



**Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton**  
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry  
**9 May 2021**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



**All our services are now onsite and online**  
**9.30am All-age Worship**  
**including groups for children and young people**  
**10.45am Service of Holy Communion**

**If you are attending a service in church, social distancing must be observed and a face covering worn. Your details will be taken for track and trace.**

**Please do not attend in person if you any symptoms of the virus and why not take a regular free Covid-19 test to make sure you are not contagious, even if you've been vaccinated and provided you have no symptoms (when you should self-isolate).**

*To watch online 'as live' or later please visit our **YouTube Channel**  
Just search St Matthew's Church Surbiton and click "Subscribe"*

**Collect**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

***Give thanks for answered prayer: and please pray for:***

Reverends Helen Hancock, Luke Wickings, Carolyn Lucas & their families, Jen Houghton and family, and THiS Team, for Paul Atkins, Miles Stuart- William, Ian Vinton, Janet Harries.

Today is our **Gift Day**. The PCC agreed to invite members of the congregation to make a donation to some exciting projects in the church with 10% of anything raised to local charities and a further 10% to Christian Aid Week which runs from tomorrow to 16 May. A letter is available on the KiT page of the website or today in hard copy. Please consider your response prayerfully.

**Ascension Day** – there will be a THiS Team service next Thursday, 13 May at St Paul's at 10am which will then be available to watch on our THiS Team YouTube Channel.

**Thy Kingdom Come** is taking place once again between Ascension and Pentecost (13 -23 May). On each evening 14 – 22 May there will be a Zoom Prayer meeting from 7 – 7.20pm across THiS Team. We will be focusing on prayer for the 'hidden' church in countries where the Christian faith cannot be openly practised.

Why not join one of these prayer times, just 20 minutes long - the Zoom Meeting details are as follows: ZOOM ID: 140 942 378 PASSWORD: tkc

Following the results of the survey, our **AwayWeekend** has been postponed – until hopefully May 6 -8 2022. However, following the previously very successful AwayDay we are also planning to hold another AwayDay on **Saturday 16 October** instead so please continue to keep the date in your diary.

**Congratulations** to Councillor Sushila Abraham, a member of our congregation, who will become Mayor of Kingston later this month for the next year. Let us pray for her as she takes on these civic responsibilities.

**Christian Aid Week-** Along with 5 other local clergy Helen is going to be walking 4.5 miles each day of Christian Aid Week (10 – 15 May), carrying 2 buckets of water to share in a very small way with those who make such journeys for water every day. Thanks to those who are going to walk with her and please sponsor them at: <http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kingstonchurches>

*Christian Aid highlights the plight of Rose who walks 8km each day to collect 4 jerry cans of water - and then carries them home. People like Rose are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water. From drought to flooding, climate chaos robs people of control over their lives. I often feel hungry, Rose says. Because of climate change, I worry a lot about food. I pray to God that the rainfall will become normal like it used to be. In recent years, the drought has been so bad that it's caused a hunger crisis. Crops wither and die. Rivers run dry. People struggle to survive. The coronavirus pandemic has only made this lack of water more critical for Rose. Without water for handwashing, it is a struggle to stay safe from the virus. Please support my fundraising and help to provide reliable water source, for people like Rose. Your gift will help support Christian Aid's vital work with some of the poorest communities in the world. Thank you!*

**IMPORTANT – ACTION REQUIRED PLEASE** - The Statutory proposal/consultation concerning a **new Church of England Secondary School** in Kingston has had to be re-run due to a last-minute objection. It's more important than ever that the Council receives letter and emails in support. Please send a letter or email of support especially for the fact that it will be a faith school but open to all by **Fri 21 May** to Mr Matthew Paul ([matthew.paul@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:matthew.paul@achievingforchildren.org.uk)) – Associate Director for School Place Planning for Kingston. Correspondence should be denoted: 'Response to Proposed Kingston C of E Secondary School'. For more details please look on the KiT page of the website.

### **Motto Verse 2021**

***I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness.***

***From John 10.10.***

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

***[www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org) email address: [admin@stmatthewskt6.org](mailto: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.***

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