

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Andrew's</i>
09.15	Morning Worship with baptism – <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Choral Eucharist with Sunday club – <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Healing service – <i>St Andrew's</i>

**NOTICES:**

**Lent Teaching** on Sunday mornings. This Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> and on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, we will be considering "Lost and Found" in our Sunday Choral Eucharist; the vicar will not be preaching but will be interviewing members of the congregation who have lost something or someone: it could be a sister, an eye or an election. What happens when we lose something important to us and what, if anything, can we discover in those moments of loss?

**Lent lunches:**

Continue on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, from 12 noon onwards at St Andrew's. Delicious but not decadent soup lunches! Donations of £4 in aid of the Bishop's Lent appeal.

**Lent groups:** see separate sheet from *Churches Together*.

The Lent Group happening at St Mark's is on Fridays at 1.30pm. The first session is Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be led by Jackie Robbs. However, there are Lent groups happening all over Surbiton at different times, evening as well as daytime. Use Lent to focus your faith.

**Mothers' Union** are meeting on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm at St Mark's church**, meeting room 2. Robert Stanier will be leading Lent reflections. All are welcome.

**The Flying Circus Group** on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017** will visit The V&A Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Rd, London E2 9PA – home of the National Childhood collection. Admission is free. Meet 10.00am at Wetherspoon's Coronation Hall, St Mark's Hill for a pre-travel coffee. All welcome, nothing to join, no need to book, just turn up. More info from Harry 07773060233 or John 07963878217

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May: Dramatised Gospel according to Matthew**

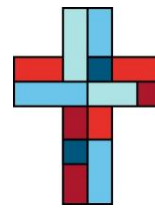
This is at St Peter's, Norbiton: an actor leads the audience through the bulk of this Gospel, in two hours. 8pm. See posters.

**Sidespeople:** We are looking for new sidespeople to join the teams which cover the 9.15 and 11.00 services at St Andrew's and St Mark's. The duties include handing out and collecting books but the most important part is to welcome people as they arrive. The usual commitment is one Sunday a month - but you can do more! If you are interested, please speak to one of the churchwardens or contact Anne Miller on [a.miller573@ntlworld.com](mailto:a.miller573@ntlworld.com) or 020 8398 8206. Please also let Anne know if you are already a sidesperson and would like to change your current commitment.

**Winter Night shelter** continues tonight in the Hall at St Mark's, though volunteers for tonight are coming from other churches.

On **Monday 10th April at 7.30pm St Matthew's Church St Matthew's Avenue, KT6 6JQ**. will be delighted to welcome the acclaimed Hermitage Ensemble of St Petersburg. This exciting Russian choir will mark the start of Holy Week with the final concert of their 2017 UK tour, singing traditional Russian sacred and folk music. Admission is free, with a retiring collection. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

**Advance notice: Parish Sunday Lunch** on **30th April** at the **Allegro Surbiton**. For details please see Olga Wickenden.



**St Andrew  
& St Mark  
Surbiton**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

**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	Compline – <i>St Andrew's</i>

*Monday Parish Sabbath Office Closed*

*Open normal hours the rest of the week.*

*Monday*

*Tuesday 08.50 Morning Prayer – St Mark's*

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*12.00 Lent lunch – St Andrew's*  
*20.00 Mothers' Union – St Mark's*

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

*Friday 08.30 Eucharist – St Andrew's*  
*13.30 Lent course – St Mark's*  
*10.00 Friday Coffee for Charity – St Andrew's*

*Saturday*

*Sunday*

***A very warm welcome to our Church today, especially to Bishop Christopher, who will be presiding at the Eucharist. 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**            **GIBBONS in G**

**Introit hymn**            **333** All my hope on God is founded

## Collect

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

## Today's themes:

How do you define the people who God has called. Obviously, Christians believe God calls everybody, but the Jewish belief is that they are particularly the chosen people. Each of these readings explores this tension, Genesis thinks about Abraham's multiple descendants, and the extract from Paul's letter is essentially a commentary on this passage of Genesis. The Gospel is slightly tangential, describing the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, the Pharisee. It contains some fascinating theology.

**First Reading**            **Genesis 12.1- 4a**  
Reader                      Martha Barnes

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'  
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**Second Reading**        **Romans 4.1-5,13-17**  
Reader                      Celia O'Neill

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. 'Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Gospel**                      **John 3 .1- 17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus

answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above. 'Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. 'Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Intercessions**            Naomi Bamford - Hurrell

**Offertory Hymn**        **378** Immortal love for ever full

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**     **500** Thy Kingdom come! On bended knee

**Communion Anthem**   **HURFORD** – Litany to the Holy Spirit

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.

**Interview:**                '**Lost and found**': Ed Davey

**Notices and banns**

**At the dismissal**        **272** All for 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:** Richard Davies Sue Paine Rosa Panton  
Iain Jones Mary Rice John Barnes Moira Frau  
Jo Norman Harry Cornell Theodore Shah Tracy Calviou  
Michael Naylor Nancy Vlasto Daniel White Robin Pellatt  
Susan Hager Lucy-May Watson Jean Rowe Keith Kirby  
Jacqui Smith Stefka Dimitrova David Gerrard  
John Whelan

**Years mind:** Joyce Volgar Roger Sapey Lily Forrest  
Eileen Quilan Brian Munt Joan Dweck

**Birthdays:** George Oram John Cracknell  
Elizabeth Edwards Harry Reisner