



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

23rd February 2025

The Second Sunday before Lent

Bible readings: Genesis 2:4b-9 (page 4)

& Luke 8:22-25 (page 1037)



9.00am Holy Communion

Hymns MP 400, MP67, MP565, MP466

10.45am Worship Together with a Baptism

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 Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **AMEN**

At the 9am service the choir will sing the anthem "Be still my soul" by Sibelius and the voluntary will be "Sortie" by Dupre.

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 Iyla who is to be baptised in our service today.

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

Sunday	23rd	5-6pm	Fuel and Ignite Youth Groups in Church
Monday	24th	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
Tuesday	25th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
Wednesday	26th	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
		10.00am	Bereavement Support Group in Chapel
		1.30pm	Holy Communion for the residents of Bourne House
Thursday	27th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group, Sitzler Room
		6.30pm	Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
Friday	28th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
Saturday	1st	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
		10.00am	Church Garden Maintenance
Sunday	2nd	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)

Rev. Nicholas Lebey will be licensed as the Team Vicar at St. George's, Tolworth on **Tuesday 1 April at 7.30pm** by Bishop Martin. Please come along if you can.

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.

Our book for Lent is “Christ in the Wilderness” by Stephen Cottrell.

All our House Groups will be using the book and there will be an extra Wednesday Lunchtime Group.

In addition, there will be a group at St. Paul’s Hook and, if needed, a Zoom group.

The existing House Groups are all opening up at least two slots for Lent, some may have more.

Please contact the leaders direct for details. I will lead the Wednesday group.

If you are interested in the Zoom Group, please contact teamrector@stmatthewskt6.org and say what sort of times work. This will only happen if there are enough people interested.

If you can’t make a group you can still enjoy the book. *Caroline*

Group	Leader	Contact email	When?	Church/ House
Inspire	Ian Davies	i_r_davies@hotmail.com	Mon evening	House
Sigma	Dave Farris	dave.farris@talk21.com	Thurs 7:30 - 9:30 pm	House
Brunch Bunch	David Carter	cdcarter263@hotmail.com	Mon 10 - 11.30 am	Church
Beta	Nigel Palmer	nigel.palmer@blueyonder.co.uk	Wed 7.30pm start	House
Delta	David Itcovitch	DavidItcovitz90@outlook.com	Thurs 7.30pm start	House

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 5th March- **Ash Wednesday** Communion with imposition, 12 noon and 7pm (Sung)
Various **Lent House Groups**

Sunday 30th March - **Mothering Sunday**

Sunday 13th April - **Palm Sunday** 9 am and 10.45 am Services, 4pm Joint Team Service at St. Matthew’s

Thursday 17th April - **Maundy Thursday** 7:00pm Service Communion (Sung)

Friday 18th April - **Good Friday** Noon-3pm service

Saturday 19th April- **Holy Saturday** - 8pm Easter Vigil Readings (said in Chapel)

Sunday 20th April **Easter Day**- 9am Choral Eucharist and 10.45am Easter All Together Communion

Church Electoral Roll - We are preparing a new church Electoral Roll in preparation for the APCM on **Sunday 27 April**. The Roll will be open between **Sunday 9 March and Saturday 12 April**.

This is a new Roll, so everyone wanting to be on the Roll will need to complete an application form. These will be available at the back of the church. Please speak to Judith Jones on 8390 4975 or between the 9.00 and 10.45am services if you have any questions.

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.**

Christian Basics/ Baptism Course - There will be another Christian Basics/Baptism course beginning on **2nd March at 6.30 - 8.30pm**. Everyone is welcome and this course is especially relevant to anyone who has little or no background in the Christian faith. Details to follow. The Vicar and Rev. Carolyn Lucas have details. You can attend out of interest and there is not a requirement or expectation that you will be baptized at the end.

"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

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.

St Paul's Church, Hook is pleased to present **Red House Rhythm & Blues Duo**, **Friday 21st March, 7.30 - 10pm (doors open at 6.45pm)**. 280 Hook Road, Hook, Chessington KT9 1PF. Support act Matthew Hollingshurst. Tickets £10 on the door or can be reserved by mailing the parish office at parishoffice@stpaulschurchhook.org.uk Wine and soft drinks available.

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 They would also appreciate any money donations via their website: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/> Thank you



Eco Tips- Do you need that disposable food wrap? Why not store food in whatever containers you have to hand? Eco-friendly wraps are ideal for packing food, and can be used again and again.

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.

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. We are also recruiting additional paid staff, if you 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, 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 at 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

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.**

Website: www.stmatthewskt6.org email address: admin@stmatthewskt6.org
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