



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

3rd February 2019

Fifth Sunday before Lent



10.30am THIS Team Combined All Age Service followed by refreshments and a short Service of Holy Communion.

We welcome our brothers and sisters from St George's Tolworth and St Paul's Hook who are joining us today for our Annual Team Celebration Service.

Hymns Amazing Grace MP 31, If I were a butterfly, Lord for the years MP428.

Collect

God of our salvation,
Help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies
and poison our minds
and to choose again your gift of life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diary for the Week

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

Sunday	3	3.30pm	Service for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter Home
Monday	4	9.45am	Brunch Bunch : Chapel
		1.30pm	St Matthew's Mum's Group Meeting
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Tuesday	5	8.00pm	Discipleship Meeting
		8.30pm	Ruby House Group
Wednesday	6	8.00pm	Fundraising Team Meeting
		8.00pm	Beta House Group
Thursday	7	10.00am	Smarties
		6.30pm	Shrewsbury House School Evensong- in church- all welcome
		8.00pm	Delta & Sigma House Groups
Friday	8	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	10		Fourth Sunday before Lent
		9.15am	Holy Communion Service
		11.00am	All Age Worship

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.

New Church Electoral Roll- We are now preparing a new Electoral Roll for the APCM in 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. If you have any questions please speak to Judith Jones.

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 11th March**. Please let Helen know by the end of services today if you are willing to host a session which can be included in our Lent Course Programme. Thank you.

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

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 17th February, if possible, please.**
Thank you. Paul Mackie 8224 1296.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Soup Lunch – Thirty people representing most of the churches in Surbiton attended the Unity Week Soup Lunch in St Matthew's last week. In a warm convivial atmosphere we enjoyed getting to know our fellow Christians better whilst partaking of some delicious soups. Donations totalling £143, including Gift Aid, were given for KCAH and a big thankyou to everyone who came and helped, in any way, to make it a very enjoyable occasion.

"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>.

Games and Pizza Evening - **Saturday 2nd March**, suitable for all, at the cornerHOUSE, 5.30 – 9pm. Tickets will be on sale soon to include food, with a cash bar. In aid of the Tower and Spire Appeal.

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.

<p><i>For more information about our church and events visit our website at</i> www.stmatthewskt6.org - <i>email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org</i> <i>Parish Office is open 9 -12.30pm Mon, Tues & Thurs. Tel.no. 020 8390 5121.</i></p>
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Motto Verse 2019
"Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain." Psalm 127.1

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.

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>