



St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

**Sunday 10th December 2023
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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
11 am Choral Eucharist at St Andrew's
Also livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook
6 pm Compline at St Andrew'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

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

Notices:

Lunch today – 1 pm at St Mark's - the first meeting of the 2.46 Club, inspired by Acts 2.46. If you have signed up to attend we look forward to seeing you there.

Harry Gilmore's funeral will take place at 12.30 on Thursday 14th December at St Andrew's, followed by refreshments 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.

Tuesday 19th December – 7.30-8.30 pm – St Andrews "A Not So Merry Christmas"
A time of prayer and quiet reflection for those whose celebration will be tinged with sadness for whatever reason. Join us for as long or short a time as you wish

Preparations for the **Christmas Day lunch 2023** are well under way and we are looking forward to a great party. If you want to volunteer to help in any way 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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Parish Office

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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

Christmas Services:

17th December – Lessons & Carols

6pm – St Marks

24th December – Christingles

3:30pm & 5pm at St Andrew's

24th December –Midnight Mass with carols

11pm for 11:30pm start at St Andrew's

25th December – BCP Holy Communion

8am at St Mark's

25th December –All Ages Christmas Eucharist

10am at St Mark's

31st December – BCP Holy Communion

8am at St Andrew's

31st December – Sung Eucharist

11am at St Andrew's

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 15 The Lord will come and not
 be slow

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Reading: **Isaiah 40:1-11**
Reader: **Joy Oboim**

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85 vv 1,2, 8-13

Reading: **2 Peter 3:8-15a**
Reader: **Ann Mannall**

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord
one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are
like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as
some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting
any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of

the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will
pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be
dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is
done on it will be disclosed.
Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what
sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness
and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the
day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze
and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in
accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and
a new earth, where righteousness is at home.
Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things,
strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or
blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel **Mark 1:1-8**

'The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of
God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will
prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the
wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of
sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all
the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were
baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their
sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather
belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He
proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming
after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the
thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Sermon	Jackie Robbs
Intercessions	Alex Lewis
Offertory hymn	16 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
Anthem:	How beautiful upon the mountains - STAINER
Communion Hymn	500 Thy kingdom come on bended knee
Notices and banns	
Final Hymn	12 On Jordan's bank

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

This week please pray for:
Churchwardens, PCC members, audio-visual teams,
sidespeople and welcomers, 2.46 Club lunch, Mothers'
Union, YMCA, USPG, people who work in Surbiton, for
a resolve not to waste food

Next week' readings
Isaiah 61:1-4,8-end; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28