



St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 9th August 2020
Trinity 9

A very warm welcome to our church community.

Our church buildings have reopened for private prayer. We are also opened for public worship but with limited services & capacity. Please visit our website for days and times of services. 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 prayers for Sunday, 9th August.

This Sunday we will be worshipping with those in church together with those online via Zoom. 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>

Please note that Robert is now on annual leave until Thursday 13th August. The parish office will not be open for the week of August 3rd. For all pastoral concerns please contact Michael on 07748455773 or sasmscurate@outlook.com

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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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The parish office is not open at St Mark's Church but you can get in touch by email.

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How can I stay in touch?

Parish website: www.surbitonchurch.org.uk

Parish Facebook:
www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch

Twitter:
Twitter @Surbiton_Church

We are thrilled to be able to open our doors for public worship again this Sunday. We have used government and Church of England guidelines to make precautions in advance and ensure safety on the day. **The socially distanced seating for Sunday's service (i.e. being physically present) requires booking on a weekly basis. If you would like to come to a Sunday service, please email the parish office (sasms@btinternet.com). A significant number prefer to come online rather than physically for several reasons, so it is highly likely, but not certain, that if you would like to come, there will be space for you. Priority will be given to anyone who applied to come to this Sunday but wasn't able to do so.** When you join us on Sunday, please allow extra time to enter the building and be seated for the service and we ask that you always observe social distancing, hand sanitising and face covering guidelines. We will be still together as a church community as we worship at church and on Zoom at the same time. On Sunday there is a BCP 8am communion at St Mark's Church. No need to book. We will be nicely socially distanced just by being the number that we usually are (with room for more!) We also have a mid-week communion service at St Mark's on Thursdays at 10:30am. Again just turn up.

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/>

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 1 Kings 19.9-18

A reading from the book of Kings

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

Second Reading Romans 10.5-15

A reading taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by

himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Address

Rev'd Carole Bourne

Intercessions

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 Peter Lidbetter Nick

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.