



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 27th January 2019

### Fourth Sunday of Epiphany



#### 9.15am Holy Communion

Readings 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (page 1161)  
John 12: 23-32 (page 1080)  
Hymns MP 73 (omit v2), 67, Brother, sister  
let me serve you, 473.

#### 11.00am All-Age Worship with a Baptism followed by Bring & Share lunch with Peter and Davina Irwin Clark

Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-21  
Hymns MP 151, 1041, My God is so big, Good,  
good Father, 16.

*We welcome Peter and Davina Irwin Clark to our services today.*

*At the 9.15am service the choir will sing the anthem 'Seek ye the Lord' by Varley Roberts, and the voluntary is 'Alla marcia' by William Lloyd Webber (1914-1982).*

#### Collect

God of heaven,  
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth  
and your messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us  
by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Diary for the Week

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>28</b>	9.45am	Brunch Bunch : Chapel
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30</b>	8.00pm	Beta House Group
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31</b>	10.00am	Smarties
		8.00pm	Delta & Sigma House Groups
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2</b>	10.00am	THiS Team Winter Walk from St Matthew's – see notice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday before Lent</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>THiS Team Joint All-Age Service followed by refreshments and a short service of Holy Communion</b>
		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, Dave Farris, Victor Cuthbert. Matthew Messent who is to be baptised in our 11 o'clock service today.

**THiS Team Joint All Age Service** - Next Sunday 3rd February there is a THiS Team Joint Service at St Matthew's at 10.30am followed by refreshments and then a short spoken Holy Communion Service.

**A BIG thanks** to Sophie Houghton who held a cake sale last week for the Tower and Spire Appeal. She made over 100 cakes and 17 posters to advertise the event. She raised over £80 and we are so grateful to her and the rest of the Houghton family - Well done Sophie!

**Calling all actors!** On the morning of Good Friday this year (19 April) a dramatic representation of the passion is being planned as part of the CTiS Walk of Witness through Surbiton. If you would like to be involved there is a planning meeting on Friday 15th Feb at Tolworth URC at 7.30pm. If you are interested but unable to attend please contact Rev Roger Jones 07525410083 or [rjones@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:rjones@urcsouthern.org.uk)

**The Children's Society** - If you are the owner of a Society collection box I would be very grateful, if you could bring your (hopefully full) box along to St. Matthew's church over the next few Sunday's. I attend the 9.15am service but can be found at the back of church before the 11 o'clock service.

**I should like to have them all by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February, if possible, please.**

Thank you. Paul Mackie 8224 1296.

**Lent Groups** - Churches Together in Surbiton are once again organizing ecumenical Lent groups. We are looking for Course Leaders/hosts, a variety of venues and sessions (morning, afternoon or evening) to which everyone is welcome. This year we will be following Churches Together in Britain and Ireland's Lent Course – '**The Mystery of God**'. The five weekly sessions would start week-beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Please let Helen know, as soon as possible (**no later than 3rd February**), if you are willing to host a session which can be included in our Lent Course Programme. Thank you.

### **Foodbank Focus - February "Tinned Meals"**

Meat or Veggie ..the choice is yours.

Thanks for all the January donations.

When placing items in the boxes at the back of church please make sure the box lids are on tightly.

**KCAH** - Items needed please - Men's (new) underwear, rucksacks, sleeping bags, deodorants, toothpaste etc. Please place them in the box provided at the back of church. Thank you.

**Can you Help?** - We have been asked by a friend of the church if anyone knows of any available accommodation for a young man who is a university student but currently homeless in the area. His family are Syrian Refugees. If so please let the Parish Office know.

### **THiS Team Winter Walk. – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Next week is the first of our 2019 walks and will be the third in the series of walks around the boundaries of the three churches in the Team. This year it's St. Matthew's. We'll gather at 10:00am inside St.

Matthew's Church, St Matthew's Avenue, where car parking is available in the road outside. Our walk will take in parts of the parish boundary and last around 2 hours. It is highly unlikely that there will be any muddy bits but please do wear shoes that you'll be comfortable walking in for that length of time.

After the walk a soup lunch will be served in the Sitzler Room within St. Matthew's church.

FOR CATERING PURPOSES WOULD YOU KINDLY LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING, AND ALSO IF YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.

We hope you'll be able to join us. Love, Dave & Jackie 07540702400

**"An Evening with Elaine"** - Elaine Blackmore is hosting "An Evening with Elaine" at The CornerHouse in Douglas Road on **Friday 15th February**. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Church Tower and Spire appeal. If anyone would like tickets this can be purchased via the following website <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/573752>.

*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)*

*Parish Office is open 9 -12.30pm Mon, Tues & Thurs.*

*Tel.no. 020 8390 5121.*

***Motto Verse 2019***

***"Unless the Lord builds the house,***

***those who build it labour in vain." Psalm 127.1***

**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.

**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.

**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>