



St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 13th December 2020
Advent 3 Rose Sunday

*Services this Sunday are in church & online.
Please join us for our livestreamed services
on Zoom or Facebook Live.*

To join our services on Zoom please see the weekly parish newsletter or contact the parish office at sasms@btinternet.com for meeting codes.

Today: Sunday 13th December
8am BCP Communion at St Mark's Church - just turn up no need to book.

9:15am Family service at St Mark's Church - just turn up, no need to book.

11am Parish Eucharist join us at St Andrew's church by pre- booking a seat or join us live <https://www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch/> or via Zoom, codes from the parish office & Facebook.

Morning Prayer Tues (8:50am) Wed & Thurs (8:30am) join us live online at <https://www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch/>

10:30am BCP Communion Thursday at St Mark's Church, in person.

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with St Andrew and St Mark Church

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 or make an appointment.

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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

What is the situation with churches now we are coming out of Lock down 2?

From Thursday 3rd December we will be resuming Covid secure public worship. This means you can attend in person church services at St Andrew and St Mark. Social distancing and face coverings are still required, and we will be operating a booking system for our Sunday 11am Parish Eucharist at St Andrew's. To book your seat please email the parish office at sasms@btinternet.com. We will continue to live stream our services by Zoom and on Facebook Live.

More information about Christmas services and events can be found on our Christmas page on the website here <https://surbitonchurch.org.uk/christmas/>

To donate to church funds given the absence of a collection in our virtual services and avoiding using cash at our physical 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

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may
likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the
hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your
second coming to judge the world we may be found an
acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading Reader

Isaiah 61: 1 – 4, 8 – end
Clare Mannall

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;^[b]
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Second Reading Reader

1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 24
Del Gadd

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets,
but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from
every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may
your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is
faithful, and he will do this.

Gospel reading

John 1: 6 – 9, 19 – 28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came
as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe
through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify
to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming
into the world.'

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests
and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He
confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the
Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He
said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then
they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those
who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said,
'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord'',
as the prophet Isaiah said.
Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him,
'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor
Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with
water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one
who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his
sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John
was baptizing.

Address

Rev'd Michael Johns-Perring

Intercessions

John Wickenden

Notices

Hymn

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

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: Sadie Beesley Mary Rice Nancy Vlasto
John Fowler Rita Burrows Sue Paine
Colston Hartley Jean Webber Michael Vaughan
Roger Prince

RIP: Tony Hall