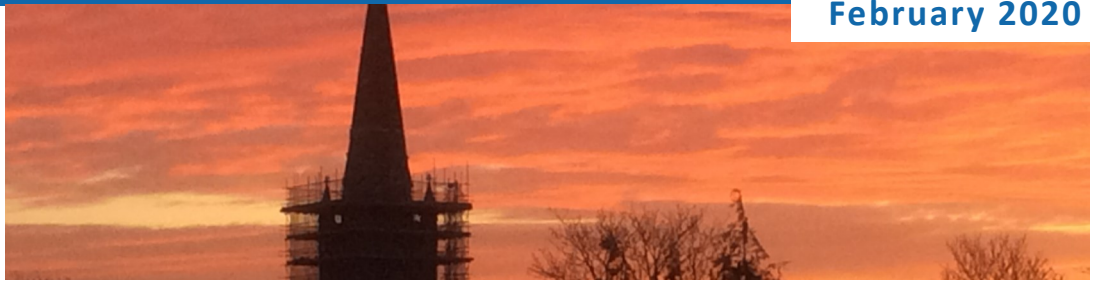


InforMatt

February 2020



Welcome to **InforMatt**, the monthly news-sheet for St. Matthew's, Surbiton. If you would like to know more about upcoming events and church activities, please visit our website – www.stmatthewskt6.org or visit us on Sunday mornings at 9.15 or 11am .

Out with the old . . . in with the new — 2nd attempt!

Reading through my backlog of emails I was pleased this morning to think that I could ignore the article about *whether I was tired of making New Year's Resolutions*. Let's face it, that ship has definitely sailed for this year. Having said that though, I did find the following list to be a really useful model for reflecting about how we might approach the things of God, not just at the start of a New Year, but at any time of taking stock.

Look

Look back...

what has God been doing?

Look forward...

what does he want to do?

Look up...

what is the grace you need from him?

Look.

Listen

For the promptings of his Spirit...

for the people he wants you to bless,

for the projects he wants you to focus on,

for the processes he wants you to change.

Listen.

Learn

Learn something new...

in leadership;

in life;

in love.

Learn.

What a wonderful list!

It reminds me a bit of the Green Cross Code man encouraging us all to 'Stop, Look and Listen' and I guess that, in fact, before we can really Look, Listen and Learn properly, we do need to stop first. This will allow us to take the time and space for meaningful engagement.

I believe, in particular, that list provides us with some good scaffolding as we limber up mentally and spiritually to think about (and act on) our Motto Verse for 2020. I was delighted at the way in which this was received when it was launched and hope and pray that we can all take its message to heart and act on it as individuals and as a community. I would also love it if we can employ, express and display this phrase creatively over the coming months so if you have ideas about that, please let me know.

Just in case you haven't come across it yet, our Motto Verse is based on Nehemiah 5.15:

*Out of reverence for the Lord,
I acted differently*

It gives us so much scope to consider how we act as Christians everyday and places a renewed emphasis on us all to live out our Seven Whole Days Vision.

One suggestion was that we might reduce the phrase to the snappier '**For God's sake, act differently!**' So think of that (and thank William Allberry) if you find it easier to remember. However you remember it, please do think on it and see what God may be putting on your heart or St Matthew's heart for this year.



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St Matthew's along with St George's and St Paul's is part of the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry ('THiS Team')

January

26 Sunday		Third Sunday of Epiphany
	9.15 am	Holy Communion Service
	11.00 am	11 o'clock Service
27 Mon	9.45 am	Brunch Bunch
	8.00 pm	Inspire House Group
28 Tues	11.30 am	Service of Celebration for Melda Hyde's life followed by refreshments
29 Wed	10am	Launch of J.John - JustOne
	8.00 pm	Beta House Group
30 Thurs	10.00 am	SMArties Embroidery Group
	8.00 pm	Delta House Group
	8.00 pm	Sigma House Group
31 Fri	7.30 pm	Choir at St Andrew's choir rehearsal

February

1 Sat	9.45 am	Winter Team Walk - around Reigate Heath with a visit to the Windmill church. We'll meet; weather permitting, at 9:45 sharp at The Pheasant at Buckland on the A25 between Dorking and Reigate. All welcome.
2 Sunday		Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
	10.30 am	THIS Team Joint Service at St Paul's, followed by refreshments and a short Communion Service. NO services at St Matthew's
	3.30 pm	Service for the residents at The Royal Star and Garter Home
3 Mon	9.45 am	Brunch Bunch
	7.45 pm	Pastoral Team meeting
	8.00 pm	Inspire House Group
4 Tues	8.00 pm	Ruby House Group
5 Wed	8.00 pm	Beta House Group
6 Thurs	10.15 am	Project Team meeting
	10.00 am	SMArties Embroidery Group
	7.00 pm	Choir practice - Sitzler Room
	8.00 pm	Delta House Group
	8.00 pm	Sigma House Group
7 Fri	10.00 am	St Matthew's Mum's Group meeting - Creche
	12.30 pm	Soup Lunch - church
9 Sunday		Third Sunday before Lent
	9.15 am	Holy Communion Service
	11.00 am	11 o'clock Service
10 Mon	9.45 am	Brunch Bunch
	11.00 am	Holy Communion for the residents of Milverton Care Home
	7.00 pm	Finance Committee meeting
	8.00 pm	Inspire House Group
11 Tues	2.30 pm	Holy Communion for the residents of Rosclare Care Home
	8.00 pm	Beta House Group
13 Thurs	7.00 pm	Choir practice - Sitzler Room
	8.00 pm	Delta House Group
	8.00 pm	Sigma House Group
16 Sunday		Second Sunday before Lent
	9.15 am	Morning Prayer
	11.00 am	All Age Communion
	5.00 pm	Fuel Youth Group meeting - North Room
17 Mon	9.45 am	Brunch Bunch
	10.30 am	Holy Communion for the residents of Bourne House
	8.00 pm	Inspire House Group
18 Tues	2.30 pm	Holy Communion for the residents of The Royal Star and Garter Home

19 Wed	8.00 pm	Beta House Group
20 Thurs	10.00 am	SMArties Embroidery Group
	1.30 pm	St Matthew's Mum's Group meeting - Creche
	7.00 pm	Choir practice - Sitzler Room
	8.00 pm	Delta House Group
	8.00 pm	Sigma House Group
22 Sat	5.00 pm	Ceilidh at the cornerHOUSE - all welcome - buy your tickets now!

23 Sunday Sunday next before Lent

9.15 am **Holy Communion Service**
11.00 am **11 o'clock Service**

24 Mon	9.45 am	Brunch Bunch
	8.00 pm	Inspire House Group
25 Tues	1.30 pm	Discipleship Team meeting
26 Wed		Ash Wednesday
	11.00 am	THiS Team Ash Wednesday Service - St George's
	7.45 pm	CHAT Ash Wednesday Service - Chessington Methodist Church, Church Lane, Chessington KT9 2DJ
27 Thurs	10.00 am	SMArties Embroidery Group
	7.00 pm	Choir practice - Sitzler Room
	8.00 pm	Delta House Group
	8.00 pm	Sigma House Group

March

1 Sunday First Sunday of Lent

9.15 am **Holy Communion Service**
11.00 am **11 o'clock Service**

Lent Study courses begin...
No Home Groups during Lent.

Future dates for your diary

June 27-28	Celebration Weekend Celebrating the end of the construction phase of the Tower and Spire Project - Bell ringing workshops, craft activities, BBQ, street party, poetry, concert. 28 7.00pm J.John - JustOne - at the Rose Theatre, Kingston - tickets available soon
Sept 12-13 19-20	Heritage Open Days - more details to follow Heritage Open Days - more details to follow
Oct 16-18	AwayWeekend 2020- De Vere Horsley Hotel. More details to follow but please put the dates in your diaries now so you are free to come along.

St Matthew's Ceilidh
Saturday 22nd February
5 – 8pm
at the cornerHOUSE
116 Douglas Road, Surbiton

With Ploughman's Supper
and Paying Bar

£5 Adult
£3 Child
£15 Family

