



**Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton**  
In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry  
**15th August 2021**  
**The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**  
**“Why I am a Christian”**



**All our services are now onsite and online**

**9.30am All-age Worship with Holy Communion**  
**and summer provision 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 while moving around inside the building, please.**

**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, if you want, click "Subscribe"***

*Please note that all our services are live streamed. If you sit in the pews from the third pew back you should not be visible but by attending onsite you are presumed to have consented to the terms of our location warning notice.*

*Please see the notices in church or on the front page of the website which explains more.*

*The organ voluntary this week is the Hornpipe from the Water Music by Handel*

*The reading for our services this week is 1 Corinthians 13.*

**Collect**

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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

For Janet Harries, Sarah Rowe, Julia Bowden, Amy Diamond and Joan Higgs Smith.

**A Service of Thanksgiving** for the life of Paul Atkins will take place in church tomorrow at 2pm and everyone is warmly invited to attend. **This will also be live streamed on our YouTube Channel.** There will also be a short Service of Cremation at Randall's Park at 10.15am to which anyone is also welcome. Please continue to pray for Mark, Melissa and the family and friends of Paul.

**Why I am Christian** - Today we welcome Jessica Johnson and please pray for Rev Nicholas Lebey and Dave Hill as they prepare to bring their stories to us too.

A training session to continue our commitment to being a **Bereavement Friendly Church** will take place next **Wed 18 Aug 10 – 12.30**. Please let Susan Kang or Helen know if you would like to join.

Thanks to everyone who has helped at our **Maintenance mornings**. Apologies that planting in the new garden had to be postponed. Some more stone work needs to be done in the autumn which will necessitate another scaffolding tower in the garden.

**From 5 Sept we will have a change of Service Times. Our more traditional service will be at 9am and the less formal service with children's groups will at 10.45am.**

**The Heritage Open Day:** As part of the national Heritage Open Days we will once again be open on **Sat 11 Sept**. All welcome! Volunteers required please – especially for the afternoon.

**St Matthew's Weekend - SAVE THE DATE on 25 – 26 September** Film shows at the cornerHOUSE for children and adults on Saturday afternoon and evening, Harvest Services on Sunday and **THiS Team 'Come and Sing' Choral Evensong** on Sunday afternoon at 5pm. All are invited to sing (you don't have to be a choir member). We will rehearse from 3.00-4.30pm on the day and have a short break before we sing the service, which will last about 45 mins. The music will be straightforward and tuneful! We are very much hoping that the children's choir will join us.

We are hoping to have a **THiS Team Confirmation Service** at St Matthew's in the autumn. Adult and teenager preparation classes will be run – please contact Helen asap if you are interested.

**Foodbank** - Urgent items please: Pot Noodles and Instant Mash, washing up liquid and washing machine tablets plus shampoo and men and women's deodorant. Thank you.



This week's eco-tip : **If you enjoy a holiday this month, keep up your recycling and waste reduction habits away from home. Pray for Christian Greenbelt Festival organisers who set new environmental targets every year and have eliminated single-use plastic, disposable cups and plastic.**

If you live in the parish and know of someone who has moved into your road, please let Helen know. We have some **Welcome Cards** we would like to deliver to new residents.

**The Good Food Co-Op** supplies fruit and veg boxes of locally sourced produce for pick up or delivery, but with a difference. Any profit generated from the purchase of a box goes to help someone local in need receive a similar box at a heavily subsidised price. Please visit [www.goodfoodcoop.org.uk](http://www.goodfoodcoop.org.uk) for more information on how to order your box or to refer a family in need of the service.

There are a number of old copies of Book of Common Prayer and Hymns Ancient and Modern (word copies only) at the back of church. If you would like to help yourself to one (or several) then please do so. Otherwise we will do our best to make sure they find a good new home.

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

*Julie is on holiday over the summer so please contact Helen if you have any questions or Mike on 07774 259577. Messages left for the Parish Office should be picked up occasionally.*

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