

Sunday 16th December 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent

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>

We welcome David Houghton to St Andrew's this morning as he is preaching.

Sunday Club will be making and decorating a Jesse Tree over the four Sundays in Advent, continuing today and the next two Sunday's, 16th and 23rd December 11.00am at St Andrew's. Come and join us.

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

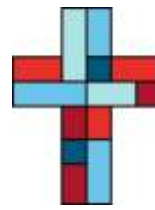
Christmas flowers: It's the time of year for us to ask if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of decorating both churches with flowers for the Christmas celebrations. Contributions should be given to Anne Barker / Jackie Page or any of the Church Wardens. Thank you all for continuing to support the decorating of both churches.

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 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.

The current **Parish Prayer calendar**, November to January, is available in both Churches. This calendar gives a weekly list which, over the course of a year, covers all aspects of parish life and also provides a prayer to cover each month.

Our Facebook page is now being updated regularly again; also Twitter. You can follow us @Surbiton_Church or on facebook at www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch.



**St Andrew
& St Mark
Surbiton**

Sunday 9th December 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent

Services Today

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>

Monday Parish Sabbath Office Closed
Tuesday & Wednesday Parish Office closed

Tuesday 08.50 Morning Prayer – *St Mark's*

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10.30 Holy Communion– *St Mark's*

Friday 08.30 Eucharist – *St Andrew's*
10.00 Friday Coffee for Charity- *St Andrew's*

Saturday 19.30 Kingston Choral Concert – *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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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 Parachialis - OLDROYD**
Introit **A tender shoot - GOLDSCHMIDT**
Introit hymn **5 Hark, a thrilling voice is calling**

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Today's themes

The order of these readings should really go like this: A. Malachi, foretelling of a messenger who will speak the Lord's message like a 'refiner's fire'; B. Luke's Gospel, describing the appearance in the wilderness of John the Baptist, proclaiming the need for repentance; C. Philippians, describing a community living in the light of Christ (via John the Baptist), overflowing in love for each other. Only after repentance, though, can a people grow.

First Reading **Malachi 3.1-4**
Reader **Hugh Evans**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord the ¹ God of ¹ Israel, ♦
who has come to his ¹ people and ¹ set them ¹ free.
2 He has raised up for us a ¹ mighty ¹ Saviour, ♦
born of the ¹ house of his ¹ servant ¹ David.
3 Through his holy prophets God ¹ promised of ¹ old ♦
to save us from our enemies, from the ¹ hands of ¹ all that ¹ hate us,
4 To show mercy ¹ to our ¹ ancestors, ♦
and to re ¹ member his ¹ holy ¹ covenant.
5 This was the oath God swore to our ¹ father ¹ Abraham: ♦
to set us ¹ free • from the ¹ hands of our ¹ enemies,
6 Free to worship him ¹ without ¹ fear, ♦
holy and righteous in his sight ¹ all the ¹ days of our ¹ life.
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the ¹ Most ¹ High, ♦
for you will go before the ¹ Lord • to pre ¹ pare his ¹ way,
8 To give his people knowledge ¹ of sal ¹ vation ♦
by the for ¹ giveness of ¹ all their ¹ sins.
9 In the tender compassion ¹ of our ¹ God ♦
the dawn from on ¹ high shall ¹ break up ¹ on us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the ¹ shadow of ¹ death, ♦
and to guide our feet ¹ into the ¹ way of ¹ peace.

Second Reading
Reader

Philippians 1.3-11
Roger Jones

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel

Luke 3.1- 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' '

Address

Rev'd David Houghton

Intercessions

Janet Jones

Offertory Hymn

408 Love divine, all loves excelling

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

500 Thy Kingdom come! on bended knee

Communion Anthem

People, look East- STEEL

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

12 On Jordan's bank

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: John Barnes Nina Mursel Jean Barker
Samantha Fisher

Birthdays: Joan Larkin Margaret Parker

