



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

23rd December 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

“ the Posada is nearing the end of its journey”



10.30am All Age Communion with Christingle making workshop.

Reading

Matthew 5 :14-16

Hymns MP

*The Holly and the Ivy, Christingle Song (Oranges and ribbons),
A place at the table, I saw three ships.*

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight - *bring a torch for easier reading by candlelight.*

Collect

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Monday 24th Christmas Eve

12.00 pm **Christmas Communion for the Residents and staff at the Royal Star & Garter Home.**

3.30pm **Christingle Service - supporting the work of The Children's Society. "The Posada Arrives".**

Reading

Isaiah 60 :1-3

Carols:

*Ding Dong merrily on high (MP 114), Away in a manger (MP 47),
Christingle Song (Oranges and ribbons), While shepherds watched (MP764).*

11.15pm **Midnight Communion**

Readings

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 2:1-20

Carols

*Angels from the realms of glory (MP35), O little town of Bethlehem (MP 503),
Thou who wast rich (MP 700), O come, all ye faithful (MP 491)*

“Wishing you all a blessed Christmas”

Tuesday 25th Christmas Day

9.00am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **All- Age Celebration Service**

Carols:

*Come and join the celebration (MP83), Away in a manger (MP47),
See amid the winter snow (MP 588), O come, all ye faithful (MP 491).*

Collect for Christmas Day

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

30th December 2018

The First Sunday after Christmas

10.30am Joint Service of Holy Communion

Readings 1 Samuel 2: 18 -20, 26.
Luke 2: 41-52
Carols MP 644, 71, 749, 393.

Collect

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen



Diary for the Week

more notices are on the church website at www.stmatthewskt6.org.

Tuesday	1	January	New Year's Day
Thursday	3	10.00am	Smarties
		7pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	6		Epiphany
		9.15am	Holy Communion
		11.00am	All- Age Worship
		3.30pm	Service for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter Home

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:

Rev. Helen Hancock & family, Rev. Luke Wickings & family, Rev. David Nyirongo & family, Rev. Carolyn Lucas & family, the THiS Team. Paul Atkins, Marilyn Leach, Sally and Jan Hall. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mella Trotter at 12 noon on Thursday 10th January in St Matthew's Church preceded by a service at Kingston Crematorium **attended by the family only**.

Silent films with live organ accompaniment: On **Saturday 12th January at 4.30pm** we welcome back virtuoso organist Tom Bell for another organ extravaganza, this time accompanying four short films by Charlie Chaplin (total about 80 mins plus interval). All welcome for what has in the past been a very special and entertaining event. Refreshments provided, and retiring collection in aid of the Tower & Spire Appeal.

The St Matthew's Stall at the School Fair raised £150 for the Tower & Spire Appeal with a further £165 from the Table Top Sale in Church. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

Foodbank Focus - January "New Year Noodles"

Dried ..instant and pot noodles please.

Thanks for your Magnificent Response during November and December and to all those who donated delicious festive goodies to the Foodbank - always welcome but particularly at this time of year . . .

KCAH - Items needed please - rucksacks, medium sized socks and pants, T shirts, deodorants, toothpaste etc. Please place them in the box provided at the back of church. Thank you.

For more information about our church and events visit our website at www.stmatthewskt6.org email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org. Parish Office (open 9 -12.30pm Mon, Tues & Thurs, but will be closed over the holiday period from 21st December to 8th January) Tel.no 8390 5121.

Facebook Page - We now have an official 'St Matthew's Church Surbiton' Facebook page!

If you are social media savvy, please 'like' the page and share our future posts to help us engage with the congregation and our wider local community

Passion Play 2020 - Revd William Allberry is organising a visit to the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau in 2020. He and Joan took a party in 2010 and found it a profound experience – including a delightful holiday in Austria leading up to the performance itself. He has made provisional arrangements with McCabe, the leading Christian pilgrimage operator with whom he has travelled many times, for **13-20 May 2020**. See the poster and flyers at the back of the church.

Free money from smile.amazon - St Matthew's is now set up as a registered charity with Smile.Amazon. Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases you make to St Matthew's. All you need to do is go to www.smile.amazon.co.uk instead of their usual website and select St Matthew's Church, Surbiton as your chosen charity. All your current account details, prices and benefits will remain the same. Then each time you want to shop on Amazon, make sure you go to smile.amazon and you will be raising funds for St Matthew's, with no extra cost to you. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1143978-0>

5ps Collection for the Organ Fund. - The model of St Matthew's Church piggy bank can be found at the back of church after both services for donations towards the future replacement of the organ electronics which date from 1962. Thanks for your contributions – please keep them coming, every little helps.