



**St Andrew
& St Mark
Surbiton**

**Sunday 11th December 2022
Advent 3**

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**8am BCP Communion at St Mark's Church.
Also livestreamed on Facebook.**

**9.15am Family Worship service at St Mark's
Church
Also livestreamed on Facebook.**

**11:00am Choral Eucharist at St Andrew's
Church
Also livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook.**

**6pm Compline St Andrew's Church.
Also livestreamed on Facebook.**

Mid-week services

Morning Prayer will be said and livestreamed on
Facebook Live:

- Tuesday(9:00am) at St Marks's
- Wednesday(9:00am) at St Andrew's
- Thursday(9:00am) at St Mark's.

Thursday mornings 10:30 am BCP Communion at
St Mark's Church.

Friday mornings 8:30am The Eucharist at
St Andrew's Church and online on Facebook.

Notices:

Monthly 'Be Well Hub' Charity Soup Lunch –
21st December at 12:30pm at St Marks – welcome
to join for some soup, bread & some warm
conversations.

Mothers Union Christmas Eucharist – 21st
December at 2:30pm at St Marks

Christmas Day Lunch – Call for volunteers.
Please see Rev'd Janice Price about volunteering.

Christmas Services:

- **18th December – Lessons & Carols**
6pm at St Mark's
- **24th December – Christingles**
3:30pm & 5pm at St Andrew's
- **24th December –Midnight Mass with carols**
11pm for 11:30pm start at St Andrew's
- **25th December – BCP Holy Communion**
8am at St Mark's
- **25th December –All Ages Christmas Eucharist**
10am at St Mark's
- **1st January - BCP Holy Communion**
8am at St Andrew's
- **1st January – Sung Eucharist**
11am at St Andrew's

Staying Connected

with St Andrew and St Mark Church

How can I get in touch?

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

The Rev'd Robert Stanier 020 8399 0639
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Parish Office

Clare Chesterman **Janene Olivier**
Operations Manager **Parish Administrator**

**The parish office is open at St Mark's Church on
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday mornings
9am – 1pm. Please make an appointment or get
in touch by phone 02083909129 or email
sams@btinternet.com**

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 these emails please contact the parish
office.**

Parish website: www.surbitonchurch.org.uk

Parish Facebook:
www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch
Twitter @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**468 Through the night
of doubt and sorrow.****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**Isaiah 35:1-10****Reader:**

Emma Rush

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
 the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
 like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
 and rejoice with joy and singing.
 The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
 the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
 They shall see the glory of the LORD,
 the majesty of our God.
 Strengthen the weak hands,
 and make firm the feeble knees.
 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
 'Be strong, do not fear!
 Here is your God.
 He will come with vengeance,
 with terrible recompense.
 He will come and save you'.
 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
 then the lame shall leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
 and streams in the desert;
 the burning sand shall become a pool,
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;
 the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
 A highway shall be there,
 and it shall be called the Holy Way;
 the unclean shall not travel on it,
 but it shall be for God's people;
 no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
 No lion shall be there,
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
 they shall not be found there,
 but the redeemed shall walk there.
 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to
 Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their
 heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness,
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Second Reading:**James 5:7-10****Reader:**

June Pearson

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the
 Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the
 earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and
 the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your
 hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not
 grumble against one another, so that you may not be
 judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an
 example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the
 prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel**Matthew 11:2-11**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing,
 he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you
 the one who is to come, or are we to wait for
 another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what
 you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame
 walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are
 raised, and the poor have good news brought to
 them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at
 me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds
 about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to
 look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you
 go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look,
 those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then
 did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and
 more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is
 written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has
 arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the
 kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Sermon**Rev'd Michael Johns-Perring****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
 Rita Burrows Sue Paine Margaret Parker
 Christina Balan

RIP: John Woods**This week please pray for:**

Ukraine and the situation in Europe.

Churchwardens, PCC members, audio-visual
 teams, Mothers' Union, YMCA, USPG, key
 workers, for determination to avoid Christmas
 cards and wrapping paper (no glitter!) which
 cannot be recycled.

**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 Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16,
 Psalm 80:1-8; Rom 1:1-7 & Matt 1:18- end.**