



St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 29th August 2021
Thirteenth 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 3rd September at 10:15-11:45am.

Date for your diary....

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th September Parish

Climate weekend. More info to follow.

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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:
Twitter @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**333 All my hope on God is founded****Collect**

Almighty God,
 who called your Church to bear witness
 that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
 help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
 that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
 through him who was lifted up on the cross,
 and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
 Amen.

**First Reading
Reader****Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Eileen Wingrove in church**

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children

**Second Reading
Reader****James 1:17 -end
Katherine Reed at home**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel**Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the

elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips,
 but their hearts are far from me;
 in vain do they worship me,
 teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

Sermon**Rev'd Janice Price****Intercessions****Jackie Robbs****Offertory hymn****272 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!****Communion Hymn****70 Lord Jesus, think on me****Notices and banns****Final Hymn****420 O Jesus, I have promised****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

For this week, please pray for:

Sacristan team, servers, food banks, charity shops, NHS workers, those still in isolation, all carers, KCAH, school staff preparing for the new term, for small island states threatened by rising sea levels

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.