

# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Christmas Day

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

10.00 am All Age Christmas Eucharist at St Mark's Church Also livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook.

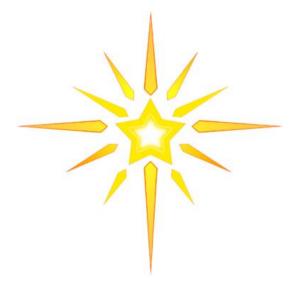
#### Mid-week services

We are taking our usual break the week after Christmas Day and we are back to normal with all our mid-week services from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

### Sunday 1st January 2023

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

11.00 am Sung Eucharist at St Andrew 's Church Also livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook.



# **Staying Connected**

with St Andrew and St Mark Church

How can I get in touch?

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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 sasms@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

During Christmas the parish office will be closed from 12 noon on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> until the morning of Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

For all urgent pastoral concerns during this time please contact Rev'd Michael Johns-Perring on 07748455773

Introit	

Ding Dong, Merrily on High arr. WOOD

#### **Opening Hymn**

Hark the herald Angels sing

#### Collect

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through 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 ReadingIsaiah 62:6-endReader:Alex Horn

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have laboured; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' They shall be called, 'The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord'; and you shall be called, 'Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

#### Gospel

#### Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

Sermon	Rev'd Robert Stanier
Offertory hymn	O Little Town of Bethlehem
Intercessions	Anne Barker
Communion Hymn	Away in a Manger
Communion Anthem	When Christ was born of Mary free – JOHN GARDNER
Notices	
Final Hymn	O Come, all ye faithful

#### 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

This week please pray for: Ukraine and the situation in Europe.

Christmas, St Stephen, Christmas Day Lunch helpers and recipients, the homeless and those who fear becoming homeless, KCAH and Joel Project, refugees, for an appreciation of winter sounds and colours

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: Numbers 6:22-end; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21