different prayer topics, the books (you may take the books home for further study, as well), and the prayer requests on the board (and add your own, if you like). 2.

WhatsApp Prayer Group - There is now a WhatsApp group open to everyone. It reminds us of prayer requests from the Sunday services and any others that we hear about during the week. Please see me for further information or to pass on their mobile number or send a message. (Sue O'Hagan) on 07907 184018.

Readers for 10.45am Service - "We now have a sign up for the 10.45 Service for readers. Please scan the code or type in the link to sign up. If you have never read before in a church, would you please speak to the Vicar before you sign up so we can run through some basics. If you do not have internet access and want to read please let Hannah Barritt or one of the Wardens know. Thanks Caroline
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48A9AE2EA2FA7-55298562-reading>



SAVE THE DATE - St. Matthew's 150th Anniversary Weekend on September 20th and 21st 2025, will be a VERY special occasion for our church family. So, mark your calendars now to make sure you can join in the celebrations! More details on the events planned throughout the year, to follow.

African Vision Malawi are celebrating their 20th year of working in Malawi. As part of this, we are looking for 20 people to support us in a fundraiser **climbing "Yr Wyddfa" (Mount Snowdon) on September 6th**. You can find the details on our website <https://www.africanvision.org.uk/events/climb-mountain-snowdon> which is on our events page. You have options depending on how challenging you want the event to be! 1. Climb Mount Snowdon 2. Walk 8 miles then climb Mount Snowdon 3. Cycle 50 miles around the mountain, then climb Mount Snowdon or finally do all three!!! This is a joint event with Love Support Unite and Malawi Projects and all funds come direct to us! Let me know if you want to join us, only £50 for your accommodation which you get back if you raise £500! And What you raise will be match funded!

Email: heather.palmer@africanvision.org.uk phone: 07798 695287

Kingston Foodbank - The box for food etc. donations each week is available at the BACK OF CHURCH. See list of required items with box: They would also appreciate any money donations via their website: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/> Thank you

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

For Safeguarding Issues -please contact *Sue Fraser on 07895 501517 or to speak to someone in person, speak to her or any of our Wardens or Clergy.*

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

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Rev Carolyn Lucas on carolynlucas@gmail.com **mb. 07933 022516.**

Motto Verse 2025 ***"Be still and know that I am God"***

Psalm 46 v10