



# St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

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Dear Neighbour,

You will soon be seeing notices about a road closure for four days in St Andrews Road. This is at the request of the church and we thought we would write to explain why this is happening.

St Andrew's church is itself almost 150 years old and is a Grade Two listed building. It falls essentially to the church to look after its own upkeep. There was a significant rebuild on the inside ten years ago, but the last time that the tower and roof were overhauled properly seems to have been about six decades ago.

As you can see if you look up as you walk past, while the roof is not in dire condition, nonetheless, tiles are going astray; we have been advised that we need to attend to this now.

Doubtless, we will have to put up scaffolding for part of this work, but modern developments in 'boom lifts' or 'cherry pickers' may mean that this will be for much less of an area than expected. Using this method, the work should, we hope, get done more effectively, more quickly and more cheaply. For the first stage of work, we are going to deal with issues on the tower.

Initially, this will be for four days, during the week commencing May 28<sup>th</sup>. During the trial the boom lift will be operated from outside the church in St Andrews Rd and it will be necessary to close the road **from 8.00am to 5.30pm** on each day. Accordingly permission has been given to close the road to all traffic from the junction with Maple Rd to the church boundary with no 12 St Andrews Rd. Parking in this area will not be possible. The footpath immediately

outside the Church will be closed but pedestrian use of the footpath on the north side of St Andrews Rd opposite the Church will be maintained. We will endeavour to maintain vehicle access to the parking areas at the rear of no 46 Maple Rd and no 18 North Rd but there may be a few minutes delay at times.

I realise this will be inconvenient to many of you, both in terms of traffic flow and in terms of parking, and I am sorry for that. At the same time, I hope you understand that we also have a responsibility to repair the roof, and access to it is not easy. We will try to keep inconvenience to a minimum and if you have any concerns or require further information please contact me or one of the Church Wardens via the Parish Office.

Thanks in advance for your understanding,

Yours faithfully,

The Reverend Robert Stanier