



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

5th July 2020

Fourth Sunday after Trinity School Welcome Sunday



Sadly, all services in the church building are still suspended. But we are still Church and, for a trial period, the church will be OPEN, for private prayer only, on Tuesday afternoons between 2-4pm and on Saturday mornings between 10-12 noon. Social distancing must be observed.

Collect for the Week

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world;
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:

Reverends Helen Hancock, Luke Wickings, David Nyirongo, Carolyn Lucas & their families. THiS Team, Michael Kennett, Miles Stuart-William, Carol Bainbridge, St Matthew's Primary School the children, parents, staff and governors and especially those in Year 6 who are moving on to secondary school and those who will be joining Reception in September and who have been invited to attend our on-line service today for our School Welcome Sunday.



Worship - we are offering daily worship on our website www.stmatthewskt6.org and Facebook page 'St Matthew's Church Surbiton'. There is usually a live streamed Service at 10.30 am each Sunday followed by a short service of Holy Communion. You will find it on our Facebook page or through the link on the front page of the website.

Sunday 12 July – there will be no live streamed service next Sunday. Instead there will be a short recorded THiS Team service, which will be led by Rev Carolyn Lucas and available from the website or Facebook.

But it would also be great if as KiT Groups you might think of some **new way to be church together**. Why not meet for a walk, or a sit down in Fishponds or elsewhere, if some of your group are happy to go out .

. Or you could meet in a garden to pray together - perhaps calling up others of your group who are staying at home. . . Or you could meet online and have a Zoom cup of coffee together . . . Or you could all agree that you will pray in your own homes for one another at a set time - perhaps even having shared prayer requests before . . . Or that you will all call one other person at the same time . . . Or you will experience silence together, where you are, at a fixed time . . . There are so many different ways in which we can express being church together and this gives you the opportunity for just one Sunday to try something new! Get talking now in your KiT groups now and decide what you might do.

Please always maintain the new appropriate social distancing rules in whatever you decide to do.

Daily Worship Notes - these are being prepared each week (written by one of THiS Team Clergy) and are being distributed to all those across the Team without a computer, to ensure that we are all part of our worshipping community together. These members are also receiving other material for the week.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

If you call 0800 804 804 (free) you will hear a greeting from Archbishop Justin himself and you can then choose from a range of options including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on Covid-19. The service is free from land line or mobile. Please pass this on to others who might be interested.

Zoom – please note that you can join Zoom calls from your ordinary home phone for the price of a local call – you don’t need a computer or any technical know-how! Ask Helen for more details.

Opening for worship we are currently still digesting the government’s new directives on social distancing and awaiting the National Church’s guidance as well. In the meantime we do not anticipate holding worship services in church before August at the very earliest. We will keep everyone up to date with our plans, once we know them! If you have thoughts or idea or suggestions about how we might go about all this – then please do get in touch with Helen, Pauline or Mike. No one is an expert in any of this!

Are you able to help? – Some of you may remember that last year at this time we sent out a request to find accommodation for Gayle Hanslik, our local Christians against Poverty Debt Centre manager, with a successful outcome. Unfortunately, that has now come to an end and we would like to ask for your help again please. A self- contained furnished property (eg “granny” annex, studio flat) would be ideal but it is important that Gayle has somewhere to live. Availability will need to be from August/ September. If you can help please contact Phil Hutchinson, St Johns CAP Team, at philipcap48@yahoo.co.uk or 020 8942 3942. Thank you.

Motto Verse 2020

Out of reverence for the Lord, I acted differently.

based on Nehemiah 5.15