



**St Andrew
& St Mark**
Surbiton

Sunday 17th May 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter

A very warm welcome to our church community.

Our church buildings may be closed but we are open and connected to God and each other through worship, prayer and service to each other. Please use this sheet as a basis of worship either this Sunday or whenever you wish to spend time in prayer and reflection. It contains the readings and hymns for the Sixth Sunday of Easter 17th May 2020.

This Sunday we will be worshipping together via Zoom, an online capacity to view the service with others. Please see the weekly email from Robert with the invitation to the service. If you do not currently receive this e-mail, please contact the Parish office via email sasms@btinternet.com Sermons are accessible on Youtube at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqaB8-K9h736BEP35QEbuqw>

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How can I get in touch?

Robert and Michael can be contacted via email or phone. Please use the details below.

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How can I stay in touch?

Parish website: www.surbitonchurch.org.uk
Parish Facebook:
www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch
Twitter:
[@Surbiton_Church](https://twitter.com/Surbiton_Church)

Several people have asked how they can donate to church funds given the absence of a collection in our virtual services. If you have on-line banking, you can set up a regular or one-off payment using the following details:

Payee: The PCC of St Andrew and St Mark, Surbiton. Sort code: 40-52-40. Account number: 00028530.

If you do not have access to on-line banking then you can send a cheque to the Parish Office payable to the 'PCC of St Andrew and St Mark, Surbiton'.

You can also make a one-off donation or a regular donation on our website through the Donate button. Please visit: <https://surbitonchurch.org.uk/about-us/giving/>

We as a church are not only meeting online on Sunday mornings but also during the week.

On Thursday evenings until May 21st, Robert will be leading a **study course on Deuteronomy**. It will start just after the NHS applause at 8pm. Deuteronomy are one of those texts from the Old Testament that can get bypassed or dismissed but is filled with rich insights if you give it a chance.

This will be then followed by **Compline at 9pm** which you join separately to or in addition to the study group. Invitations to the study and Compline service will be in the weekly email sent by Robert. If you would like to join either of the above or would like to know of any other offers of services, study groups or social events please contact Clare at sasms@btinternet.com.

Food Bank donations collection point will be at **St Andrew's Church** on **Saturday 16th May** from 12 noon for an hour. There will be a table & boxes to drop off food bank donations. Please remember social distancing and this is **outside the church**. Items required: canned veg, canned fruit, biscuits, instant mash, and coffee.

Collect for the Sixth Sunday in Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever

First Reading Reader

Acts 17:22-31
Tim Lavis

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Second Reading Reader

1 Peter 3:13-end
Linda Taylor

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I

am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Address

Rev'd Michael Johns-Perring

Intercessions

Valerie Baxter

Final Hymn

For your prayer:

*God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

For prayer: Mary Rice Nancy Vlasto Moira Frau
John Fowler Rita Burrows Colston Hartley
Jean Webber Denise Jones Michael Vaughan
Sue Paine Margaret Voysey Dinyar Margaret
Peter Lidbetter

Church of England Daily Prayer

Follow this link for daily morning, midday, evening and night prayer, in both contemporary and traditional English:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Alternatively, download the "Daily Prayer: from the C of E" app for free.

For those without internet there is the C of E Daily Prayer **Phone line, a free phone line** – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**. Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19.