



# St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023  
Trinity 7

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**8 am** BCP Holy Communion at St Mark's

Also livestreamed on Facebook

**9.15 am** Family Worship at St Mark's

Also livestreamed on Facebook

**11.00 am** Parish Eucharist at St Andrew's

Also livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook

**6 pm** Service of Wholeness and Healing at St Mark's.

## 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

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

## Notices:

**A note from Clare Chesterman:** *'I would just like to say a special thank you to each and everyone who send me gifts, cards and all the well wishes for my new position. 'I am truly thankful'.*

**Wednesday 26 July** - Last Wednesday Soup Lunch – join us for soup and a chat at St Mark's from 12.30pm.

**Please note:** Advance notice that the vicar is on annual leave from Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> July to August 14<sup>th</sup>. In that time, the parish office will only be partly open; Janice will be the "senior" member of clergy around.

Our next **Parish lunch** will be at Allegros Restaurant, Victoria Road on the 13<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30pm.

Please book with Olga Wickenden at 07963878218.

## 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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### Parish Office

**Janene Olivier**

**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 [sasms@btinternet.com](mailto: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](http://www.surbitonchurch.org.uk)

**Parish Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch)

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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** 232 Awake, my soul, and with the sun

**Collect**

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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: Isaiah 44:6-8**  
**Reader: Peter Stokes**

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.  
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.  
Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

**Psalm 86 vv 11-17**

**Reading: Romans 8:12-15**  
**Reader: Sarah Stokes**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore

grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

**Sermon** Rev'd Robert Stanier

**Offertory hymn** 345 Christ is the King

**Intercession** Jackie Robbs

**Anthem:** God be in my head - RUTTER

**Communion Hymn** 278 Christ be with me

**Notices**

**Final Hymn** 349 Come, let us join our cheerful songs

**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  
Margie Lindsay

**RIP** Margaret Kelly – funeral 2.30 pm – 1<sup>st</sup> August

**This week please pray for:**

St James, Mothers' Union, Sunday Club, Spire & Tower editors, study groups, concert helpers, parish website, people working in local shops and businesses, for the Church of South India which runs an eco-learning programme which teaches school classes about what they can do to tackle climate change

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 week' readings**

1 Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:26-end;  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52