



**St Andrew
& St Mark
Surbiton**

**Sunday 20th December 2020
Advent 4**

*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 20th 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.**

**6pm Christmas Carol service online only
To join please use the Zoom link on the
parish website or contact the parish office.**

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

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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 in Tier 3?

From Wednesday 16th December Surbiton will be entering into tier 3 restrictions. We will be continuing our 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 God our redeemer,
 who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
 to be the mother of your Son:
 grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
 so we may be ready to greet him
 when he comes again as our judge;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
 Amen.

**First Reading
Reader**

2 Samuel 7: 1 – 11, 16
Martha Barnes in church

A Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders[a] of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

**Second Reading
Reader**

Romans 16: 25 - end
Charlie Bamford on Zoom

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel reading

Luke 1: 26 – 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Address

Rev'd Robert Stanier

Intercessions

Naomi Bamford-Hurrell

Notices**Hymn**

O Come, O come Emmanuel

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