

Sunday 12th March 2023

8 am BCP Communion at St Mark's Also livestreamed on Facebook 9.15 am Family Worship at St Mark's 11.00 am Choral Eucharist at St Andrew's Also livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook 6.00 pm Compline at St Andrews. Also livestreamed on Facebook

Mid-week services

Morning Prayer will be said and livestreamed on Facebook Live:

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

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

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

Lent Lunches

During Lent our soup & bread lunch will be served every Wednesday at 12.30 pm at St Mark's in aid of the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

Offers to provide soup/bread (bought or homemade) are welcome and please contact Janice at 07908852474 or via email at sasmdeacon3@gmail.com.

Easter Flowers If you wish to make a donation towards Easter flowers please give to Jackie Page or Anne Barker

Wednesday 15th March Lent Reflection at 2.30 pm at St Mark's Church, led by Brigid Crew and hosted by St Andrew and St Mark's Mothers' Union. Coffee and tea will be available from 2 pm. Please join us and you are welcome to invite family and friends.

The Next Parish Lunch at Glenmore House is on Sunday 2^{nd} April @ 12.45pm - to book contact Olga Wickenden on 07963878218. Cost £27 plus service charge.

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 Sue Paine Margaret Parker Christina Balan **RIP** Audrey Rotherham & Rita Burrows

This week please pray for:

Lent study programme, Wednesday lunches, treasurer/financial team, PCC, sacristans, servers, for a willingness to play our part in helping St Andrew's and St Mark's to have a positive impact on the environment.

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Staying Connected

With St Andrew and St Mark Church

How can I get in touch?

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

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Parish Office

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The parish office is open at St Mark's Church on Tuesday till 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

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/

Next week's readings:

1 Samuel 1:20-end; Colossians 3:12-17; John 19:25-27

Opening Hymn

333 All my hope on God is founded

Collect

Almighty God, Almighty God,

whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7 Reader: Emma Rush

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11 Reader: June Pearson

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her waterjar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

Sermon Rev'd Janice Price

Offertory hymn 339 Be thou my vision

Intercessions Andrew Horn

Anthem When I needed a neighbour –

CARTER, arr A. BURR

Communion Hymn 64 Be thou my guardian and my

guide

Notices

Final Hymn 94 We sing the praise of him who

died