



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

24th February 2019

Second Sunday before Lent

Sermon series - "David and his friends"



"David and Saul"

9.15am Holy Communion

11.00am All Age Worship

Readings 1 Samuel 19: 1-10 (Page 291)
John 15 :18-21 (Page 1083)

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Hymns MP 404, 533, 146, 173.

Hymns MP 936, Stand up, clap hands, 921,506

At the 9.15am service the choir will sing the anthem "My eyes for beauty pine" by Howells, and the organ voluntary is 'Farewell to Stromness' by Maxwell Davies.

Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
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).

Monday	25	9.45am	Brunch Bunch : Sitzler Room
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Tuesday	26	2.30pm	Holy Communion for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter
		7.45 for 8pm	Deanery Synod Meeting (part open meeting) -see notice
Wednesday	27	7.30pm	New Alpha Course starts: Sitzler Room
		8.00pm	Beta House Group
Thursday	28	10.00am	Smarties
		7.00pm	Choir Practice
		8.00pm	Delta & Sigma House Groups
Friday	1	10.00am	St Matthew's Mum'
		12.30pm	Soup Lunch with a speaker: Sitzler Room - see notice
Saturday	2	5.30pm	Games and Pizza Evening at the cornerHOUSE – see notice
Sunday	3		Sunday next before Lent
		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, Victor Cuthbert, Roy and Letta Smith.

Sermon Series -Today is the third in our sermon series about David and his 'friends'.

Looking at some of his adventures and at the many complicated relationships which King David had during his lifetime will help us to consider how we might conduct ourselves today as Seven Whole Day Christians . Remember that if you miss one in the series then you will be able to catch up on 'Listen Again' on the website. We are also going to encourage some feedback on the series so don't be surprised if someone asks you to fill in a feedback form!

New Church Electoral Roll - We are now preparing a new Electoral Roll for the APCM on 7th April.

If you would like to be included on the Roll please complete an application form from the back of church. This year we are required to start a new Roll from scratch so even if you were on last year's roll please fill in a form. The closing date is Sunday 17th March. If you have any questions please speak to Judith Jones.

Alpha - Please let Helen know as soon as possible if you are inviting anyone to the **Alpha Course** starting next **Wednesday 27th February at 7.30pm** or if you would like to attend yourself.

Deanery Synod - Once again the first part of the **Deanery Synod Meeting** next **Tuesday 26th Feb** is an open meeting. It is to be held at St James Church, Bodley Road, New Malden and Bishop Richard will address the Deanery on 'An outward looking church in the 21st Century' followed by questions. 7.30pm for refreshments with an 8pm start. All welcome.

CTiS Ecumenical Lent Course - This year we will be following Churches Together in Britain and Ireland's Lent Course – '**The Mystery of God**'. The five weekly sessions will start week-beginning **Monday 11th March**. You are invited to look at the notice at the back of church and to make contact with the leader of whichever group you would like to join. Groups are spread across the week daytime and evening. Both Brunch Bunch (which starts on the 18th March) and Beta are opening their doors to new members but why not try going to a group in a different church to meet some new people?

Soup Lunch - Our next Soup Lunch is this **Friday 1 March at 12.30pm** in the Sitzler Room. We serve a variety of delicious homemade soups (no doubt, including Leek Soup for St David's Day). We also have a guest speaker, Les Jackson, a retired police officer based in Richmond who will be giving a presentation and talk about Frauds and Scams. Please come and join us, everyone is welcome.

Games and Pizza Evening - next **Saturday 2nd March**, An evening of games, food and fun, suitable for all, at the cornerHOUSE, 5.30 – 9pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults, £3 for children to include pizza, with a cash or card bar. In aid of the Tower and Spire Appeal.

Gareth Giles Piano and Organ Recital: On **23rd March** Gareth Giles, who has played the organ for us on a number of occasions, will be giving a recital in the church in aid of the Tower & Spire Appeal. If you've heard Gareth before you'll know what a talented player he is and what exuberance he brings to his performances, so this recital promises to be both varied and highly entertaining. The concert is at 7.30pm on Saturday 23rd March and entry is free, with a retiring collection. Refreshments will be available.

Easter Flowers - Helen and the Wardens have decided - that this Easter instead of having lilies in the church in memory of loved ones we will have white roses. Please do get in touch with Carol Bainbridge nearer the time if you wish to take part. The suggested donation will remain at £4 per stem and excess funds will go towards church flower at other times.

Foodbank Focus ..March

Jars of Pasta Sauce or Jars of Instant Coffee. Thanks for all your donations in February. .
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.

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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 much needed replacement of the organ electronics which date from 1962. Thanks for your contributions – please keep them coming, every little helps.

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>

Motto Verse 2019

***“Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.” Psalm 127.1***