



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

18th May 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Bible readings: Acts 11:1-18 (page 1105) & John 13:31-35
(page 1082).



9.00am Morning Prayer with Holy Communion

Hymns: MP 431(vv1,3,5), O breath of God (sheet),
O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray (sheet), MP501.

10.45am Worship Together with Holy Communion

At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem "I give you a new commandment" by Peter Nardone and the voluntary will be "Toccata in G" – Dubois.

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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, Roy Smith and David Itcovitz.

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

Monday	19th	9.00am Morning Prayer: Chapel
		10.00am Brunch Bunch Study Group: Sitzler Room
		11.00am Holy Communion for the residents of Milverton Home
		4.00pm Holy Communion for the residents of Royal Star & Garter
Tuesday	20th	9.00am Morning Prayer: Chapel
		2.00-4.30pm Bereavement Journey (Week 4): Chapel
Wednesday	21st	9.00am Morning Prayer: Chapel
Thursday	22nd	10.00am Smarties Craft Group : Sitzler Room
Friday	23rd	9.00am Morning Prayer: Chapel
Saturday	24th	9.00am Morning Prayer: Chapel
Sunday	25th	9.00am Holy Communion
		10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages

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

LAST MINUTE COACH SPACES AVAILABLE

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.

There are three spaces available on the coach so if you would like to join please contact Hannah Barritt hannahebarritt@gmail.com. (Jason Edge)

Ascension Day - There will be a sung communion service on **Thursday 29th May at 7pm** at St Matthews to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension.

The Church has several major festivals throughout the year. There is a sort of ranking system. The top tier has familiar festivals like Christmas and Easter but it also includes Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. Some of you might remember getting a half day for Ascension Day if you went to a Church School. Ascension Day always falls on a Thursday which makes it a little difficult to get to for some. Even if you cannot be in Church why not read the story which is very short in Acts 1:10-12 on the day and thank God for Jesus and the amazing story he brings us.

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.

29 May - 8 June Thy Kingdom Come - Praying and living the Kingdom –

THIS Team is joining the global wave of prayer. We will be using the Lord's prayer to inspire our prayers for more people to come to know Jesus. We invite you to choose five people who do not yet know the love of God for themselves, and pray for them each day. Free prayer journals and other materials will be available.. It's an inspiring support as we pray for our family, friends and community over these 11 days.

This Team praying Together Programme for June:

Monday 2nd 8-8:30pm: St Matthew's - Our Father

Tuesday 3rd 8-8:30pm: St Paul's - Three Hearty Praises

Thursday 5th 8-8:30pm: St George's - Three Humble petition

Sunday 8th 4pm: **St George's Pentecost Worship** - THIS Team joins together to celebrate

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 Church on the Feast of Pentecost there will be a picnic here at St. Matthews. If it rains we will be inside. Please plan to stay and bring something to share. The theme is international and regional food to celebrate the diversity of people who could understand Peter at Pentecost. No pressure though, just bring a favourite something. Please bring the sort of food which can be eaten with fingers, no cutlery needed. There is no sign up for this, just show up. You only need to bring one thing, otherwise we run out of space on the table. If you would like to help with the kitchen, please contact Jo Boaler. There will be games and activities for children. Caroline

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**.

"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-, 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

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.

Churches Count on Nature: we shall be counting the species in St Matthew's Church garden between **10am and noon on Monday 7 June**. Always exciting as the number rises every year!
If you wish to help, please notify Brenda Tyrrell or Sheena Evans. Tel no.020 8399 2353

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).

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-mount-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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