



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

17th March 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

Sermon series - "David and his friends"



"David and Nathan"

9.15am Morning Prayer

Readings 2 Samuel 12: 1-10 (page 315)
John 8:31-36 (page 1074)
Psalm 51 (page 573)
Hymns MP 495, 583, 582.

11.00am All Age Communion

Reading 2 Samuel 12: 1-10.
Hymns MP Your love is shining like the sun,
I love you Jesus, This I believe, 476.

At the 9.15am service the choir will sing the anthem 'God so loved the world' by Goss, and the voluntary will be the first movement of the Sonata No.5 by Mendelssohn.

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come and share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diary for the Week

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

Monday	18	10.00am	Brunch Bunch- CTS Lent Study Course
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Tuesday	19	2.30pm	Holy Communion for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter Home
		8.00pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday	20	2.00pm	A Chance to Chat: Sitzler Room
		7.30pm	Alpha Course: Sitzler Room
		8.00pm	Beta House Group- CTS Lent Study Course
Thursday	21	10.00am	SMarties
		7.00pm	Choir Practice
Friday	22	10.00am	St Matthew's Mum's Group Meeting: Sitzler Room
Saturday	23	7.30pm	Gareth Giles Concert- in Church – see notice
Sunday	24		Third Sunday of Lent
		9.15am	Holy Communion
		11.00am	All Age Worship

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for: Reverends Helen Hancock, Luke Wickings, David Nyirongo, Carolyn Lucas & their families, the THiS Team, Paul Atkins, Jill and Alan Thomas. Bettina Dover's Funeral Service is on Tuesday 9th April at 12 noon at St George's.

Sermon Series -Today is the sixth 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. 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 today.** If you have any questions please speak to Judith Jones.

APCM -after the **Joint Service at 10.30am on 7th April including the Annual Parochial Church Meeting** we will have a Bring and Share lunch. This year we have a couple of vacancies coming up on our PCC. If you are interested in standing or finding out more about how you might help the church in this way then please speak with Helen or Jen Houghton (PCC Secretary) asap. Also Pauline and Mike are willing to stand again as Churchwardens but if anyone else would like to stand as well then nomination forms are available at the back of church.

Please note service time changes - There are changes to the service times in the coming weeks. On the **31st March, Mothering Sunday**, there will be a said service of Holy Communion at 9.00am with a joint All Age Service at 10.30am. On **Sunday 7th April** we are holding a joint service including the APCM at 10.30 am, followed by refreshments and a short service of Holy Communion.

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.

Girls' Night IN- On **Friday 29th March** you (if you're female!) are invited to join us for a Girls' Night IN. We will have a takeaway dinner in the Sitzler Room together and the chance to catch up. Bring whatever you would like to drink. We'll be ordering the food so need to know in advance how many of us and any dietary requirements. Tickets are £10 please from Helen, Judith Mackie or Jen Houghton.

African Vision Malawi- We are looking for 8 raincoats for staff that work outside in Malawi. Also men's swimming shorts and ladies swimming costumes! Do you happen to have some small electrical equipment spare in your garage or shed? We are looking for multi-meters, electrical screw drivers and soldering irons for our basic electronics course. I am back out to Malawi on **26th March** and will try and take any of the above donations with me! We are holding another 500km cycle challenge in April, of which I will try to do around 400km as I will be making lunches on route too! We have members from our church doing the challenge, Kathy and Bryan Goodman, along with their daughter Karla and our son Sam. If you want to encourage them and donate to a wonderful cause which is empowering people out of poverty their link pages are below. Many thanks as always for your support. Heather x
<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/bryangoodman1>,
<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/kathygoodman1>
<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/karlagoodman1>
<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/samcyclesmalawi>

Road Ambassadors - if you live in the Parish and would be prepared to take responsibility for your road (or part of) e.g. delivering any flyers then please sign up on the sheets at the back of church. If you live elsewhere but are still happy to help we need lots of volunteers - please see which roads aren't already taken and sign up for one – thanks.

***For more information about our church and events visit our website at
www.stmatthewskt6.org - email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org
Facebook [StMatthewsChurchSurbiton](https://www.facebook.com/StMatthewsChurchSurbiton) www.stmatthewskt6.org
Parish Office is open 9 -12.30pm Mon, Tues & Thurs. Tel.no. 020 8390 5121.***

St Matthew's Website -We are soon to have a new website so need to have some fresh photographs. This will mean people snapping away at various times and in various places. If this is a problem for you and you don't want to appear then please let Helen know. Equally if you have any good shots that we might be able to use, please send them to Helen.

Foodbank Focus .. CHANGE for March

Now urgently needed -..tinned fruit and fruit squash please.. 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.

The Generosity Challenge - If you like a challenge for Lent you can take 'The Generosity Challenge' - why not take a look at www.40acts.org.uk? '40 days, 40 reflections, 40 challenges to make a difference'. Or count your blessings with Christian Aid and 'Rise up against Climate Change' at www.caid.org.uk/lent

5ps Collection for the Organ Fund. - The model of St Matthew's Church piggy bank which can be found at the back of church has just been emptied and an amount of £76.58p paid into the fund. (Don't know where the odd 3p came from but all denominations welcome). It is hoped to have some work done in the summer to replace the organ electronics which date from 1962 but there is still a lot more to be done. So, thanks for your contributions and please keep the 5ps coming. Wes Johnson would be pleased that we are continuing with this and as he always said "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***