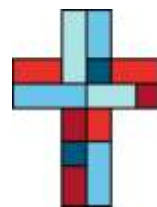


Sunday 23rd December 2018**4th Sunday of Advent**

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| 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 | Evening service – <i>St Andrew's</i> |



**St Andrew
& St Mark
Surbiton**

Candlelit Carol Service at St Mark's at 6pm this evening.

This afternoon, 2-4pm at St Andrew's 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.

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. We are in urgent need of drivers to and from the party.

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) if you can volunteer for one or more of these and/or have any questions. Thank you.

Mothers' Union Christmas Eucharist service on Wednesday 19th December at St Mark's at 8pm. Refreshments will be served after the service. All are welcome.

SASM Flying Circus Group on Thursday 20th 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.

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.

Thank you very much to everyone who offered words of encouragement and generous donations supporting my sponsored walk for Shelter. With everyone's kind contributions we managed to raise over £730 for this very important cause! Felix Elliott.

**Sunday 16th December 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent**

Services Today

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| 08.00 | BCP Holy Communion – <i>St Andrew'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 | Christmas Carol service- <i>St Mark's</i> |

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| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Parish Sabbath Office Closed</i> | |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | 08.50 | <i>Morning Prayer – St Mark's</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | 08.30 | <i>Morning Prayer – St Andrew's</i> |
| | 20.00 | <i>M.U. Christmas Eucharist – St Mark's</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | 08.30 | <i>Morning Prayer – St. Mark's</i> |
| | 10.30 | <i>Holy Communion- St Mark's</i> |
| <i>Friday</i> | 08.30 | <i>Eucharist – St Andrew's</i> |
| | 10.00 | <i>Friday Coffee for Charity- St Andrew's</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | | |
| <i>Sunday</i> | 14.00 | <i>Christingle workshop – St Andrew'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

Missa Brevis- CASEY

Introit

There is no rose - JOUBERT

Introit hymn

11 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Today's themes

Repent, repent, repent, you brood of vipers OR rejoice in the Lord always. Which is it? Today's readings offer rather different versions of advice. And yet can we unite them? Does good news need always to be nice? Rejoicing doesn't mean life is easy. All through the readings, there is a tension in this, and one that John the Baptist explored in such a way that Jesus himself was interested.

First Reading Reader

Zephaniah 3.14-end
Ann Mannall

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is
in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in
your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you
with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over
you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove
disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will
change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At
that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples
of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says
the Lord.

Psalm 146

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob ¹ for their ¹ help,
□
whose hope is ¹ in the ¹ Lord their ¹ God;
5 Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and ¹ all that is ¹ in them; □
who ¹ keeps his ¹ promise for ¹ ever;
± 6 Who gives justice to those that ¹ suffer ¹ wrong □
and ¹ bread to ¹ those who ¹ hunger.
7 The Lord looses ¹ those that are ¹ bound; □
the Lord opens the ¹ eyes ¹ of the ¹ blind;
8 The Lord lifts up those who ¹ are bowed ¹ down; □
the ¹ Lord ¹ loves the ¹ righteous;
9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the ¹ orphan and ¹ widow; □
but the way of the wicked ¹ he turns ¹ upside ¹ down.
10 The Lord shall ¹ reign for ¹ ever, □
your God, O Zion, throughout all gene¹rations. ¹ Alle¹luia.

Second Reading Reader

Philippians 4.4-7
Mavis Innes

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Luke 3.7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Address

Rev'd Robert Stanier

Intercessions

Valerie Baxter

Offertory Hymn

16 Wake, O wake with tidings thrilling

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

14 The Advent of our God

Communion Anthem

This is the truth – arr. Vaughan Williams

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

345 Christ is the King

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.

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Keith Kirby Moira Frau Matthew Woods

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Delysia Berry Morwenna Gough David Stainer

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