

To join our services at St Andrew and St Mark's 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

Sunday 4th December 2022

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

9.15am All Age Eucharist service at St Mark's

Also livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook.

11:00 am Morning Worship with Baptism at St Mark's Church

6pm Evening prayer with silence at St Mark's Church.

Also livestreamed on Facebook.

Mid-week services

Morning prayer will be said and livestreamed on Facebook Live on Tuesday (9:00am), Wednesday (9:00am) and 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:

Christmas Day Lunch - Call for volunteers.

This year the Christmas day lunch is taking place in-person in St Marks Hall. Lots of volunteers are needed to make this happen. Please see Rev'd Janice Price about volunteering. One volunteer from previous years said, 'I loved being involved in the Christmas Day lunch. I think I got as much out of volunteering as the guests did'.

Next Parish lunch - 5th February 2023 @12pm

You are welcome to book for our next parish lunch at Glenmore House.

Please contact Olga Wickenden – 0796378218. The cost of the lunch is £25 + £2 service charge.

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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.

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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 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 this email please contact the parish office.

Parish website: www.surbitonchurch.org.uk Parish Facebook:

www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch

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

197 Hark, a herald voice is calling

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10 Reader: Jemma Box

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." 'Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and

they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Sermon Rev'd Robert Stanier

Offertory hymn 520 Thy Kingdom come!
On bended knee

Communion Hymn 497 Thee, we adore

Communion Anthem How beautiful upon the mountains - STAINER

Notices and banns

Final Hymn 73 Brother, sister, let me serve you

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.

Ministry team, arrangements for Christmas services, parish office team, vaccination programme, people who work in Surbiton, for an awareness of our environment when we choose presents and food for Christmas

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 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11