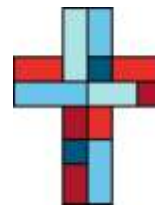


**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Mark's</i>
9.15	Family Worship – <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Choral Eucharist with Sunday Club- <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Taize– <i>St Andrew's</i>



**St Andrew  
& St Mark**  
Surbiton

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**

**Services Today**

08.00	BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Andrew's</i>
9.15	All Age Eucharist – <i>St Mark's</i>
11.00	Morning Worship with baptism- <i>St Andrew's</i>
18.00	Advent Carol service– <i>St Andrew's</i>

**Tonight at St Andrew's is the Advent Carol service at 6pm.**

**Sunday Club** will be making and decorating a Jesse Tree over the four Sundays in Advent: 2nd December 9.15am at St Mark's, 9th, 16th and 23rd December 11.00am at St Andrew's. Come and join us.

**Mothers' Union Diocesan Advent service is at All Saints Church Kingston on Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11.30am** when the Right Revd Martin Wharton, former Bishop of Kingston, will be preaching.

**Christmas day lunch:** Small, wrapped and labelled male /female or unisex gifts can be donated at either church for the Christmas day lunch, please put in assigned boxes at back of the church.

Are you able to help out with **driving duties** for the YMCA lunch on Christmas day? Please contact Mike Smith on 0208 399 8865 or mjs25smith@outlook.com for more details. Thank you.

**Christmas is coming!** We need teams of people to welcome and 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 Andrew's and then the 10am service at St Mark's on Christmas Day. No experience required! 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.

**Sunday 16th December, 2-4pm at St Andrews Church.** Classical pieces and popular songs played by Terezie Wickenden, in support of the Memory Cafes in Westminster. All money raised will be used for Christmas presents and entertainment for the Christmas Memory Café which is traditionally attended by some of the most isolated and vulnerable members of the community. Come and join us for tea, cake, music and to learn more about dementia. Tickets £5.

**SASM Flying Circus Group on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** will meet for their Christmas Lunch at Wetherspoon's Coronation Hall, St Mark's Hill at 12.30pm. Please book a place with Olga Wickenden with a deposit of £3.00. For any more info please contact Harry on 07773 060 233 or John on 07963 878 217.

On **Wednesday 5 December** Felix Elliott is doing a sponsored 10k walk through London, in aid of a homeless charity called 'Shelter'. Their work is mainly based around offering advice and support (including legal support) to homeless people whatever the circumstances throughout the UK. Any donations would be very gratefully appreciated to this fundraising page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/felixelliott>

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Parish Sabbath 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>10.00</i>	<i>Sunbeams –St Mark's</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>08.30</i>	<i>Morning Prayer – St. Mark's</i>
	<i>10.30</i>	<i>Holy Communion– St Mark's</i>
		<i>With coffee after the service</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>08.30</i>	<i>Eucharist – St Andrew's</i>
	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Friday Coffee for Charity- St Andrew's</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Kingston Orpheus Concert – St Andrew's</i>

**A very warm welcome to our Church today. We especially welcome Eleanor and her family and friends as she is baptized at St Andrew's this morning. 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 Hymns Old & New

## Hymns HON

**Music Setting**                      **Mass of St Thomas –Thorne**

**Introit**                                      **Adam lay y bounden - ORD**

**Introit hymn**                      **98** Come, thou long expected Jesus

## 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

Advent has two themes. First, we are waiting for the Christ child in Bethlehem at Christmas Day. Second, it is about waiting for Christ's coming at the end of the world. The readings both relate to the second theme. 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians mentions in passing the expectation of Jesus arriving with his holy people. The Luke passage is an apocalyptic passage. The expectation is that things will end suddenly. Our expectations today are possibly different.

**First Reading**                      **1 Thessalonians 3.9- end**  
**Reader**                                      Joseph Osborne

We have so much joy before our God because of you, and we thank him for you. But we cannot thank him enough for all the joy we feel. And we continue praying with all our heart for you night and day. We pray that we can see you again and give you all the things you need to make your faith strong.

We pray that our God and Father and our Lord Jesus will prepare the way for us to come to you. We pray that the Lord will make your love grow more and more for each other and for all people. We pray that you will love others as we love you and that your hearts will be made strong. Then you will be holy and without fault before our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy people.

## Zimbabwean Alleluia

**Zimbabwean Alleluia, to be sung brightly, with rhythm.**

**Cantor:**                      **Listen now to the Gospel**  
**All-**                                      **Alleluia.....**

**Cantor:**                                      **It is God's word that changes us**  
**All-**                                      **Alleluia.....**

**Cantor:**                      **Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break our hearts of stone, until we give our lives to God and God alone. All-repeat**

**Listen now..... Alleluia**

**Cantor:**                      **Come, Holy Spirit, root us in God's living word, that we may show the faithfulness of Christ the Lord. All-repeat**  
**Listen now.....**

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## Gospel

## Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said, 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

**Address**                                      Rev'd Robert Stanier

**Intercessions**                              Brigid Crew

**Offertory Hymn**                      **209** 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**                      **198** Hark the glad sound

**Communion Anthem**                      **Advent prose (Rorate Coeli)**  
**ROBINSON**

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**                      **307** Lo, he comes with clouds descending

### **For your prayer.**

*Please give your request to a member of the Ministry Team, or speak to Clare Chesterman in the Parish Office (contact details on the front page). If you wish someone's name to appear on the pew sheet it will remain there for 6 weeks. That person will be prayed for at weekly services, and also regularly by those involved in healing ministry.*

**For prayer:** Nancy Vlasto Stefi Riccini Mary Rice  
Keith Kirby Moira Frau Matthew Woods

**Years mind:** Peter Clark Florence Mayle Tim Healey  
Ronald Waller Lewis Morris Dorothy Bryant Bert Ellis

**Birthdays:** Mary Lavis

