



St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 22nd August 2021
Twelfth Sunday of Trinity

We are currently offering in-person and online services. To join these services please check the details below. For Zoom codes please see your weekly email or contact the parish office. Facebook Live is at <https://www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch>

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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 – no need to book but please check in on the QR code. Livestreamed via Zoom.

During August there are no evening services on Sundays or mid-week on Thursdays.

Mid-week services

Morning prayer will be said and livestreamed on Facebook Live on Tuesday(8:50) and on Wednesday(8:30) and Thursday (8:30).

Thursday mornings 10:30am BCP Communion at St Mark's in person- no need to book.

Fridays 8:30am BCP Communion at St Andrew's in person – no need to book – also livestreamed on Facebook Live.

This week.....

Friday Coffee at St Andrew's Glass room Friday 27th August at 10:15-11:45am in aid of KCAH & Oxygen.

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How can I get in touch?

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

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The parish office is open at St Mark's Church on Tuesday & Thursday mornings only, please make an appointment or get in touch by email.

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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
Parish Facebook:
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/>

Opening Hymn**336 Angel-voices ever singing****Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,
 you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
 and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
 pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
 forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
 and giving us those good things
 which we are not worthy to ask
 but through the merits and mediation
 of 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****Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18
Ann Mannall in church**

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

'Now therefore revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**Second Reading
Reader****Ephesians 6:10-20
Joy Aboim at home**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak

Gospel**John 6:56-69**

Jesus said, 'those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Sermon**Rev'd Michael Johns-Perring****Intercessions****Anne Barker****Offertory hymn****339 Be thou my vision****Communion Hymn****Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us****Notices and banns****Final Hymn****297 Lord Jesus Christ****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 Nancy Vlasto John Fowler
 Rita Burrows Sue Paine Jean Webber

RIP: Richard Ernest King**For this week, please pray for:**

St Bartholomew, Ministry Team, users of our church spaces, our local shops and businesses, research into COVID-19 and Long Covid, refugees, RNLI, for a recognition of the damage done by chemicals in the production of food and some drugs which affect rivers and eventually the sea.

Patient God, thank you for the many blessings you have given us. As we embrace the future, we ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts.

These prayers are taken from our monthly prayer card which you can access on our website under Pew sheets tab or collect a copy from church.