



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
in the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry



2nd February 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Candlemas

Bible readings: Malachi 3:1-5 (page 961) &
Luke 2:22-40 (page 1028)

9.00am Holy Communion

Hymns: When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day (sheet),
MP111 (omit v 4), MP50, MP445.

10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages

Motto Verse 2025 - Our Motto Verse for 2025 will be launched today and the sermons
will be based around the meaning and implications of the verse for our everyday lives.

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 Candlemas

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 "Nunc Dimittis" - Alan Wilson, and the voluntary is "Hymne au Soleil" (Vierne).

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, Malcolm Beckett.

Diary for the Week - the notice sheet is also on the church website at www.stmatthewskt6.org

Monday	3rd	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel see notice
		10.00am	Brunch Bunch Study Group: Sitzler room
		7.00pm	Christian Basics Course (last of 4) see notice
Tuesday	4th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
Wednesday	5th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
Thursday	6th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group, Sitzler Room
		6.30pm	Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
Friday	7th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
Saturday	8th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
Sunday	9th	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Worship Together for all ages and stages

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. (South Side)

Safeguarding- There has been a lot in the national press again about Safeguarding. We take Safeguarding at St. Matthews very seriously. It is important to report anything which concerns you to the Safeguarding Officers, Clergy or a Warden. There is a poster at the back of Church which has details about this. Sometimes things happen which should not. Sometimes this is deliberate and sometimes people just have poor boundaries. Either way we need to work together to make St. Matthews a safe and thriving community by mentioning things which don't seem quite right.

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

Deanery Synod will be held at St. Matthew's on **12th February at 7.30pm**. The host church usually provides teas and coffees from 7pm. The meeting was only confirmed this week and so we are in a bit of a pinch to get helpers. If you could come along and help with refreshments, that would be lovely.

Christian Basics – The last of the four week Christian Basics course continues tomorrow (3rd) **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.

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 or speak to me in person).

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

Ash Wednesday Services (5th March) will be at **12 noon and 7pm**.

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!

There will be at least one additional group meeting during Lent led by the Vicar. It is likely to be mid-morning on Wednesday although I am happy to do an evening group in-person or on zoom as well. Please let me know what you would like. This will begin the week after Ash Wednesday and continue until Holy Week.

Further Services -There will be a **joint Team Service on Palm Sunday (13th April) at 4pm at St. Matthews and another at 4pm on Pentecost Sunday (8th June) at St. Georges**. More will be set as we go through the year. If you would like to be involved in planning please let the Vicar know.

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).

“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. **Next Workshop date: 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



Eco Tips- If you can, try to boycott Amazon and other unethical companies such as Primark, Boohoo and Shell. See www.ethicalconsumer.org for information on possible alternatives.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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