

Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

31st January 2021 The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany



Join our services live online or watch later
NO congregation present in church
9.30am '20MinutestoPraiseGod'
10.30am Service of Holy Communion

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Collect

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, Janice Price and THiS Team, for Carol Bainbridge, Paul Atkins, David Itcovitz and Miles Stewart Williams, Heather Palmer and her father Harry Lewis, for Anne and the Azinge family as they mourn the death of Venerable Dr N.O Azinge back in Nigeria. Please pray especially for all young people for whom this is a particularly challenging time.

This week is fourth of our sermon series at 10.30am based around the 'Five Marks of Mission' – tell, teach, tend, transform and treasure. We will be exploring how we can put these into action in positive and practical ways. It will also lead into a focus on eco-church during Lent – a project which is being led by Jen Houghton as part of her ordinand training responsibilities.

<u>Rev Victor Cuthbert</u> -Having reached the age of 75 recently, Rev Victor Cuthbert has decided to retire from active ministry. We hope to mark this when we can do so back in church but, in the meantime, we thank Victor on behalf of us all for his gentle and generous ministry amongst us.

Start is a course starting online on **Monday 1 Feb** for 6 weeks for those who would like to explore the Christian faith. If you have perhaps recently started coming to church or you have been coming a while but have questions about the basics of faith, then please do join by getting in contact with Helen. The course will run on Zoom on Mondays 8 – 9.15pm.

Please do make sure our **WeekendAway** is in your diary for this year. After the great success of 2018 and the disappointment of postponement in 2020 we are booked for 15-17 October 2021 at the DeVere Horsley hotel once again. We are hoping it will be a great opportunity to share time together - circumstances permitting, of course.

The Discipleship Team are playing two more **Zoom Saturday morning** sessions 9.30 - 11.30am on 27 February to consider our Motto Verse for 2021 and on 3 April to share reflections for Easter Saturday - everyone welcome!

Lent Study Groups - There will be NO ecumenical Lent Study Groups this year in view of the difficulties in organising these.

THiS Team Weekend - Quiz Night on Zoom on Saturday 6 February and Team Joint Service on Sunday 7 Feb at 10.30am. To join the guiz you will need Meeting ID: 999 3543 7299 Passcode: Quiz789. Join from 7.15pm. Be in by 7.25pm at the latest to be allocated to a team. Register early with Dave Farris to earn a bonus point for your Team! Email Dave at dave.farris@talk21.com before Friday 5 Feb! The Team Joint Service will be our regular 10.30am online service that Sunday.

The Bridge is a new initiative between Staywell and Kingston Churches. It is a service for anyone who feels alone or in need of support. It provides a one-to one relationship that is built over the phone making a bridge to more relationships in the wider community. If you would like to volunteer then your commitment would be a once-a week phone call that will be no longer than an hour. Please email the bridge@kingsgatechurch.org.uk for more details.



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

For more information about our church and events visit our website at www.stmatthewskt6.org email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org Facebook 'StMatthewsChurchSurbiton' Julie is currently working from home.

If you need to contact her you can try her on 07889 753290 or leave a message. The Parish Office is closed until further notice but messages will be picked up occasionally. Rev Helen Hancock 020 8390 3829 Parish Office 020 8390 5121