

Sunday 14th May 2023 – Easter 6

8 am BCP Holy 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 pm Compline at St Mark's 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 & 7.30pm Ascension Choral Eucharist St Mark's. **Friday** 8:30am The Eucharist at St Andrew's and online on Facebook.

Notices:

APCM: A reminder that the APCM meeting takes place after today's service. Do stay and discover what has been going on and the general sense of the direction of the church.

New Card Giving station. We have a new giving station specifically for St Andrew's and this will be at the tower door church should you wish to donate. Please test or try it out. Smallest donation is $\pounds 1$. (If you have any problems, please see a church warden, Robert or Janice.)

Christian Aid Week 14th-20th May

Janice will be walking 300,000 steps in May in aid of Christian Aid, which will also be our charity of the month. Please donate either in cash to Janice or through one of the contactless machines, making sure to ask for the Christian Aid page.

Mothers' Union – 17 May, 7.30 pm at St Mark's Toni Mitchell – "Experience and reflections on my trip to the Holy Land" Tea and coffee from 7 pm. All welcome

Ascension Choral Eucharist – 18 May 7.30pm St Mark's – live on Facebook & zoom

Last Wednesday Lunch – 12.30 p, 31 May at St Mark's As mentioned above, this will be in aid of Christian Aid. Join us for soup and cheese and the opportunity for a chat.

SASM Ecofair 3 June, St Mark church at 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Email us on <u>sasmecofair@gmail.com</u> by the 13th May if you are interested in a stall (no charge). All local sustainable businesses welcome.

Evensong at Rochester Cathedral - 24th June The choir will again be joining with St Matthew's choir to sing evensong, this time at Rochester Cathedral. There will be limited seats on the coach for members of the congregation. Make a note of this in your diary and look out for the announcement that spaces are open for booking.

Our next **church lunch** at Glenmore House will be on the 2^{nd} July. Please book and pay by the 18^{th} June with Olga Wickenden at 07963878218. Cost of £29 it includes the service charge.

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Staying Connected

With St Andrew and St Mark Church

How can I get in touch?

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

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Operations Manager Parish Administrator

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 <u>sasms@btinternet.com</u>

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: <u>www.surbitonchurch.org.uk</u> 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: <u>https://surbitonchurch.org.uk/about-us/giving/</u>

Opening Hymn

466 Thou whose almighty word

Collect

God our redeemer,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

Reading:	Genesis 8:20-9:17
Reader:	Alex Lewis

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burntofferings on the altar. And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.' God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning; from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind. And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.'

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Gradual:	Psalm 66 v 7-18
Reading:	Acts 17:22-31
Reader:	Fiona Caldwell

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

John 14:15-21

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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Final Hymn

Gospel

377 Immortal, invisible

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 Frances Rogers

This week please pray for:

APCM, St Matthias, Ascension Day, Christian Aid Week, churchwardens, PCC members, treasurer and finance team, sidespeople, for a willingness to use, where possible, wind and sun to dry our washing (Ditch the tumble dryer!) 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