



Parish of St Matthew, Surbiton
in the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry
23rd March 2025
The Third Sunday of Lent
Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (page 1151)
and Luke 13:1-9 (page 1046)



9.00am Morning Prayer

Hymns MP480, MP731, MP396, (omit v2), MP193

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 Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 "Lord for thy tender mercy's sake" – Farrant/ Hilton and the Voluntary is Chorale prelude "Christe aller Welt Trost", BWV6TO J S Bach

Give thanks for answered prayer and please pray for: Southwark Diocese, Caroline and family, Carolyn, William, Nicholas. THiS Team Ministry. For St Paul's, Hook during their Interregnum, Mary Carter, Malcolm Beckett, Tim Tyrrell. For Joanne, Patricia, the family and friends of Diana Dowson, who whose funeral is on Wednesday. (See notice re Funeral). For the family and friends of Janet Harries, a long time member of our congregation, who died peacefully this weekend, aged 99.

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

Monday	24th	10.00am	Brunch Bunch Lent Study Group: Sitzler room
		11.00am	Holy Communion for the residents of Milverton Home
Wednesday	26th	11.00am	Funeral Service for Diana Dowson in church- see notice
Thursday	27th	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group, Sitzler Room
		6.30pm	Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
Sunday	30th		<u>Mothers' Sunday</u>
		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.** No services 4th & 21st April

The Funeral for Diana Dowson is next **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>



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

All our House Groups are currently using the book. Please see the printed material at the back of church and contact the leaders direct for details.

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 - The Christian Basics/Baptism course will be continuing on the **30th March and 6th April ,after a 2 week break.** 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.

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)

Easter Flowers- If you would like a white rose placed in church for Easter Sunday in memory of a loved one, please let carol Bainbridge know by **Sunday 13th April at the latest.** Carol attends the 9am service and she can be contacted on 020 8399 2549. The rose cost £5 per stem.

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. Though there is no coach shared between the churches this year we are currently exploring options for transport on the day. Please indicate your interest ASAP by signing up at the back of church or online at this link <https://bit.ly/stmatthews-at-windsor2025>. More details to follow. (Jason Edge)

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.**



Eco Tips-. Spring in the air? Try to take a walk through greenery each day.

“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- 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

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.

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).

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/>

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 weekly sheet, please contact Jennie or Jeff Akerman on jakerman28@btinternet.com or 8399 2549 or mob. 07519 514194, **by Thursday, at the latest, please.**

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Motto Verse 2025 “Be still and know that I am God” Psalm 46 v10