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| ***`*** | ***Parish of St Matthew,Surbiton******In the Tolworth Hook &Surbiton Team Ministry*****6th October 2024** **Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity** ***Today’s readings:*** **Joel 2:21-27 & Matthew 6:25-339**. |  |
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| **Harvest Festival****9.00am Holy Communion** ***Hymns: MP 106 (omit v3), Harvest Hymn (sheet), When I***  ***needed a neighbour (sheet), MP7 (omit vv2&4)*** **10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages** **6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Andrews 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.* |  |

At the 9.00 am service the choir will sing the anthem “For the beauty of the earth” by Rutter and the organ voluntary will be “Toccata in Seven“ by John Rutter.

**Collect** Creator God,

you made the goodness of the land,

the riches of the sea

and the rhythm of the seasons;

as we thank you for the harvest,

may we cherish and respect

this planet and its peoples

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 arriving soon. 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 Donna, Elise, and family and friends of Penny Reale who died on 24th September. 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)**Wednesday 9th 10.00am Bereavement Walking Group****Thursday 10th 10.00am Smarties Craft Group: Sitzler Room**  **6.30pm Choir Practice** **Sunday 13th Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**  **9.00am Holy Communion**  **10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages**  |

**Harvest Festival -** This week we are celebrating 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** caid.org.uk/harvestofhope
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,*.

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

**Choral Evensong**  - **The Choir will be** **singing Choral** **Evensong at Salisbury Cathedral on**

**Saturday 26th October at 5.30pm.** Everyone is welcome to come along - please let Jason Edge know if you are interested in joining us for the day, and possibly having a seat on the coach if one is available . There will be a **Choral Evensong at St Andrew’s Church this evening** **at 6pm,** sung by the joint choirs of St Matthew, St Andrew and St Mark, in preparation for our visit to Salisbury on the 26th. Everyone is welcome.

**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**.**

**St George’s have their Encounter Service** on **Sunday 13th October** It begins with an afternoon tea at 4 pm, and then the worship service starts at 4:50pm. There will be a guest speaker, live worship and prayer ministry. Everyone is welcome but It would be helpful for those coming for the afternoon tea to let us know for catering purposes, please. Nicholas’s number is 07933785179. Thank you

**Fuel and Ignite** – Our young people’s Groups returned last Sunday**.** 5pm - 6pmat St Matthews. We have switched our regular meeting slot to the LAST Sunday of each month. **So**, **27th October and 24th** **November are the next ones.** 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

**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

**Eco Tips -** Did you know the fashion industry is the third most environmentally damaging,

after oil and animal agriculture? Growing cotton uses pesticides and too much water. Synthetic

 fabrics are made from petrochemicals and dyed with more chemicals. What to do? Buy less, buy

 what you love and will keep, and try to buy something ethically produced, recycled or pre-loved.

**Church Garden**- I hope you 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). If you're wondering about the heaps of garden waste we still have lying around, they should be collected soon, after protracted negotiation. **Saturday 2 November is the next date.** 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**- 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 very welcome and 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. Encouraging men’s fellowship and social links between our THiS churches. *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. Please let Mark Curzon know if you are attending. *markcurzon@icloud.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.

**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  carolynlucas@gmail.com.

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

**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.**

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