



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 3rd March 2019

### Sunday next before Lent

*Sermon series - "David and his friends"*



*"David and Jonathan"*

**9.15am Holy Communion**

**11.00am All Age Worship**

Readings 2 Samuel 1:17, 19-27 (page 304)  
John 21:15-22 (page 1090)

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Hymns MP 207, 143, 37, 338.

Hymns MP 14, 1127, Hallelu, Hallelu, 1134,746.

*At the 9.15am service the choir will sing the anthem "Rejoice in the Lord alway" by Purcell, and the organ voluntary is 'Voluntary in G minor' by Thomas Roseingrave (1690-1766).*

### Collect

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives;  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory 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).

Sunday	3	3.30pm	Service for the residents of the Royal Star & Garter Home
Monday	4	9.45am	Brunch Bunch : Sitzler Room
		8.00pm	Inspire House Group
Tuesday	5	8.30pm	Ruby House Group
Wednesday	6		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
		11.00am	<b>ThiS Team Ash Wednesday Service at St Paul's, Hook</b>
		7.30pm	Alpha Course: Sitzler Room
		7.30pm	<b>ThiS Team Ash Wednesday Service at St George's</b>
		8.00pm	Beta House Group
Thursday	7	10.00am	Smarties
		1.00pm	Wedding in Church
		7.00pm	Choir Practice
		8.00pm	Sigma House Group
Sunday	10		<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
		9.15am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
		11.00am	<b>All Age Worship</b>

**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, Alan Thomas, Roy and Letta Smith. The family and friends of Bettina (Betty) Dover a committed member of St George's and a long time friend of St Matthew's, who died on Wednesday. Peter O'Brien and Maria Dos Santos Tavares De Lira who are to be married here on Thursday.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> March.** If you have any questions please speak to Judith Jones.

**Sermon Series** -Today is the fourth 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!

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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?

**Gareth Giles Piano and Organ Recital:** On **23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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

**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](http://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](http://www.caid.org.uk/lent).

### **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.

### **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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[www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org) - *email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org*  
*Facebook StMatthewsChurchSurbiton* [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)  
*Parish Office is open 9 -12.30pm Mon, Tues & Thurs. Tel.no. 020 8390 5121.*

**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>

**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.

***Motto Verse 2019***

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