



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

16th December 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent

“ the Posada continues its journey”



9.15am Holy Communion

Readings Zephaniah 3: 14-end (page 946)
 Luke 3: 7-16 (page 1029)
 Hymns MP 210, Long ago prophets knew (sheet),
 411, Of the Father's love begotten (sheet).

11.00am All Age Worship

with Nativity Play

Hymns MP 714, Mary had a little baby
 Nativity Carols, 589.

At the 9.15am service the choir will sing 'No room' by John W. Peterson, and the voluntary is two short preludes on the chorale 'Vom Himmel hoch' by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau (1663-1712), teacher of Handel.

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
 you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
 give us courage to speak the truth,
 to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right,
 with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diary for the Week

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

Monday	17	2.30pm	Christmas Service for the residents of Bourne House Care Home
		6.00pm	Community Carols at the cornerHOUSE
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Tuesday	18	1.15pm	St Matthew's Mum's Group Meeting
		6.00pm	EBBRA Carols on the Green, corner of Ellerton and Ditton Roads
		7.00pm	School Christmas Performance
Wednesday	19	1.30pm	Southborough School Carol Service
		2.0ppm	A Chance to Chat : Sitzler Room
		8.00pm	Beta House Group
Thursday	20	10.00am	Smarties
		7.00pm	Choir Practice : Sitzler Room
		8.00pm	Delta House Group
Friday	21	9.30am	School Christmas Service
Sunday	23		<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>
		10.30am	All Age Communion with Christingle - making workshop
		6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight - bring a torch for easier reading by candlelight.
Monday	24		<u>Christmas Eve</u>
		12.00 pm	Holy Communion for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter Home.
		3.30pm	Christingle Service - supporting the work of The Children's Society.
		11.15pm	Midnight Communion
Tuesday	25		<u>Christmas Day</u>
		9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.30am	All Age Celebration Service

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. The family and friends of our dear friend Mella Trotter who died peacefully on Thursday morning.

Christmas Cards in aid of Tower & Spire Appeal – Last chance for Christmas cards 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

Christmas Cards - Instead of sending individual cards to your friends in our church family, why not place your Christmas greetings on our Christmas Tree, on the notice board at back of church, and make a suitable donation to KCAH.

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.

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

Tinned ham,..tins of salmon ..chocolate and sweets ..Christmas puddings ...the sort of items to go in a hamper. Thanks for all your donations but please bring them early to allow time for distribution!

Christmas Lunch on Jesus - This year Doxa Deo Community Church are running Christmas Lunch on Jesus again and 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

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.

Packing We are inviting people to register to help and pack the hampers next **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 - email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org
Parish Office (normally open 9 -12.30pm Mon, Tues & Thurs, but will be closed over the holiday period from 21 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.