



# Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton

In the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry

## 26th January 2025

### Third Sunday of Epiphany

*Bible readings : Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 (page 492)  
& Luke 4:14-21 (page 1031)*



**9.00am Holy Communion**

**10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages**

*Hymns: MP397, MP525, MP251, The Kingdom is upon you (sheet)*

*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*

### Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem "How can I keep from singing" Lowry arr. John Barnard and the voluntary is Gigue Fugue by J S Bach.*

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

Southwark Diocese, Caroline and family, Carolyn, William and Nicholas, THiS Team Ministry. For St. Paul's as they search for a Vicar to fill their vacancy. For Diana Dowson, Jo and family, Michelle Kapilan, Mary Carter, Julie Martin and her family, Noel & Niluma for their dear friend "Amal Rodrigo", Malcolm Beckett.

### **Diary for the Week – the notice sheet is also on the church website at [www.stmatthewskt6.org](http://www.stmatthewskt6.org)**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel</b>	see notice
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Brunch Bunch Study Group: Sitzler room</b>	
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Christian Basics Course (3 of 4)</b>	see notice
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>28th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29th</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Smarties Craft Group, Sitzler Room</b>	
		<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice: Sitzler Room</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>31st</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel</b>	
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Church Garden Maintenance</b>	see notice
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
		<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Worship Together for all ages and stages</b>	

**Weekday Services** – There are said services of Morning Prayer, lasting 20-30 mins, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9.00am, in the Chapel.

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

**Christian Basics** – The Third of the four week Christian Basics course continues tomorrow (27<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm. This course is suitable for anyone who is new to the Christian Faith and anyone who wants a brush up. It will include teaching on the history and structures of the Church of England, as well as basic doctrine. Adult and teen candidates for Baptism should plan to attend each session, either in person or on Zoom. Anyone else can drop in as you wish.

**Motto Verse 2025-** Our Motto Verse for 2025 will be launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The sermons that day will be based around the meaning and implications of the verse for our everyday lives. Don't miss it.

### **Songs of Praise! Saturday 22nd February, 7pm**

Join us for a joyous evening of music and singing, featuring much-loved hymns and songs chosen by you! Our band, choir and singers from "Sing at St Matthew's" will lead us all in singing together and will also perform additional items. Admission is free (donations gratefully received), with refreshments afterwards. This is part of the programme of social events for our 150th anniversary.

We'd love two members from each congregation (9am and 10:45am) to pick a favourite hymn or worship song and share a short introduction about why it's special—either to be presented by you or read out on your behalf. Sign up on the sheet at the back of church by Sunday 9th February. Any questions to me (Jason Edge, Director of Music, at [jason.a.edge@gmail.com](mailto:jason.a.edge@gmail.com) or speak to me in person).

Bring friends, your voices, and enjoy a wonderful evening together!

**Lent** - Lent is a good way off but we need you to be thinking about whether you could help out with a Lent Study group. We will be using Stephen Cottrell's book, Christ in the Wilderness, which looks at a painting by the English artist Stanley Spencer each week. We will need leaders/coordinators and hosts, although you could meet in one of the rooms at Church if not enough people feel able to invite people to their homes. The book is very thin and is discussion based. We encourage all existing housegroups to use it as well so that we can reference it in Worship. If you want to join a group we will sort out days and times later on. The new groups are intended for Lent, not for ever, so if you lead you are making, at most, a six session commitment. Let Caroline or a member of the Discipleship and Ministry team know if you can do this - you have plenty of time to pray about it!

**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.

### **KCAH has opened the Winter Night Shelter from the 6th January 2025.**

"We need volunteers to get involved to ensure we can provide the safe space for those that need it – [you can sign up here](#). We are also recruiting additional paid staff, if you or someone you know would like to apply please see our website for more details. Running for 3 months, we will offer a place of sanctuary, safety and warmth for up to 30 people, twice as many as last year and a direct response to the demand. To enable this we have been fortunate to have support from the Local Authority and a local landlord of a currently disused space in the centre of Kingston. Please help us to intervene in the local issue by signing up to volunteer. Thank you for supporting KCAH and thank you for hearing this message and ensuring many people in need will not be adversely impacted this winter". Georgie

See the latest KCAH Newsletter on the notice board at the back of church.

### **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.

### **There is an "Encounter" All Age Worship Service at St. George's.** It's on Sunday, 26th January.

We begin with afternoon tea at 4 pm, and the service is at 5 pm. There will be live worship and prayer ministry afterwards. Our Guest speaker, Ishmael Ngu is a Christian leader, an author of multiple books, a life coach and a fund manager from Arizona, USA. Everyone is welcome.

Rev Nicholas Lebey

**SAVE THE DATE - St Matthew's 150th Anniversary Weekend on September 20th and 21st, 2025**, will be a VERY special occasion for our church family. So, mark your calendars now to make sure you can join in the celebrations! More details on the events planned throughout the year, to follow.

**Church Garden** Our regular garden maintenance is on the **first Saturday of the month**. There is still plenty of major weeding to do - that's brambles, seedling trees, ivy on walls, ornamental grass and alkanet etc. Our next meeting is **Saturday 1 February (weather permitting)**. Do come if you can, and keep St Matthew's looking planned and generally tidy! Sheena will definitely be there between 9.30am and 12 to open the garage for tools etc for the gardeners. Thank you all very much for your interest.



**Eco Tips**- Shop to save the planet as well as your health! Think "LOAF": Local, Organic, Animal Friendly, and Fairly Traded.

**"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 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](mailto:jason.a.edge+sing@gmail.com)

**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).

**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](mailto:jakerman28@btinternet.com) or 8399 2549 or mob. 07519 514194, **by Thursday please**.

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