



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

30th March 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

Bible readings: Colossians 3:12-17 (page 1184)
and Luke 2:33-35 (page 1028)



9.00am Holy Communion

Hymns: MP449 (omit v2), Sing we of the blessed Mother (sheet), MP152, MP486

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 for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 of the Home" by Christopher Gower and the Voluntary is Chorale prelude "Nun danket"- Karg- Elert.

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, recovering after a recent hip replacement operation. For Joey, Tricia, the family and friends of Diana Dowson whose funeral was on Wednesday, for the family and friends of Janet Harries, who died peacefully last weekend, aged 99.

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

Sunday	30th	6.30pm	Christian Basics/Baptism Course see notice
Monday	31st	10.00am	Brunch Bunch Lent Study Group: Sitzler Room
Tuesday	1st	7,30pm	Licensing Service for Rev. Nicholas Lebey at St. George's
Thursday	3rd	10.00am	Smarties Craft Group, Sitzler Room
		6.30pm	Choir Practice: Sitzler Room
Saturday	5th	7.00pm	An Evening with <i>Vocal Ease</i> – see notice
Sunday	6th	9.00am	Holy Communion
		10.45am	Worship Together for all ages and stages
		6.30pm	Christian Basics/Baptism Course see notice

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 West entrance)

Note - No services 4th & 21st April

Rev. Nicholas Lebey will be licensed as the Team Vicar at St. George's, Tolworth next **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 **this evening and 6th April ,after a two 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 4932. The rose cost is £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. We have booked a coach to transport singers and supporters. The coach is now full, however if you would like to be added to a reserve list in case spaces become available please contact Hannah Barritt - hannahebarritt@gmail.com.
(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 -Try some eco-therapy: grow some herbs or vegetables on your windowsill or in the garden. and see how much better you feel even before you taste how delicious they are!

"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

African Vision Malawi are celebrating their 20th year of working in Malawi. As part of this, we are looking for 20 people to support us in a fundraiser **climbing "Yr Wyddfa" (Mount Snowdon) on September 6th.** You can find the details on our website <https://www.africanvision.org.uk/events/climb-mount-snowdon> which is on our events page. You have options depending on how challenging you want the event to be! 1. Climb Mount Snowdon 2. Walk 8 miles then climb Mount Snowdon 3. Cycle 50 miles around the mountain, then climb Mount Snowdon or finally do all three!!! This is a joint event with Love Support Unite and Malawi Projects and all funds come direct to us! Let me know if you want to join us, only £50 for your accommodation which you get back if you raise £500! And What you raise will be match funded!

Email: heather.palmer@africanvision.org.uk phone: 07798 695287

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 to 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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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***