



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



16th February 2025
The Third Sunday before Lent
Bible readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10 (page 776)
& Luke 6:17-26 (page 1034)

9.00am Morning Prayer with Holy Communion and Baptisms

Hymns etc. on Congregational Sheet: Psalm 1, Seek ye first the kingdom of God, The Benedictus, Blest are the pure in heart, All my hope in God is founded.

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.

Collect for the Third Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 "Blest are the pure in heart" by Christopher Gower and the voluntary is "Toccata in Seven" - Rutter

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for:

Southwark Diocese, Caroline and family, Carolyn, William. Rev Nicholas Lebey & family, as he takes up his position as Team Vicar of St George's. 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. For Robert Clive Inns, Ella Marie Inns, Thomas Dylan Inns who are to be baptised in our 9am service today.

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

Monday	17th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel see notice
		10.00am	Brunch Bunch Study Group: Sitzler room
		11.00am	Holy Communion for residents at Milverton Care Home
		4.00pm	Holy Communion for residents at Royal Star & Garter
Tuesday	18th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
Wednesday	19th	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
		1.30pm	Holy Communion for the residents at Bourne House
Thursday	20th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group, Sitzler Room
		6.30pm	Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
Friday	21st	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
Saturday	22nd	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
		7.00pm	Songs of Praise! at St. Matthew's- see notice
Sunday	23rd	9.00am	Holy Communion
			10.45am Worship Together with a Baptism

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. Matthew's 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. Matthew's 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.

"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 Matthew's Church. **Next Workshop dates: 9.45am to 12.15pm on Saturdays- 15th March, 12 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, Break for August.**

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

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 today (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.

The Bereavement Journey begins on 22nd April for seven Tuesday afternoons 2-4.30pm. 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 Please reserve your place by 15 April 2025.

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).



Eco Tips- Eliminate food waste! Make a meal plan, shop from a list, eat leftovers, use the freezer, and cook creatively with what you have.

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

CHURCH. See list of required items with box: Tinned Meat, Long Life Milk, Coffee, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Squash Instant Mash, Tinned Vegetables, Pot Noodles, Oils, Ketchup and Mayonnaise, Sanitary Towels, Toilet paper, Washing Up Liquid, Household Cleaning Products, Washing Machine Tablets, Shaving Foam, Men's Deodorant, Tinned Potatoes, Crisps And Treats, Tinned Tomatoes, Shampoo and conditioner, Toothbrushes, biscuits, Jam Pasta, Cereals, Pulses - Kidney Beans, Chick Peas, Mixed Beans, Etc, Baked Beans, Tea, Soup. 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 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. The night shelter needs as many volunteers as it can get to cover the evening, night owl and early riser shifts at its two locations. The shifts in Thames Street are 19.00-23.30pm, 23.30-05.30, and 05.30-07.30. There's a staff member there on duty at all times. Other volunteers deliver a cooked meal for 15 people around 20.00. If you are able to volunteer your time even for a couple of shifts or to provide one evening meal for all guests, please register as a 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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Parish Office no. 020 8390 5121. Our Parish Administrator, Steve Blevins is working the usual hours Mon, Tues and Thurs 9am -1pm. To speak to a member of the clergy, please contact Rev Caroline Kramer on teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org mbl: 07707 785721 or Rev. Carolyn Lucas on carolynlucas@gmail.com mbl. 07933 022516

Motto Verse 2025 – "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46 v10

