



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

**22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

## **First Sunday after Trinity**

**Bible readings : Isaiah 65:1-9 (page 751)  
& Luke 8:26-39 (page 1038)**



### **9.00 am Holy Communion**

**Hymns MP 496 (omit vv2&3), MP31, MP624, MP518**

### **10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages**

*At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem "Litany of the Holy Spirit"-Hurford  
and the voluntary will be Toccata from "Suite Gothique"- Boellmann.*

*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 First Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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. Rev. Janice Price, Assistant Priest at St Andrew's & St Marks as she undergoes treatment for cancer. 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](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer: Chapel</b>
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Brunch Bunch Study Group: Sitzler Room</b>
		<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion for the residents of Milverton</b>
		<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion for the residents of Royal Star &amp; Garter</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer: Chapel</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>25th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer: Chapel</b>
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Bereavement Support Group : Chapel</b>
		<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion for residents of Bourne House</b>
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Fellers Midsummer Walk – see notice</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Smarties Craft Group : Sitzler Room</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice: Sitzler Room</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer: Chapel</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer: Chapel</b>
		<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Games Evening: cornerHOUSE : see notice</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Worship Together for all ages and stages</b>
			<b>Welcome Service for new children at St Matthew's School</b>

**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).

**Games Evening, June 28th** - The next 150th celebration event is an "all age" Games Evening at the cornerHOUSE on Saturday, June 28th. It will start at 5pm and end latest 9pm, with pizzas at 6.30pm. Please feel free to come and go as you please! We ask you to do two things - the first is to bring along a few of your favourite games (eg) card games, board games, puzzles, jigsaws. The second is to sign up on the sheet at the back of church so we know what pizza you would like us to order for you. The cornerHOUSE bar will be open so a variety of drinks will be available. There is no charge - instead, donations to the 150th Anniversary Fund are welcomed. These evenings are always great fun - so come along and enjoy!

**Fellers Midsummer Walk** -You are all cordially invited to join us on our Fellers annual Midsummer Walk on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. Starting 7pm from the Spring Tavern in Ewell, walking along the Hogsmill and ending with a meal at The Kalamata Mediterranean Food and Grill Restaurant ,Ewell Road. The walk takes around 75 minutes but you are welcome to join us just for the meal around 8.30 pm if that suits. I hope you can make it. If you are coming to the meal please let me know so we have an idea of numbers. markcurzon@icloud.com

**"Sing at St Matthew's"** - St Matthew's Church. **Next Workshop dates: 9.45am to 12.15pm on Saturdays-, 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](mailto:jason.a.edge+sing@gmail.com)

**Encore Community Choir, Surbiton** -We would like to invite you to **OUR FREE SUMMER CONCERT, MONDAY 14TH JULY 2025 at 7pm at ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH.** Followed by light refreshments. We are a very friendly community choir meeting at 10am to noon on Mondays during term time at the lovely St. Matthew's Church. No auditions. Pop in for a free taster or email Liz at [gillyvor@hotmail.com](mailto:gillyvor@hotmail.com)

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

**Arts and Crafts and garden quiet morning- July 5<sup>th</sup>**. This event is **postponed** due to changes in people's schedules.

**St Matthew's Street Party, Sept 14th** - The team who normally organise the St Matthew's Avenue Street Parties have contacted us to say that plans are underway to hold an event on the afternoon of Sunday, September 14th. This is a great addition to our 150th anniversary celebrations. These street parties are always very family oriented - a lovely way for folks of all ages to have a great afternoon out. We are being asked to provide a couple of volunteers to join the team. If you are interested, please contact Carol Cameron.

**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.

**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>



**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](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](mailto:heather.palmer@africanvision.org.uk) phone: 07798 695287

**English Heritage and The Community Brain** are delighted to invite you to the unveiling of a Blue Plaque dedicated to Tolworth resident '**Mr Middleton**' by well known gardener and broadcaster Alan Titchmarsh on the morning of **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.45** at his home – **17 Princes Avenue, KT6 7JJ**. There will be a few short speeches followed by the unveiling and then a reception nearby to mark the occasion. Cecil Henry Middleton, known to the nation as simply 'Mr Middleton' was a much-loved figure who lived in the Borough from 1929 until he died in 1945. He was hired by the BBC with his first broadcast on 9 May 1931 and went on to become the voice of the highly successful Dig for Victory Campaign in the Second World War. He wrote numerous gardening books, including Your Garden in Wartime, and Digging for Victory. He even appeared on a 1943 episode of Desert Island Discs. Considering his celebrity, Middleton's broadcasts naturally became a key aspect of the wartime Dig for Victory campaign, despite his tendency to veer away from the scripts that had been carefully prepared for him. On 18 September 1945 at the age of 59, Middleton suffered an unexpected and fatal heart attack outside his home. His funeral, held in Surbiton at St Matthew's Church, was made into a film by British Pathe entitled The Passing of an Old Friend and show the status of the man <https://cutt.ly/NrcccECB> We hope you can make it. Please RSVP to [contact@thecommunitybrain.org](mailto:contact@thecommunitybrain.org)

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

**Church Notices-** If you have any notices for the next sheet to be issued (**29<sup>th</sup> June**) please contact Jennie or Jeff Akerman on [jakerman28@btinternet.com](mailto:jakerman28@btinternet.com) or 8399 2549 or mob. 07519 514194, **by Thursday (26<sup>th</sup>), at the latest, please.**

**Website:** [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org) **email address:** [admin@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto: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.**  
**To speak to a member of the clergy, please contact Rev Caroline Kramer on [teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto:teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org) mbl: 07707 785721 or Rev Carolyn Lucas on [carolynlucas@gmail.com](mailto:carolynlucas@gmail.com) mbl. 07933 022516.**

**Motto Verse 2025 – “Be still and know that I am God”**  
**Psalm 46 v10**