



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

9th March 2025

The First Sunday of Lent

**Bible readings: Romans 10:8b-13 (page 1137)
& Luke 4:1-13 (page 1030)**



9.00am Holy Communion

Hymns Be thou my guardian (sheet), MP582, MP372, MP468

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.

Collect the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 "Lead me Lord" by Andrew Gant and the voluntary will be "Chorale Prelude en "Te Lucis" Healey Willan"

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, who died recently. (See notice re Funeral)

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

Sunday	9th	6.30pm	Christian Basics/Baptism course - see notice
Monday	10th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel see notice
		10.00am	Brunch Bunch Lent Study Group: Sitzler room
Tuesday	11th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
		7.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting – Vicarage
Wednesday	12th	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
		10.00am	Bereavement Walking Group
Thursday	13th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group, Sitzler Room
		6.30pm	Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
Friday	14th	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
Saturday	15th	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said service) in Chapel
		9.45- 12.45pm	Sing at St Matthew's - Sitzler Room - see notice
Sunday	16th	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Worship Together for all ages and stages

March 9th is a "Day of Reflection 2025"8/ when we remember all those who died during the pandemic, either from Covid or any other condition. We reflect on the impact this has had on the bereaved families. There will be an opportunity to light a candle on the prayer table in their memory at the end of each service today and you may like to write a prayer or a message to your loved one on the paper provided. This invitation is also extended to anyone who has lost someone important to them prior to the pandemic or since.

The Funeral for Diana Dowson is on **Wednesday 26th March** at 11am followed by the Committal at Kingston Crematorium at 12.20pm. Everyone is invited to either or both services. The family have said that as it is a celebration of Diana's long life well lived, and as she liked bright colours, they will be wearing splashes of purple. They invite anyone to wear bright colours or purple or pink, or not, as they wish.

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 now compiling a new Electoral roll in preparation for the APCM on **Sunday 27 April**. Applications are open now - please complete the form at the back of the church and place in the box provided - or complete the electronic version and return to the Office. This is a new Roll so everybody needs to complete a new form, even if you were previously on the Roll. Please speak to Judith Jones on 8390 4975 or between the 9.00 and 10.45 services if you have any questions..

Christian Basics/ Baptism Course - There is another Christian Basics/Baptism course continuing **this evening at 6.30 - 8.30pm**. and then on the **30th March and 6th April**. 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.

Saturday 5th April, 7pm - An Evening with VocalEase!

Join us for an entertaining evening of barbershop-style music from this highly skilled group of singers. Admission is free (donations gratefully received), with buffet supper/refreshments during the interval. Part of the programme of social events for our 150th anniversary. (Jason Edge)

Monday 26th May (Bank Holiday) - Join our Choir Trip to Windsor

Our choir is joining with that of St Andrew's and St Mark's again to sing Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. This is advance notice for anyone who would like to come along and support us. Evensong in the Chapel is at 5:15pm. No coach for this one (we'll all find our own way there). More details to follow. (Jason Edge)

“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- Need to save energy? Fill the kettle by mug so that you only boil the water you need. Remember to switch off at the wall!

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.

For Safeguarding Issues -please contact **Sue Fraser on 07895 501517 or speak to someone in person, speak to her or any of our Wardens or Clergy.**

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