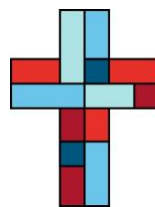


**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**Epiphany**

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Andrew's</i>
9.15	All Age Eucharist with baptism – <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Morning Worship with baptism – <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Evening Prayer with silence – <i>St Mark's</i>



**St Andrew  
& St Mark**  
Surbiton

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**  
**1st Sunday of Christmas**

**NOTICES:**

**THANK YOU** to all who helped host/ make oranges/ smile and welcome/ pin up banners/ deliver leaflets... whatever. Over 4,000 people came to our churches during the Christmas period to worship.

**Friday Coffee for charity** at St Andrew's resumes after the Christmas break on Friday 5th January.

**Sunbeams – Stay & Play** toddler group begins the new term on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 10am at St Mark's church.

On **Saturday 27 January** Robert Stanier will lead a wine-tasting in **St. Mark's Hall** at **7.00** to help raise money for our charity of the month, which is the **UK Friends of the Shepherd's Hospice** (in Freetown, Sierra Leone). The theme of the tasting will be "unfamiliar grape varieties" - as not all wine is made from Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz or Merlot. This will be a free event, but those attending will be encouraged to give £10 or more to UKFTSH. Please let Peter Stokes know if you will be coming so that the right amount of wine can be provided. You can contact him at [prpstokes@btinternet.com](mailto:prpstokes@btinternet.com) or on 8399 2527.

Make the Christmas spirit stretch into the new year: in association with Kingston Action Against Homelessness (KCAH) St Andrews and St Marks Church has agreed to host the **Night Shelter** which runs from 1 February to the middle of March 2018 on Sunday nights at St Mark's church. We will need enough **volunteers** to cover the three shifts- Evening shift: open by 7.45pm. Night shift: usually from 10pm +/- handover period. Morning shift: flexible - to be agreed by volunteers. Please contact Jane Kosa via the parish office.

The vicar remains on annual leave until Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January inclusive, returning to work on Wednesday. During this time, please call the vicarage in emergencies only.

**Midweek** services start this week: there will be the usual BCP communion on Thursday at 10.30am at St Mark's, and 8.30am said eucharist at St Andrew's.

The parish office will be closed from Friday 22nd December until Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

**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 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

**Years mind:** Aaron Collins Royce Elliott Betty Thompson

**Services Today**

**Sunday 31st December 2017**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Andrew's</i>
11.00	Eucharist with Carols – <i>St Andrew's</i>

*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*

***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**      **Mass of St Thomas –THORNE**

**Introit hymn**      **39** Unto us a boy is born

## Collect

Almighty God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Today's theme

At Nativity plays and the like, we tell the story of what happened in Bethlehem; today's readings focus on the ramifications of that, and the celebratory nature of this event.

**First Reading**      **Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3**

Reader                  Andrew Innes

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**Gradual**                  **29** It came upon a midnight clear

**Second Reading**      **Galatians 4.4-7**

Reader                  Mavis Innes

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God

**Gospel**                  **Luke 2.15-21**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in

her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**Address**                  Rev'd Carole Bourne

**Intercessions**          Celia O'Neill

**Offertory Hymn**      **28** In the bleak midwinter

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**      **42** While shepherds watched their flocks

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**      **36** The first Nowell