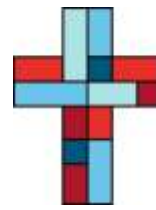


Sunday 30th December 2018
1st Sunday of Christmas

08.00 BCP Holy Communion – *St Andrew's*
11.00 Eucharist - *St Andrew's*



**St Andrew
& St Mark**
Surbiton

Sunday 23rd December 2018
4th Sunday of Advent

Services Today

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
18.00 Evening service – *St Andrew's*

Christingle making: Please do come to help make Christingles between 2pm and 4pm at St Andrew's glass room this afternoon. All welcome, but especially dads.

Friday Coffee for charity will not meet on Friday 28th December at St Andrew's but resumes after the Christmas break on Friday 4th January at St Andrew's Church Glass room from 10am – 11.30am.

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.

And 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.

Musical Afternoon Tea at St Andrew's last Sunday: Many thanks to all who attended and helped. Over £200 was raised for the charity Memory Café in Westminster.

The vicar will be taking annual leave from Boxing Day returning to work on Thursday 3rd January. During this time, please call the vicarage in emergencies only.

Midweek services will not be happening after Christmas Day but will resume on Thursday 3rd January when there will be the usual BCP communion at 10.30am at St Mark's, and 8.30am said Eucharist at St Andrew's on Friday 4th January.

The parish office will be closed from the afternoon of Friday 21st December until Friday 4th January 2019

Parish Sabbath Office Closed from:
Monday 24th December until Thursday 3rd January
Reopening: Friday 4th January at 9:30am.

Christmas Eve 3.30pm Christingle – St Andrew's
5.00pm Christingle – St Andrew's
11.30pm Midnight Mass – St Andrew's

Christmas Day 8.00am BCP Communion –
St Andrew's
10.00am All Age Eucharist – St Mark's

Sunday 8.00am BCP Communion –
St Andrew's
11.00am Eucharist – St Andrew's

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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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

Birthdays: Harry Gilmore Nigel Parker

*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-WILLS**

Introit **Ave Maria- ARCADELT**

Introit hymn **10** Long ago, prophets knew

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Today's themes

How does Christ come into the world? Christ comes into the world through Mary. The Gospel features the recognition of Jesus, while he is still in the womb, by Elizabeth, who is also (more heavily) pregnant, who senses that the baby inside her, John, is moving around.

On the one hand, this is a deeply female scene; on the other hand, gender is irrelevant. The more relevant point is that Jesus is coming to earth, the theology of which is unfurled in Hebrews. Micah is included as a point in which Bethlehem is emphasised as the start point.

First Reading **Micah 5.2 – 5a**
Reader **Eileen Wingrove**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

Psalm 80

1 Hear, O ¹ Shepherd of ¹ Israel, □
you that led ¹ Joseph ¹ like a ¹ flock;
2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned up¹on the ¹ cherubim, □
before Ephraim, ¹ Benjamin ¹ and Ma¹nasseh.
3 Stir up your ¹ mighty ¹ strength □
and ¹ come to ¹ our sal¹vation.
4 Turn us a¹gain, O ¹ God; □
show the light of your countenance, ¹ and we ¹ shall be ¹ saved.
5 O Lord ¹ God of ¹ hosts, □
how long will you be angry ¹ at your ¹ people's ¹ prayer?
6 You feed them with the ¹ bread of ¹ tears; □
you give them a¹bundance of ¹ tears to ¹ drink.
7 You have made us the derision ¹ of our ¹ neighbours, □
and our ¹ enemies ¹ laugh us to ¹ scorn.
8 Turn us again, O ¹ God of ¹ hosts; □
show the light of your countenance, ¹ and we ¹ shall be ¹ saved.

Second Reading
Reader

Hebrews 10.5-10
Mike Smith

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-
offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he
added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first
in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we
have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus
Christ once for all.

Gospel

Luke 1.39 – 45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town
in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and
greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the
child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy
Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among
women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this
happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For
as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my
womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there
would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Address Rev'd Carole Bourne

Intercessions John Wickenden

Offertory Hymn **185** Sing we of the blessed Mother

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 **21** A great and mighty wonder

Communion Anthem **Gabriel's Message – arr PETTMAN**

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 **186** Tell out, my soul

