



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

17th November 2024

Second Sunday before Advent

Today's readings Daniel 12:1-3 and Mark 13:1-8



9.00am Morning Prayer

Hymns: MP173, Benedictus(sheet), Psalm16 (said by all), MP 645 (vv1,2&5).

10.45am Worship Together with Holy Communion

Our 10.45 service is live-streamed on our [YouTube Channel](#) 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 "Lead me Lord" by Andrew Gantt and the voluntary will be Toccata from "Suite Gothique" by Boëllmann.

(Vicar)

Collect for The Second Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for:

Bishop Christopher. Caroline and family, Carolyn, William and Nicholas, THIS Team Ministry.

For St. Paul's as they continue their search for a Vicar to fill their vacancy. For Michelle Kapilan,

Mary Carter, Julie Martin and her family.

Diary for the Week – the notice sheet is also on the church website at

www.stmatthewskt6.org

Monday 18th	9.00 am Morning Prayer (said service) in church see notice
	10.00 am Brunch Bunch : Sitzler Room
	11.00 am Holy Communion for residents at Milverton Care Home
	4.00pm Holy Communion for residents at Royal Star & Garter Home
Tuesday 19th	9.00 am Morning Prayer (said service) in church
	2.00pm The Bereavement Journey Group (Week 5): Chapel
Wednesday 20th	9.00 am Morning Prayer (said service) in church
Thursday 21st	10.00am Smarties Craft Group: Sitzler Room
	6.30pm Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
Friday 22nd	9.00 am Morning Prayer (said service) in church
Saturday 23rd	9.00 am Morning Prayer (said service) in church
Sunday 24th	9.00am Holy Communion
	10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages
	5-6pm "Fuel" and "Ignite" Young people's groups : in church

Weekday Services – There are now services of Morning Prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9.00am, in church. This is a said service lasting about 20-30 minutes. Please come if you can.

Reflection and Prayer- Want to talk to God but need some inspiration? There are plenty of resources in our Prayer Corner in the North Transept. Take some time between the two Sunday Services to look through the different prayer topics, the books (you may take the books home for further study, as well), and the prayer requests on the board (and add your own, if you like).

Fuel and Ignite – Our young people's Groups are back 5pm - 6pm at St Matthews. We have switched our regular meeting slot to the LAST Sunday of each month. **So, 24th November is the next one.** 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

Fellers - Fellers is our THiS men's group. I am our St Matthew's Fellers rep. We meet at St George's Church in the lounge on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month and for occasional social events at other times. Here are details of our upcoming events, which are open to all gents within our THiS community and you - together with all our friends at St George's and St Paul's - are warmly invited. It would be great if you could join us:

Guest speaker Captain Paul Smith, 27th November St George's lounge 8pm

Paul is the National Director of Prayer for Israel who is a commissioned Church Army Evangelist and has worked in various contexts, including as head of the Grafted Project in Scotland and leader of the Church Army Centre of Mission in Liverpool. He has also worked with vulnerable young men and adults in Liverpool. Paul spent many years in marketing management before a call to church ministry.

Fellers Annual Christmas Dinner, 11th December Toby Carvery Worcester Park 6.45 pm

3 courses from £17.49. A small booking fee charge will need to be added to each person's bill for securing our large group table. Please let me know of your attendance by **4th December**.

Mark Curzon 07919 934946 or markcurzon@icloud.com

There will be a Blue Christmas Service at 5pm on Saturday December 21st

"Some years Christmas can be a bit overwhelming. Perhaps we have been dealing with death or illness. Perhaps we are feeling depressed or are concerned about other people or things going on in the world. No matter what is making the glitter seem less sparkly than usual, you are welcome to attend Blue Christmas. This service will still talk about the Christmas story, but in a quieter way. It will give you space to allow yourself to be who you are and how you are feeling. Tears are OK at Christmas. We often feel we have to be brave for others, and sometimes we do, but it is exhausting. Join us, take a break from the hustle and bustle, listen to the ancient story and allow it to be what it is this year for you."

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 still 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). **Saturday 7 December 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



Eco Tips - Are you using non-toxic, ecological brands of cleaning products? Or even saving money and the oceans by using cheap white vinegar and bicarbonate of soda – much fizzing fun to be had!

“Sing at St Matthew’s” - Directed by Jason Edge. ONCE-A-MONTH (no strings attached!) No commitment or subscription (come when you please) 120 minutes of pure singing joy! (And cake!) St Matthews Church.

Workshop dates: 9.45am to 12.15pm on:

• **Sat 14th(!) Dec**, • **Sat 18th Jan 2025**, • **Sat 15th Feb**

Please help to spread the word! Tell your friends. The more, the merrier.

For more information and FAQ’s, there is a flyer on the notice board at the back of church or contact Jason via email: jason.a.edge+sing@gmail.com

The Community Encore Choir, which meets in our church on most Monday mornings, has their end of year on **9th December**. They would like to invite everyone from the church community to join them on that day for a few carols from 11.30am, for about 20 minutes, followed by Christmas finger food fayre and wine/ fruit juice. Please come if you can.

Kingston Foodbank- The box for food etc. donations each week is available at the BACK OF CHURCH.

See list of required items with box: They would also appreciate any money donations via their website: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/> Thank you.

KCAH- To donate please visit: <https://www.kcah.org.uk/can-you-help-us/donate-money/> They would also like- Brand-new boxer shorts, M/L size Brand-new socks, Sleeping bags (new or good-as), Tracksuits M/L (mainly men’s) Warm Jackets and coats (decent condition and clean) Some of the above for women.

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.

For Safeguarding Issues - contact *Sue Fraser on 07510425619 or speak to someone in person, speak to her or any of our Wardens or Clergy.*

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.**

Website: www.stmatthewsckt6.org **email address:** admin@stmatthewsckt6.org **Parish Office no. 020 8390 5121.**
Our Parish Administrator, Steve Blevins is working the usual hours Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am -1pm.
If you need to speak to a member of the clergy, please contact Rev Carolyn Lucas on 07933 022516 or
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