



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



11th May 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Christian Aid Week

Bible readings: Acts 9: 36-43 (page 1103) & John 10:22-30 (page 1077).

9.00am Holy Communion

Hymns: MP 315, MP 50, MP 649, MP 200.

10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages

6.00pm Choral Evensong see notice

At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem "The Lord's my Shepherd" – Bob Chilcott and the voluntary will be "Nimrod (from Enigma Variations) Elgar

Caroline, our Team Rector, is at St. Paul's Hook this morning for their APCM

Our 10.45am 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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, Roy Smith and David Itcovitz.

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

Monday	12th	9.00am Morning Prayer: Chapel
		10.00am Brunch Bunch Study Group: Sitzler Room
Tuesday	13th	9.00am Morning Prayer: Chapel
		2.00-4.30pm Bereavement Journey (Week 3): Chapel
Wednesday	14th	9.00am Morning Prayer: Chapel
		10.00am Bereavement Walking Group
Thursday	15th	10.00am Smarties Craft Group : Sitzler Room
Friday	16th	9.00am Morning Prayer: Chapel
Saturday	17th	9.00am Morning Prayer: Chapel
		9.45-12.15pm "Sing at St Matthew's" Sitzler Room see notice
		5.00-6.30pm Concert "Faithful in Living Love" in church see notice
Sunday	18th	9.00am Holy Communion
		10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages

Choral Evensong at St Matthew's -Tonight at 6.00pm. - 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)



Christian Aid Week 2025 - 11-17 May

Sunday 11th May – St Matthew's – drop off only -no door knocking

To help raise awareness of this year's campaign, door-drop envelopes are available at back of church. If you can post some through letter boxes on the way home or near where you live, please pick up a pile for delivery this week. **There is no need to go back and pick them up.** Thank you.

Other Christian Aid Events in the week are

Sunday 11th May Joint Service for Christian Aid - Kingston Methodist Church.-6.30pm

Fairfield South Kingston-upon-ThamesKT1 2UJ

Saturday 17th May Flag Day in Kingston.

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> or use an envelope. Thank you.

Prayer Calendar for May – if you haven't already done so, please pick up and take home your copy of the Prayer Calendar for May, more of which are available now, and pray on the specified day for the whole family of the St Matthew's member(s) and topic shown.

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.

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

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 on Saturday 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.

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/>

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

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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Parish Office no. 020 8390 5121. Our Parish Administrator, Steve Blevins is working the usual hours Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am -1pm.(except school holidays).
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Rev Caroline Kramer on teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org **mb: 07707 785721 or**
Rev Carolyn Lucas on carolynlucas@gmail.com **mb. 07933 022516.**

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

Psalms 46 v10