

**Sunday 22nd July 2018**

**St Mary Magdalene**

- 08.00 BCP Holy Communion – *St Mark's*  
9.15 Family Worship – *St Mark's*  
11.00 Choral Eucharist with Sunday club  
– *St Andrew's*  
**18.30** No service at St Mark's  
**Choral Evensong at St Matthew's**



**St Andrew  
& St Mark  
Surbiton**

**Sunday 15th July 2018**

**Trinity 7**

**Today: Bring and share lunch** for the Diocese of Matabeleland at Anne Barker's house from 1pm onwards. This is both a fundraiser for our link diocese in Zimbabwe and also a great way to get to know people. Directions to Anne's house will be available at church today.

**Tonight at 6.30pm at St Matthew's, Churches Together AGM with outstanding speaker, Nick Spencer, of Theos on "The Political uses of the Good Samaritan"** on how this parable has been used by Thatcher, Blair et al for their own purposes. Talk starts at 6.30pm: people welcome to leave before the formal AGM after it (or stay!)

**New date: Kingston Churches Against Homelessness (KCAH) was postponed** on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July due to the football and will now be on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** at Christ Church, Surbiton Hill KT5 8JJ Matt Hatton (KCAH Operational Director) will be speaking about homelessness in Kingston and what is to be done. Doors open at 7.45pm, talk starts at 8pm. Please book your free ticket at:

<https://kcahupdate.eventbrite.co.uk>. If you have registered already and cannot make this new date, please do let me know but we hope to see lots of you there. We hope this change benefits some of you and for others we thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Visiting Bishop:** on Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Dede Duncan Probe, who is the Bishop of New York, in the USA will be our visiting preacher. She will be the first female bishop to come to one of our churches in the parish. **Visiting former vicar:** the Venerable David Gerrard, by chance, is coming to preach in the week after that (29<sup>th</sup>)

**Mothers' Union** will be meeting on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** at **St Mark's church, room 2** at **2.30pm** when Therese James will be speaking about Kingston Street Pastors. All are welcome.

**Willow Green Nursing Home**, 1-3 Adelaide Road, are holding a Summer party on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2.30 – 4pm. Live music, food, drinks and cakes. All are welcome.

Pick up a Service Calendar guide for July through to the middle of September. Note that our magazine committee are taking a break for the summer, so this is your guide to services over the summer months.

**For your prayer:** Requests for 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:** Jo Casey Sue Paine Rosa Panton Iain Jones Mary Rice 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 Bob Brooks Ken Lidbetter Ceris Rayner

**Years mind:** Joyce Merritt Joseph Burrage Francis Stevens

**Birthdays:** Ruth Gilmore Mavis Cracknell Mary Rice

**Services Today**

- 08.00 BCP Holy Communion – *St Andrew's*  
9.15 Morning worship with baptism –  
*St Mark's*  
11.00 Choral Eucharist with Sunday club  
– *St Andrew's*  
**18.30** No service at St Mark's  
**CTiS with lecture and AGM-  
St Matthew's**

Monday	Parish Sabbath Office Closed	
Tuesday	08.50	Morning Prayer – <i>St Mark's</i>
Wednesday	08.30	Morning Prayer – <i>St Andrew's</i>
	10.00	Sunbeams – <i>St Mark's</i>
	20.00	PCC meeting- <i>St Mark's</i>
Thursday	08.30	Morning Prayer – <i>St. Mark's</i>
	10.30	Holy Communion – <i>St Mark's</i>
Friday	08.30	Eucharist – <i>St Andrew's</i>
	10.00	Friday Coffee for Charity- <i>St Andrew's</i>

**A very warm welcome to our Church today. We especially welcome Alyssia and Jesse their family and friends as they are baptized this morning at St Mark's. 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**                      **Sumsion in F (Gloria Mathias)**

**Introit**                                      **Blest are the pure in heart –  
WALFORD DAVIES**

**Introit hymn**                      **393** Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

**Collect**

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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.

**Today's themes**

The Ephesians reading rather stands on its own. Amos is not just a piece of prophesy, but also says something about who a prophet is. Seven centuries later, we have the story of John the Baptist, recognised as a prophet. Note the risks faced by prophets: John the Baptist is ultimately killed for saying uncomfortable things.

**First Reading**                      **Amos 7.7-15**  
Reader                                      Hugh Evans

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." ' And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom. Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

**Psalm 85.8-13**

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**                      **Ephesians 1. 3-14**  
Reader                                      Martin Palmer

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly

places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**Gospel**                                      **Mark 6.14-29**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

**Address**                                      Rev'd Robert Stanier

**Intercessions**                              Mavis Cracknell

**Offertory Hymn**                      **351** Come, ye faithful,  
raise the anthem

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**                      **288** God everlasting, wonderful and  
holy

**Communion Anthem**                      **Benedictus in F – STANFORD**

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 and banns**

**At the dismissal**                      **338** At the name of Jesus

