



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

2nd March 2025

The Sunday next before Lent

**Bible readings: Exodus 34:29-end (page94)
& Luke 9:28-36 (page1040)**



9.00am Holy Communion

Hymns MP560, MP79, Bright the vision that delighted (sheet), MP783

10.45am Worship Together for all ages and stages

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.

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Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 "Be thou my vision" by Bob Chilcott and the voluntary will be "Grand Choeur Dialogué – Gigout"

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, Michelle Kapilan, Mary Carter, Julie Martin and her family, Malcolm Beckett.

For Joanne, Patricia, the family and friends of Diana Dowson, a good friend and much-loved member and faithful servant of this church for over 75 yrs, who died peacefully at home on Saturday 22 February.

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

Sunday	2nd	5-6pm	Fuel and Ignite Youth Groups in Church
		6.30pm	Christian Basics/Baptism course - see notice
Monday	3rd	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel see notice
		10.00am	Brunch Bunch Study Group: Sitzler room
Tuesday	4th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
Wednesday	5th		<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>
		9.00am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
		Noon	Holy Communion with imposition
		7.00pm	Holy Communion with imposition (Sung)
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
		10.30am	World Day of Prayer 2025, service at St. Paul's, Hook
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)

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.

Readers for 10.45am Service - "We now have a sign up for the 10.45 Service for readers. Please scan the code or type in the link to sign up. If you have never read before in a church, would you please speak to the Vicar before you sign up so we can run through some basics. If you do not have internet access and want to read please let Hannah Barritt or one of the Wardens know. Thanks Caroline
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48A9AE2EA2FA7-55298562-reading>



If anyone from the 9am congregation would like to consider being added to the rota for Leading the Prayers and/ or Reading at that service, please contact Jeff Akerman on jakerman28@btinternet.com or 8399 2549 or mob. 07519 514194 or speak with him after the early service.

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 places 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*

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 **this evening 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. 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.

World Day of Prayer 2025 - A service for everyone at **10.30am on Friday 7th March** at St Paul's, Hook. Followed by tea coffee.

"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.** 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 – 10 pm (doors open at 6.45pm)**. 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: They would also appreciate any money donations via their website: <https://kingston.foodbank.org.uk/> Thank you



Eco Tips- Can you give up or cut down on meat and/or dairy produce for Lent? - the single biggest way to reduce your carbon footprint. Try new recipes, and have at least two meat- and dairy-free days a week?

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 new boxer shorts, M/L size new socks, Sleeping bags (new or good-as), Tracksuits M/L (mainly men's) Warm Jackets and coats (good condition and clean) Some of the above for women.

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