



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
29th November 2020
First Sunday of Advent



Join our services live online or watch later
- no one permitted in church this week:

**9.30am '20MinutestoPraiseGod' a short service
focused on children and young people**

10.30am Service of Holy Communion
For links to these services please see our website

Collect for the Week

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:

Reverends Helen Hancock, Luke Wickings, David Nyirongo, Carolyn Lucas & their families,
Jen Houghton and family, THiS Team and also for Carol Bainbridge, Miles Stewart Williams
and Paul Atkins and David Itcovitz.

**The Church will be open for private individual prayer
this week just on Thursday 3 Dec from 8.45am to 2pm**

**Next week we anticipate our services will return to the pattern before the
second lockdown. This means we will have a 9am Holy Communion Service
and 10.30am worship for all with Children's groups**

Subscribe to our **YouTube Channel** to find our services easily online. Just search St
Matthew's Church Surbiton and click 'Subscribe'.

Readers for Christmas Carol Services – If you would like to read at either of the Carols by Candlelight services this year, please let Helen know asap. We will be holding two – at 4pm and 6.30pm on Sunday 20 December. You can either read in person in the church or pre-record it from home.

Can you give the Holy Family a bed for the night?

We are running a virtual Posada where Mary, Joseph and Bonkey the Donkey travel around the parish each night of Advent. The Holy Family can stay in your home by using figures from your nativity set, dressing dolls or colouring templates which we will provide.

Arrange a short virtual meet-up via Zoom or by phone to receive the Holy Family and then another as you pass them on to their next hosts. It's a great way to meet others from Church and reflect on the travels of Mary and Joseph during Advent.

Please sign up now for a date now by visiting:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A4AE2FA1FF2-posada>

and contact Jen if you have any questions - jen.houghton@hotmail.com or 07792 242 710.

Christmas Lunch on Jesus – if you would like to get involved with this project which provides festive meals for local people in need please do take a look at their website:

www.christmaslunchonjesus.org.uk

Eco-Church As part of our efforts to become an Eco-Church, we are looking to find out if anyone in our Church family is already engaged in local conservation work. If you have a passion for local wildlife, birds, are involved in conservation work or are active with any environmental organisations, please do let now Jen know (details above)

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For more information about our church and events visit our website at

www.stmatthewskt6.org

email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org Facebook 'StMatthewsChurchSurbiton'

Julie is still working, although sometimes from home.

Please don't try to visit the Parish Office for the time being

but we can be reached on the phone:

Parish Office 020 8390 5121

Rev Helen Hancock 020 8390 3829

Motto Verse2020

Out of reverence for the Lord, I acted differently

based on Nehemiah 5.15