



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 9th December 2018

### The Second Sunday of Advent

*“ the Posada continues its journey”*



#### 9.15am Holy Communion

Readings Malachi 3: 1-4 (page 796)  
Luke 3: 1-6 (page 1057)  
Hymns MP 538, 102,162, 249.

#### 11.00am All Age Worship

Reading Malachi 3: 1-4  
Hymns MP 8, Our God is a great big God,  
This I believe, 1141.

At the 9.15am service the choir will sing the anthem 'Hark the glad sound' by Brian Mayhew, and the voluntary is the Chorale Prelude 'Vom Himmel hoch' by Pachelbel (1653-1706).

#### Collect

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.  
Amen.

#### Diary for the Week

more notices are on the church website at [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org).

Monday	10	9.45am	Brunch Bunch : Chapel
		11.00am	Christmas Service for the residents of Milverton Care Home
		1.30pm	School Christmas Performance
		7.00pm	School Christmas Performance
		7.30pm	THIS Team Men's Christmas Curry Night– see notice
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Tuesday	11	1.30pm	School Christmas Performance
		2.30pm	Holy Communion for the residents of Rosclare Care Home
		7.00pm	School Christmas Performance
Wednesday	12	8.00pm	Beta House Group
Thursday	13	10.00am	Smarties
		1.30pm	School Christmas Performance
		7.00pm	Choir Practice : Sitzler Room
		7.00pm	School Christmas Performance
		8.00pm	Delta House Group
Friday	14	10.00am	St Matthew's Mum's Group Meeting
		10.00am	School Christmas Performance
Saturday	15	4 - 6pm	All invited to the Vicarage for Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
Sunday	16		<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
		9.15am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		11.00am	<b>All Age Worship with Nativity Play</b>

**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 TH&S Team. Paul Atkins, Marilyn Leach.

**Team Men's Christmas Curry Night:** The men of St Paul's, St George's & St Matthew's are getting together for a meal at the Red Rose, Hook (not the one in Surbiton) on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Please let Simon know if you would like to come so that we have an idea of numbers.

**You are invited to the Vicarage** (20A Kingsdowne Road) for mulled wine & mince pies from 4.00-6.00pm on Saturday 15th - all welcome.

**Christmas Cards in aid of Tower & Spire Appeal** - Christmas cards are now available at the back of the Church at £2.50 for a pack of 5 in aid of the Tower and Spire appeal; and will be sold between services. Any queries please contact Elaine Blackmore email [e.blackmore@outlook.com](mailto:e.blackmore@outlook.com)

**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.

### **Foodbank Focus - Christmas Treats**

We start early again this year to allow time for distribution! Tinned ham,..tins of salmon ..chocolate and sweets ..Christmas puddings ...the sort of items to go in a hamper. Thanks for all your donations in Oct.

**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.

**Christmas Lunch on Jesus** - This year Doxa Deo Community Church are running Christmas Lunch on Jesus again. Two years ago we distributed 600 Christmas hampers in the Merton area; last year we distributed fewer but across both Kingston and Merton boroughs; This year we have set an ambitious target to fund, pack and deliver 1000 hampers to families in need across South West London - covering both Kingston and Merton Boroughs. You can find details of how you can be involved together with a video you might wish to show at your church, at : [www.christmaslunchonjesus.org.uk](http://www.christmaslunchonjesus.org.uk)

**Fundraising** It's an ambitious project but we are trusting to raise £30,000 to make this happen. The cost of a hamper is £30 and contains everything for a great family Christmas celebration - Turkey, trimmings, veg, pudding, biscuits and festive treats. We are encouraging families to consider sponsoring a hamper so that another family can enjoy a meal together. Can you please publicising in your churches or consider a church donation to CLOJ - details are on the webpage.

**Packing** We are inviting people to register to help and pack the hampers on **Friday 21 December**. Packing will be at two locations, each packing 500 hampers - Tolworth United Reformed Church for Kingston Borough, and Morden Baptist Church for Merton Borough. We expect the packing to last from 10am - 2pm on that day. Volunteers can sign up on the website.

**Delivering** We are inviting volunteers with cars to help deliver hampers from lists we produce on **Saturday 22 December**. If each car can deliver 10 hampers we need 100 volunteers at each centre to distribute to 500 homes in teams of two. Volunteers can sign up on the website.

**Pray** Please join us in praying for this initiative. The teams delivering the hampers will have the opportunity to talk and offer to pray with the families as they drop off the hampers. Pray that each home receiving a hamper will also know 'God with us' this Christmas.

Every blessing

Paul Pickhaver

Leader - Community Outreach Doxa Deo Community Church.

***For more information about our church and events visit our website at [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org) - email address: [admin@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto:admin@stmatthewskt6.org)  
Church Office (Open 9 -12.30pm Mon, Tues & Thurs) Tel.no 8390 5121***

**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](http://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.