



# St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021  
Easter 5

We are currently offering in-person and online services. To join these services please check the details below. To join our Parish Eucharist on Sunday at 11am at St Andrew's Church in person, you will need to pre-book a pew on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/152483561437>

The service is also livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook Live. For Zoom codes please see your weekly email or contact the parish office.

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

8am BCP Communion in person at St Mark's Church – no need to book. Also livestreamed on Facebook Live.

9.15am Family worship in person at St Mark's Church – no need to book.

11am Parish Eucharist please book seats on Eventbrite or join us online via Zoom.

6pm Evening Prayer at St Andrew's on Facebook Live

## Mid-week services

Morning prayer will be said and livestreamed on Facebook Live on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May (8:50) and on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> (8:30) and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> (8:30).

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May please note there is no 10:30am BCP Communion at St Mark's, resuming the following week.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 8:30am BCP Communion at St Andrew's in person – no need to book – also livestreamed on Facebook Live.

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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 or make an appointment.

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## How can I stay in touch?

As things are currently so changeable it is even more important to stay in touch to know what is happening at St Andrew & St Mark. We send a weekly email on a Friday afternoon which contains all you need to know about our Sunday services with online codes, plus information about our midweek services and events. **To receive this email please contact the parish office.**

Parish website: [www.surbitonchurch.org.uk](http://www.surbitonchurch.org.uk)

Parish Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch)

Twitter:  
[@Surbiton\\_Church](https://twitter.com/Surbiton_Church)

To 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 through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**First Reading Reader****Acts 8:26-end  
John Wickenden**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?'

And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Second Reading Reader****1 John 3:1-7  
Moira Greenfield**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Gospel****John 15: 1 – 8**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

**Sermon****Rev'd Michael Johns-Perring****Intercessions****Valerie Baxter****Notices and banns****Hymn****Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour****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 Jean Webber  
Michael Vaughan

**For this week, please pray for:**

Ministry Team, parish administrator (Clare), SASM School, children, staff, governors, groups returning to use our church spaces, local elections, for leaders of nations grappling with climate change

We give thanks for the wonders of nature that are everywhere around us and for the diversity of people, animals and plants that make up our world. We pray that all people will be respectful of our planet and treat it well, making right decisions that will bless generations for years to come.

Prayers taken from our monthly Prayer Card for May. This can be found on our website or copies are available from the parish office.