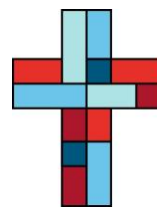


**Sunday 17<sup>TH</sup> December 2017****3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Andrew's</i>
9.15	Family worship with baptism – <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Choral Eucharist with Sunday club – <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Candlelit Christmas Carol service – <i>St Mark's</i>



**St Andrew  
& St Mark  
Surbiton**

**Sunday 10th December 2017****2nd Sunday of Advent**

Are you able to help out with **driving duties for the Christmas Day lunch**? You can do either one way or preferably both ways!. Even if you are an old hand at this, I would appreciate you contacting me by email to confirm your contact details (including your postcode), how many people you can take and your availability. Please call Mike Smith the Transport Coordinator on mjs50@outlook.com. Many thanks

**Christmas is coming!** We need teams of people to welcome to help before and during the extra services at Christmas, specifically the Christingles at 3.30pm and 5pm at St Andrew's on Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass at St Mark's and then the 10am service at St Andrew's on Christmas Day. Please contact Anne Miller (020 8398 8206 [/a.miller573@ntlworld.com](mailto:a.miller573@ntlworld.com)) if you can volunteer for one or more of these and/or have any questions. Thank you.

**Christmas Cards: buying.** Kate Manz has designed some fantastic Christmas cards, with a bespoke Christmas St Andrew's design. Batches of 5 for £5. These are gorgeous. ALL the money goes to the church.

**Christmas Cards: distributing:** The Christmas post box is at the back of St Andrew's and ready to receive your cards. Please make use of this for cards to regular members of the congregation and ensure that all cards are clearly marked with a full name. Thank you.

**Christmas Flowers.** It's the time of year for us to ask if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of decorating both churches with flowers for the Christmas celebrations. Contributions should be given to Anne Barker / Jackie Page or any of the Church Wardens. Thank you all for continuing to support the decorating of both churches.

**Phil and Catherine:** will be welcoming people at an **Open House on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>**, to their flat in Cadogan Road, in the evening, 7.15pm onwards. Mulled cider and mince pies.

Why not come along for Christmas carols and songs on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** from **19.00- 20.30** at the **Prince of Wales** on Ewell Road. This will be in support of the Buskaid charity that provides musical instruments and tuition for children in South Africa' townships.

**St Andrew's Day Agape Eucharist** raised already £370 for Fircroft Trust and with further donations it may be still more, closer to £500. Thank you again to Richard, Paul and Jackie.

**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 Pantou  
Iain Jones Mary Rice John Barnes Matthew Woods  
Jo Norman Theodore Shah Keith Kirby Tracy Calviou  
Michael Naylor Nancy Vlasto Gail Reed  
Daniel White Lucy-May Watson Stefka Dimitrova  
John Whelan Moira Frau

**RIP:** Beryl Agnes Ellis Denis Mallet

**Years mind:** Nina Mursel Jean Barker Samantha Fisher

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<i>Monday</i>	<i>Parish office closed</i>	
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>08.50</i>	<i>Morning Prayer – St Mark's</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>08.30</i>	<i>Morning Prayer – St Andrew's</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>08.30</i> <i>10.30</i>	<i>Morning Prayer – St. Mark's</i> <i>Holy Communion – St Mark's</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>08.30</i> <i>10.00</i>	<i>Eucharist – St Andrew's</i> <i>Friday Coffee for Charity- St Andrew's</i>
<i>Saturday</i>		
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>Christmas Carol service – St Mark's</i>

**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

**DARKE in F**

### Introit

**Wake, O Wake! -BACH**

### Introit hymn

**490** Judge eternal, throned in splendour

### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## Today's Themes

The link between the readings today is Prophets and Prophecy. The first prophecy in so-called 'Deutero Isaiah' foretells the end of the exile for the Israelite people. The letter of Peter speaks about the future too, the coming of the day of the Lord. In Mark, we find John the Baptist quoting Isaiah, this time not for the return of the Israelites to Jerusalem, but for a new kind of turning back: a change of mind we have come to call "repentance".

### First Reading

**Isaiah 40.1-11**

Reader

Martin Palmer

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. the grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## Psalm 85.1, 2, 8-13

1 Lord, you were gracious <sup>1</sup> to your <sup>1</sup> land; ☐  
you re<sup>1</sup>stored the <sup>1</sup> fortunes of <sup>1</sup> Jacob.  
2 You forgave the of<sup>1</sup>fence of your <sup>1</sup> people ☐  
and <sup>1</sup> covered <sup>1</sup> all their <sup>1</sup> sins.  
8 I will listen to what the Lord <sup>1</sup> God will <sup>1</sup> say, ☐  
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,  
that they <sup>1</sup> turn • not a<sup>1</sup>gain to <sup>1</sup> folly.  
9 Truly, his salvation is near to <sup>1</sup> those who <sup>1</sup> fear him, ☐

that his <sup>1</sup> glory may <sup>1</sup> dwell • in our <sup>1</sup> land.  
10 Mercy and truth are <sup>1</sup> met to<sup>1</sup>gether, ☐  
righteousness and <sup>1</sup> peace have <sup>1</sup> kissed each <sup>1</sup> other;  
11 Truth shall spring <sup>1</sup> up from the <sup>1</sup> earth ☐  
and <sup>1</sup> righteousness look <sup>1</sup> down from <sup>1</sup> heaven.  
12 The Lord will indeed give <sup>1</sup> all that is <sup>1</sup> good, ☐  
and our <sup>1</sup> land will <sup>1</sup> yield its <sup>1</sup> increase.  
13 Righteousness shall <sup>1</sup> go be<sup>1</sup>fore him ☐  
and di<sup>1</sup>rect his <sup>1</sup> steps • in the <sup>1</sup> way.

### Second Reading

Reader

**2 Peter 3.8-15a**

Natalie Miller

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him.

### Gospel

**Mark 1.1-8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

### Address

Jackie Robbs, Reader

### Intercessions

Valerie Baxter

### Offertory Hymn

**408** Love divine, all loves excelling

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 Anthem

**How beautiful upon the mountains-STAINER**

### Communion Hymn

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

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

**377** Immortal, invisible

### Next week's readings

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end  
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24  
John 1.6-8,19-28

