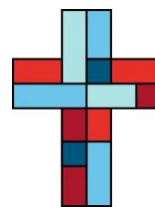


Sunday 4th December 2016
2nd Sunday of Advent

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Mark's</i>
09.15	All Age Eucharist– <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Morning worship with baptisms – <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Evening service – <i>St Andrew's</i>



**St Andrew
& St Mark**
Surbiton

Sunday 27th November 2016
1st Sunday of Advent

Services Today

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Mark's</i>
09.15	Family worship– <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club – <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Advent Carols – <i>St Andrew's</i>

NOTICES:

Tonight: Advent Carols. 6pm St Andrew's

One of the highlights, musically and spiritually, of the year. Advent music is more mysterious and sombre than Christmas music: this is a service of choir pieces and congregation Advent hymns (Lo, he comes with clouds descending, O come, O come, Emmanuel etc.) Lasts one hour. If you've come once, this service can be quite addictive: some people come back every year, even though they live miles away.

'Oh no not St. Paul again!' continues on **Tuesday 29 November, and 6 December 8pm till 9.15pm in St Mark's Church.** This course is for those who feel that Paul is something of a mystery to them, and possibly someone they don't warm to. We had a great group last Tuesday, but do come even if you missed the first session.

St Andrew's Day is this Wednesday: Wed 30th Nov. Come from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. We shall be hosting this, this year, as an agape eucharist: that is when we have a meal, and the Eucharistic liturgy, blessing bread and wine, fits in around this. All welcome. A donation (such as £10) would be great as this is a fundraiser for the Fircroft Trust, if you would like to be part of the meal. Jackie Page makes a delicious meal, but she needs to know numbers to help cater. The evening will be spiritual, fun and a great way to get to know people if you are new to the church. Sign up at the back of church TODAY.

Children's choir: We're going for it again! Our next venture for the children's choir is to sing a piece at the Christingle service at St Andrew's Church on Christmas Eve at 3.30pm. This will be preceded by four one hour rehearsals start this Friday, **Fri 2nd December** at 4.30pm at St Mark's Church. Do come, even if you weren't part of it the first time round, and/or bring a friend! You need to be between 6 and 11 years old, and you need to be happy to have a go at singing.

Sunday Parish Lunch 1pm at Ravens Ait on Sunday 11th December. If you would like to come, please book by 4th December with Olga Wickenden. All welcome

Parish Advent Quiet day on "God of Christmas surprises" on **Saturday 17th December** at The House of Prayer, East Molesey, KT8 0PB from 10.30 – 3.30pm. We look forward to Christmas and to our expectations of joy and celebration. But so often Christmas is about the unexpected.....The cost will be £10 for the day not including food. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you would like to attend or speak with Carole Bourne.

On **Friday 2nd Dec** Leslene Woodward plans to participate in this year's Church Urban Fund Advent Sleepout, to raise money to help alleviate homelessness, with churches all over England taking part. Leslene is not seeking donations, but will make a personal donation. This notice is just to advise people the church will be represented in this year's Sleepout. If anyone did feel inclined to toss a gold coin her way, Martin Taylor has very kindly agreed to collect them for her.

Oxygen would like to invite you to their **Commissioning service on Sunday the 4th December at Surbiton New Life Baptist Church at 6.30pm.** This service will be an opportunity to celebrate our work with disadvantaged and marginalised young people and Street Pastors, meet new team members and hear about our plans for 2017. It will also be a gift service.

Monday Parish Sabbath Office Closed

Open normal hours the rest of the week.

Monday

Tuesday 08.50 Morning Prayer – St. Mark's

Wednesday 08.30 Morning Prayer – St. Andrew's
10.00 Sunbeams – St Mark's
19.00 St Andrew's Day service-St Andrew's

Thursday 08.30 Morning Prayer – St. Mark's
10.30 Holy Communion– St Mark's

Friday 08.30 Eucharist – St Andrew's
10.00 Friday Coffee for Charity- St Andrew's

Saturday 19.30 Kingston Orpheus – St Andrew's

Sunday

A very warm welcome to our Church today. We hope that you will find something of the presence of God in our worship and among those you meet.

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There is an induction loop in both churches - please turn your aid to the 'T' setting.
You can follow the service in the Liturgy Service Booklet; this pew sheet will give you information about the readings and hymns; you will also need a New English Hymnal

Hymns NEH

Music Setting **RICHARDSON in A**
Introit **GOLDSCHMIDT- A tender shoot**
Introit hymn **5** Hark! A herald voice is calling

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Today's themes

This is the first Sunday of Advent: the themes of the reading are about the coming of the Messiah *at the end of time* rather than the coming of Jesus as a baby. In both Paul and in Matthew, the sense is that we do not have full knowledge of when it will happen.

First Reading **Isaiah 2.1-5**
Reader Ken Hedges

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Gradual **Psalms 122**

1 I was glad when they ¹ said to ¹ me, □
'Let us ¹ go • to the ¹ house of the ¹ Lord.'
2 And now our ¹ feet are ¹ standing □
within your ¹ gates, ¹ O Je¹rusalem;
3 Jerusalem, ¹ built • as a ¹ city □
that is at ¹ unity ¹ in it¹self.
4 Thither the tribes go up, the ¹ tribes of the ¹ Lord, □
as is decreed for Israel,
to give ¹ thanks • to the ¹ name of the ¹ Lord.
≠ 5 For there are set the ¹ thrones of ¹ judgement, □
the ¹ thrones of the ¹ house of ¹ David.
6 O pray for the ¹ peace of Je¹rusalem: □
'May they ¹ prosper who ¹ love ¹ you.
7 'Peace be with¹in your ¹ walls □
and tran¹quillity with¹in your ¹ palaces.'

8 For my kindred and com¹panions' ¹ sake, □
I will ¹ pray that ¹ peace be ¹ with you.
9 For the sake of the house of the ¹ Lord our ¹ God, □
I will ¹ seek to ¹ do you ¹ good.

Second Reading
Reader

Romans 13.11-end
Phil Doyle

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel

Matthew 24.36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Address

Rev'd Robert Stanier

Intercessions

Alex Lewis

Offertory Hymn

7 Hills of the north rejoice

During the offertory hymn a collection is taken for the work of the church: please give generously. If you are moved to do so, please ask for info about planned giving, if you do not do so currently.

Communion Hymn

6 Hark the glad sound

Communion Anthem

ANON- Rejoice in the Lord alway

Please come forward for Communion if it is your custom, or for a blessing as directed by the Churchwardens. We will receive in two lines, as usual.

Notices

At the dismissal

3 Come thou long expected Jesus

FOR YOUR PRAYER: Requests for Healing Prayer to be made to the parish office; names will remain on the list for one month unless a new request is made.

For healing: Sue Paine Rosa Panton Iain Jones
John Barnes Moira Frau Richard Davies David Joel Jill Joel
Jo Norman Harry Cornell Mary Rice Theodore Shah
Tracy Calviou Michael Naylor Daniel White Robin Pellatt
Lucy-May Watson Nancy Vlasto Jean Wrench Susan Hagar

Year's Mind: Liz Wintle John Trebble Paddy Vickery
Peter Clark Florence Mayle