



# St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Trinity 16

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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** Choral Eucharist at St Andrew's  
Also livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook  
**6 pm** Evening Prayer with Silence 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:

**World Day of Prayer** will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 10am – 4pm in St Mark's Church. All welcome to join.

**Choir Practice** for the new academic year is starting again, new members welcome! 29<sup>th</sup> September in St Mark's church. Children's Choir up to Y7 from 4.30pm-5.30pm & Youth Choir from Y8 upwards 5.15pm-6.15pm.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Harvest Festival.** This will be part of our '**Bring a Tin Sunday**' project so please be generous. The proceeds will be split between Alfriston and Surbiton Community Fridge. You can continue to bring tins on any Sunday and leave them in the box at the back of the church.

There will be a **Parish Breakfast** after this service – please come and join us

Our next **Parish lunch** will be at Glenmore House at 1.15 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Please book with Olga Wickenden at 07963878218. £29 inc service charge

A quick reminder that our **Sunday evening services switch to St Andrew's** for the autumn/ winter months, so that starts Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October. This Sunday is the last evening service at St Mark's for a while.

**RIP** We have been asked to let you know that Tina Welch, a teacher at SASM and well known to many of you, passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

## Staying Connected

With St Andrew's and St Mark's 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

**Jay Turland** **Operations Manager**  
**Janene Olivier** **Parish Administrator**

**The parish office is open at St Mark's Church on Tuesday till Friday mornings 9am – 4.30pm. 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)  
**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: <https://surbitonchurch.org.uk/about-us/giving/>

**Opening Hymn**

362 Glorious things of thee are  
spoken

**Collect**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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:****Jonah 3:10-end of 4****Reader:****Eileen Wingrove**

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

**Psalm 145 vv 1-8****Reading:****Philippians 1:21-end****Reader:****Moira Greenfield**

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**Gospel****Matthew 20:1-16**

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

**Sermon**

Rev'd Carole Bourne

**Intercessions**

Valerie Baxter

**Offertory hymn**400 Light of the minds that know  
him**Anthem:**I give to you a new commandment  
- NARDONE**Communion Hymn**276 Bread of heaven, on thee we  
feed**Notices****Final Hymn**

401 Light's abode, celestial Salem

**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

**This week please pray for:**

St Michael and All Angels, Wednesday Lunch, baptism families, parish office staff, NHS, Joel Community Services, hirers of our church spaces, for a willingness to appraise the ways in which we live our daily lives

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's readings:**

2 Corinthians 9.6 -end &amp; Luke 17.11-19