

# Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

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8 am BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew'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 Compline Service at St Andrew's and 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

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

## Notices:

A donation towards the flowers at St Mark's this week has been made in memory of Victoria Thangaratnam.

## Saturday 25th November - Annual

**Christmas Fair.** Sign-up sheets at the back of the church

**Lunch Sunday 10th December** - For the first meeting of the 2.46 Club - inspired by Acts 2.46. Come along to meet some people and a chance to chat to old friends. You can sign up via the QR code and at the back of the church.



The next **Parish Lunch** at Glenmore House will be on 17th December at 1.45. Please book with Olga Wickenden. Cost £27 plus £2 service charge

Preparations for the **Christmas Day lunch 2023** have begun and we are looking forward to a great party. If you want to volunteer contact Janice on sasmsdeacon3@gmail.com.

## 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 – 4.30pm. Please make an appointment or get in touch by phone 02083909129 or email surbitonchurchoffice@gmail.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 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-</u> us/qiving/

#### **Opening Hymn**

436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

#### Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Reading: Zephani Reader: Andrew

Zephaniah 1:7,12-end Andrew Horn

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm. Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth. Psalm 90 vv 1-8, 12 **Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 **Reader: Alex Lewis** 

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

#### Gospel

#### Matthew 25:14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him. "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Sermon	Rev'd Robert Stanier
Intercessions	Jackie Robbs
Offertory hymn	310 We hail thy presence glorious
Anthem:	Lord, I trust thee - HANDEL
Communion Hymn	286 From glory to glory advancing
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Final Hymn	391 King of glory, King of peace

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 David Gerrard Susan Airey

**RIP** Barbara Prince Funeral set for 12.20pm at Kingston Crematorium on Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## This week please pray for: From our monthly prayer card

Baptism families, flower arrangers, all who work at Kingston Hospital, Christmas Fair, our local shops and businesses, Street Pastors, for a determination to turn off electric lights where not needed

Next week' readings

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 , Ephesians 1.15-end & Matt 25.31-end  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Matt}}$