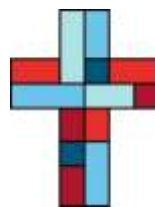


Sunday 6th January 2019
Epiphany

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



**St Andrew
& St Mark**
Surbiton

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 4th January.

Sunbeams – Stay & Play toddler group begins the new term on Wednesday 9th January at 10am at St Mark's church.

Advance notice: Quiz in aid of the local charity and our charity of the month Oxygen on the evening of **Saturday 26th January** at St Mark's Hall, time tbc.

Robert Stanier will lead a wine-tasting in **St. Mark's Hall** on **Saturday 9th February**, evening in aid of the charity of the month Shepherds Hospice.

Nightshelter in February & March. This is a long way away, but we're making preparations to offer the Church as a nightshelter for homeless people one night a week in February and March. We've been asked if we could keep open for 8 weeks rather than 6 weeks. Currently, our volunteers in this are close to full stretch, so we'll need new volunteers, if we want to go for 8 weeks. Could this be you? Helping out in one of three shifts: Sunday evening, Sun night through the night, Mon morning. Talk to Robert or Jane Kosa to find out more.

On Sunday January 20th, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, local church leaders are involved in a 'pulpit swap', preaching at each other's churches. We drew all the names out of a hat, and, by chance, Stan Brown from the Methodist Church is coming here, and Robert will be going to the Methodists. The idea also is that Robert doesn't travel alone but is joined by, say 3-5 people, who would visit the Methodist church. This will be quite fun. Their service is at 10am, and, by chance, is followed by something in their diary, called a 'Friendship Lunch'. Which we are welcome to go to, or not, as the case may be. If you'd like to visit the Methodists (on Surbiton Hill), tell Robert and we'll make a small party. The idea is that a small party of Methodists will come to St Andrew's.

The vicar will be taking annual leave as of now, returning to work on Thursday 3rd January. 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 remains closed from Friday 21st December until Friday 4th January 2019

Sunday 30th December 2018
1st Sunday of Christmas

Services Today

Sunday 30th December 2018
1st 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 **32** O little town of Bethlehem
(omit verse 4)

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

From Christmas Day, we know that Jesus was born, but how did he grow up? Today's readings focus on a growing up process, thinking of the Old Testament figure, Samuel, but also of Jesus, somewhat patronising his parents in the way that teenagers do. Colossians places this in a more theological context. His growth was a divine fulfilment.

First Reading **1 Samuel 2.18 -20,26**
Reader Peter Stokes

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

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

Second Reading **Colossians 3.12-17**
Reader Sarah Stokes

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him

Gospel **Luke 2.41 - end**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look

for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Address Rev'd Robert Stanier

Intercessions Anne Barker

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

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: Percy Squirrell Florence Roberts
Muriel Larsen Gwyneth Thomas Jean Wrench
Sandra Gorvett