



St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 12th December 2021
Advent 3

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.

9.15am Family Worship in person at St Mark's Church.

11:00am Parish Eucharist in person at St Andrew's.

6pm Compline at St Andrew's

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.

Friday Coffee St Andrew's Glass Room on **Friday 17th December** at 10:15-11:45am.

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to make a donation to the decorating of both churches with flowers for the Christmas Celebrations contributions to be given to Anne Barker or Linda Taylor (in Jackie's absence) or to a Church Warden.

Thank you for your continuing support in decorating the churches.

Christmas presents for the Christmas Day lunch party: we like to give a present to each of our guests we are delivering a lunch to. Suggested gifts: Hats/scarves/gloves/bed socks/tin of biscuits. Please wrap and label for male or female. Please leave the gifts at church in the boxes. Thank you for your generosity.

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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?

The best way to know what is happening at St Andrew & St Mark is to receive the weekly parish email sent on a Friday afternoon. It 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 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.** Alternatively, 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 345 Christ is the King, O friends rejoice

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 **Zephaniah 3:14-end**
Reader **Rod Pearson**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Second Reading **Philippians 4:4-7**
Reader **June Pearson**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the
peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your
hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel **Luke 3.7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him,
'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to
come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to
yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you,
God is able from these stones to raise up children to
Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees;
every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down
and thrown into the fire.'
And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply
he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone
who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even
tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him,
'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more
than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him,
'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort

money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be
satisfied with your wages.'
As the people were filled with expectation, and all were
questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be
the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you
with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am
not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to
clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his
granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'
So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news
to the people.

Sermon **Rev'd Michael Johns-Perring**

Intercessions

Offertory hymn **16 Wake, O wake! With tidings
thrilling**

Communion Hymn **18 Ye servants of the Lord**

Communion Anthem **This is the truth sent from above**
Arr. VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS

Notices and banns

Final Hymn **12 On Jordan's bank**

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
Margaret Parker

RIP: June Salmon

For this week, please pray for:
Churchwardens, PCC members, audio-visual teams,
Mothers' Union, YMCA, USPG, food bank donations and
users, for careful decisions about gifts we buy and the
impact they have on the environment

**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.**

**Next week's readings: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Micah 5:2-5a, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45.**