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|  | ***Parish of St Matthew,Surbiton******In the Tolworth Hook &Surbiton Team Ministry*****29th September 2024** **Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity** ***Today’s readings:*** **James 5:7-20 & Mark 9:38-49**. |  |
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| **9.00am Holy Communion** ***Hymns: MP 651, MP 132 (omit v5), MP 111 (omit v4),*** ***I the Lord of sea and sky (sheet)*** **10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages** **with a baptism.** **5.00pm Fuel and Ignite Groups meeting in church** - see notice |

*Our 10.45 service is live-streamed on our* [*YouTube Channel*](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMHjgGYu70WEZm4sIBt93PA)  *so your image may be visible on the stream. By attending onsite you are presumed to have consented to our Location Warning Notice which can be found in church or on our website.* |  |

The choir will sing the anthem “Jesu, joy of man’s desiring” by J S Bach and the organ voluntary will be “Toccata in F” by Widor.

**Collect** God our judge and saviour,

teach us to be open to your truthand to trust in your love,

that we may live each day

with confidence in the salvation which is given

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Carolyn, William and Nicholas, THiS Team Ministry, our new Rector, Rev Caroline Kramer and family. For St. Paul’s as they continue their search for a Vicar to fill their vacancy. For Michelle Kapilan, recovering from recent surgery. For Mary Carter, Malcolm Beckett, Tim Tyrrell, recovering from a major operation. Julie Martin and her family, Alex and family at St. Paul’s, Hook, Bernie and Jenny Mayers. For Lara Beetlestone who is to be baptised in our service today. For Donna, Elise, and family and friends of Penny Reale who died on Tuesday morning. Penny was a much loved and longtime member of St Matthew’s before going into a care home in Reigate. Her Funeral Service will be held at Randall’s Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Monday 14 October at 2pm.

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| **Diary for the Week - additional pages of notice sheet, if required, are on the church**  **website at** [**www.stmatthewskt6.org**](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)**Monday 30th 10.00am Brunch Bunch : Sitzler Room** **Thursday 2nd 10.00am Smarties Craft Group: Sitzler Room**  **6.30pm Choir Practice** **Friday 4th KCAH “Big Sleep Out” at All Saints Church -** see notice**Sunday 6th Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**  **Harvest Festival** see notice **9.00am Holy Communion**  **10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages**  |

**Special Announcement - The Revd Caroline Kramer**
We are delighted to announce that the Crown as Patron has approved the appointment of the Revd Caroline Kramer to be Team Rector of the Tolworth, Hook and Surbiton Team, and Vicar of St. Matthew's.  Caroline and her husband Kris will move to Surbiton very soon now and she will be instituted by the Bishop of Southwark at St. Matthew’s on **Wednesday 30th October at 7:30 pm.** Please keep them in your prayers**.**

**Harvest Festival -** Next week we celebrate Harvest at separate services. At these services you are invited to do either, or both of the following **:**

1. **Make a donation to Christian Aid Harvest Appeal**
2. **Bring non-perishable food for Kingston Foodbank.See list of required items below:** *Tinned Meat, Long Life Milk, Coffee, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Squash, Instant Mash, Tinned Vegetables, Pot Noodles, Oils, Ketchup and Mayonnaise, Biscuits, Jam, Pasta, Pulses, kidney beans, chick peas, mixed beans, Baked beans etc. Tea, Soup, Tinned Potatoes, Crisps and Treats, Tinned Tomatoes. Sanitary Towels, Toilet Paper, Washing Up Liquid, Household Cleaning Products, Washing Machine Tablets, Shaving Foam, Men’s Deodorant, 2 in1 Shampoo and Deodorants, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes,*. Money donations at: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/>

**Kingston Foodbank- The box for food etc. donations each week is available at the BACK OF CHURCH.** The would also appreciate any money donations via their website: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/> Thank you.

**September Social Events- “*Many thanks”*** to everyone who organised and participated in our super September Social Events. The volunteer helpers from the St Matthew's Church community who made the **Open Day on the 14th** **September** such a success. We greeted over one hundred visitors, from newly born babies to nonagenarians. Some were just passers-by and some had made special journeys from the Midlands. Many had stories to tell of connections with the church or their love of architecture. 48 intrepid visitors made it up the tower, and back, safely. All enjoyed the warm welcome and the chance to chat over a cuppa. Thank you all, and let's do it again next year!

To Jason Edge and the extended Community Choir for the informal (Come along and sing style) **“Big Sing” Concert on the 21st September** which was very well attended and the varied programme of music and songs was enjoyed by all. Thanks too to those who served the refreshments.

Lastly, a **Big Thank You** to those who organised and/or contributed to the “**Bring and Share Lunch”** with delicious food, following our **St Matthew’s Day Worship on 22nd September**. A good time was had by all**. It’s our “150th” Anniversary next year. Hope to see you there!**

**Fuel and Ignite** – Our young people’s Groups will be back this **Sunday 29th September. 5pm - 6pm**  at St Matthews. We have switched our regular meeting slot to the LAST Sunday of each month. So, 27th October and 24th November. Ignite will have more of a discussion focus but both groups will continue with a mixture of games and faith teaching and reflection.

In terms of ages: those in years 6,7 and 8 will come to Fuel and years 11,12 and 13 Ignite. Young people in years 9 and 10 can choose - they don’t have to join the same group each time.

If you know of a young person in years 6-13 who might like to join us please email: beckywhiting38@gmail.com

**St Matthew's Organ -**Jason Edge prepared a fascinating 23-minute video on the organ which was shown at our Open Day in Heritage Weekend. He plays two short pieces, and gives a very clear and interesting explanation of the different parts of the organ, and how it produces the sound it does. The video is available to watch at <https://youtu.be/1lzKPDuPOcA>.

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**Eco Tips** – For the sake of the moths (and your bills), switch off outdoor lights at night!

**Church Garden**- I hope you have had a good break over the summer, and may be able to spare time for the church garden on the **first Saturday of the month** from now on. There is plenty of major weeding to do - that's brambles, seedling trees, ivy on walls, ornamental grass and alkanet, to name but a few (smaller weeds can be left on the whole) - and also trimming and cutting back of hedges, trees and large shrubs (and just trimming of plants for the less able to manage). It would be good to get this done before the new vicar arrives! If you're wondering about the heaps of garden waste we still have lying around, they should be collected soon, after protracted negotiation. **Saturday 5 October is the next date, followed by 2 November.** Do come if you can, and keep St Matthew's garden looking planned! I will definitely be there between 10am and 12 to open the garage for tools etc Thank you all very much for your interest. Sheena

**KCAH “BIG SLEEP OUT” on Friday the 4th October. KCAH** are inviting 70 people to sleep under the stars for one night within the grounds of All Saint’s Church. More than 50 people have already responded but ***please join us if you can.***  **It would be good to have more people from St. Matthew’s attending at All Saint’s, as we are long time supporters of KCAH. If you are interested** please see the KCAH website for more information and a video from Joe Moffatt, vicar of All Saint’s. There is also a poster and KCAH Newsletter (Summer Issue) on the notice board at back of church. More info about the Big Sleep Over and registration form can be seen online here: <https://kcah.org.uk/sleep-out/> **KCAH**- To donate please visit: <https://www.kcah.org.uk/can-you-help-us/donate-money/>

**“Sing at St Matthew’s” -** Directed by Jason Edge. If you are someone who loves to sing (but welcomes flexibility) come and join us for 120 minutes of pure singing joy, on the third Saturday morning of each month between 9.45am -12.15am. With “Sing at St Matthew’s” there is absolutely no commitment or subscription (come and go when you please). There is no audition, you do not need to read music, but, of course, it helps, and there is no obligation to participate in any performances that “Sing at Matthew’s” are invited to perform. We will also be previewing forthcoming music that St Matthew’s Church Choir will be singing in various services throughout the year. If we rehearse something you enjoy, you will be welcome to sing as part of the official choir for the service that features your favourite! The next date is **19th October.** Do come along and tell your friends, the more the merrier. See poster at the back of Church and for more information email: jason.a.edge@gmail.com

**THiS Men’s Breakfast 19th October -** You are cordially invited to St Paul’s Parish Hall on Sat 19th Oct at 8.15am (finish around 9.30am). Coffee, bacon rolls and a chance to chat together.

*Our theme will be ‘Telling our Story’ as two of the St Paul’s gents will be speaking a little bit about their own faith journey.* £4 entry

**The Bereavement Journey begins on 22nd October** for seven Tuesday afternoons 2pm- 4.30pm It is suitable for those of any faith or no faith and is for anyone bereaved in any way and at any time. To benefit from the course participants should be able to attend all of the first six sessions.  The seventh and final session is optional and addresses commonly asked questions by bereaved people relating to the Christian faith.  For more details or to sign up contact Susan Kang on 07745 795395 or susan.kang10@gmail.com

**"Scottish Country Dancing, November 9th** - Back by popular demand, our next (free) social event will be a Scottish Country Dance at the cornerHOUSE on Saturday, November 9th, from 5pm to 9pm. Judith Jones and friends will provide the music and do the calling; Jo Boaler and her team will provide the food; and the cornerHOUSE bar will be open for the purchase of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Dancing will start promptly at 5pm, with a break for refreshments at 6.30. Everyone is welcome, (even if you just want to come along and enjoy the music!). The event is free, with donations being taken for the Kingston Street Pastors."

**WhatsApp Prayer Group** - There is now a WhatsApp group open to everyone. It reminds us of prayer requests from the Sunday services and any others that we hear about during the week. Please see me for further information or to pass on their mobile number or send a message (Sue O’Hagan)

on 07907 184018. Thank you.

**Church Notices**- If you have any notices for the next weekly sheet, please contact Jennie or Jeff Akerman on jakerman28@btinternet.com or 8399 2549 or mob. 07519 514194, **by** **Thursday please.**

**Faith Talks - the next one is on****Wednesday, 19th November, 6:30pm at All Saints Church.** The topic is “Artificial Intelligence – Pros and Cons.

**Confirmation** -The next confirmation service in the Kingston Deanery is planned for early autumn (exact date TBC). If you are interested in being confirmed, please contact Carolyn Lucas on carolynlucas@gmail.com.

***Website:*** [***www.stmatthewskt6.org***](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org) ***email address:*** ***admin@stmatthewskt6.org*** ***Parish Office no. 020 8390 5121. Our Parish Administrator***, ***Steve Blevins is working the usual hours Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am -1pm.*** ***During the Vacancy, if you need to speak to a member of the clergy, please contact either Rev Carolyn Lucas on 07933 022516 or carolynglucas@gmail.com or Rev William Allberry*** ***on*** ***07818 641576 or*** ***wallberry49@gmail.com***

*Motto Verse for 2024*

“*Now you are the body of Christ,*

*and each* *one of you is a part of it.”*

*1 Corinthians 12:2*