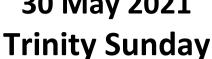


Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

30 May 2021





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"

The choir anthem this week is 'Holy, holy, holy' by Schubert, and the organ voluntary is the Prelude and Fugue in G BWV557 by Bach.

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. 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 and Maureen Lydall. For all those who face exams in the next few weeks.

Welcomers please? – Urgently needed Thank you to those who have already signed up but we are in need of welcomers at both services especially over the next few weeks and following weeks. To everyone who is happy and able to volunteer, thank you, please click on the link below to go through to Sign Up Genius and the online rota where you can see the sessions needed. This replaces our usual rotas for the time-being:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A4AE2FA1FF2-rotas or contact Julie Usher. As always, we are extremely grateful to you, our volunteers, without whom we couldn't open our doors and welcome people in safely.

Our **Community Café** run by Balance is open every Wednesday 10am- 2pm in the Sitzler Room. It will be open for hot drinks and cake and also soup at lunchtime. Last week eggs and home-made produce were also on sale. Why not give it a try sometime, bring a friend and spread the news!

<u>Diocesan Synod Elections</u> -Elections for the Southwark Diocesan Synod will take place during the first two weeks of July. The Kingston Deanery will be electing four members of the laity as its Diocesan Synod representatives. If you'd like to consider being nominated as a candidate for one of these four seats, please contact either one of our parish Deanery Synod representatives or John Dewhurst, the Lay Chair of the Deanery (<u>jdewhurst34@gmail.com</u>) for more information. Nominations must be submitted by 17th June.

We are planning to have a <u>Maintenance Day</u> including work on the rose garden. The date in mind is **Saturday 3rd July** in the morning. Please sign up with Mike Taylor so we know who is likely to be there. We need all the help we can get!!

<u>Wildlife Survey</u> - Do you know your daffodils from your dahlias? Your violets from your vetch? If so, we need you for our first St Matthew's *Count on Nature* wildlife survey. Join others in the grounds of the Church to identify plants and wildlife on **Wednesday 9**June between 10am and 12pm. No expert knowledge required, just an enthusiasm for nature. For more info, contact Jen on jen.houghton@hotmail.com or 07792 242 710 - but no need to book, just come along on the day.

Eco Church

We are committed to reusing where we can so . .

- 1) do you have a <u>large-ish computer monitor</u> (not a TV) of around 24" that you would be happy to donate to the church, or to lend on a long-term basis? Or
- (2) a <u>panini maker</u> stuck at the back of a cupboard somewhere which you never use? Balance would like to expand their offerings in the café. Thank you for the offers of mobile phone now sorted! If you have either of these, please let Helen or Simon know - many thanks.

Also In our progress towards <u>eco-friendly church</u> status we need to seek to ensure that products used in the church kitchen and the building are, as far as possible, Locally-sourced, Organic, Animal Friendly and Fairtrade ('LOAF') and also environmentally friendly. So, we are going to try purchasing more items through the Parish Office. If you notice that we need cleaning products or anything else please let Julie know and don't bring in something from home that may not meet the strict criteria to which we now need to try to work.

Following the results of the survey, our <u>AwayWeekend</u> has been postponed — until hopefully May 6 -8 2022. However, following the previously very successful AwayDay in 2019, we are also planning to hold another **AwayDay on Saturday 16 October** 2021 so please continue to keep the date in your diary. Peter Graystone (our very popular speaker last time) is going to make a welcome return appearance. Venue tbc.

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 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.

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