

# **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 Advent Sunday**

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**8 am** Eucharist at St Andrew's Also livestreamed on Facebook

**9.15 am** All Together Eucharist at St Mark's Also livestreamed on Facebook

**11.00 am** Morning Worship with Baptism at St Andrew's

Also livestreamed on Facebook

**6 pm** Advent Carol Service at St Andrew's Also livestreamed on Facebook and Zoom

#### **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.

To be baptized: Leo Alexander Walton

#### **Notices:**

**Christmas Fair** Just a special thank you to our social committee who arranged and planned such a lovely event, the Christmas fair was a huge success. Also thank you for everyone who contributed, helped, volunteered and donated this year. Congratulations to all our price winners.

**Parish Breakfast** after the 9.15 am service this morning – please stay and join us

**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** are underway 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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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: <a href="www.surbitonchurch.org.uk">www.surbitonchurch.org.uk</a> Parish Facebook: <a href="www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch">www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch</a>

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: <a href="https://surbitonchurch.org.uk/about-us/qiving/">https://surbitonchurch.org.uk/about-us/qiving/</a>

**Opening Hymn** 196 Hark, a herald voice is calling

#### Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Reader: Kate Harland

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Gospel Matthew 13:24-end

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the

four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends

of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

**Sermon** Rev'd Robert Stanier

**Intercessions** Rev'd Robert Stanier

**Offertory hymn** 235 I, the Lord of sea and

sky

**Anthem:** Adam Lay Y Bounden - ORD

Communion Hymn 175 God of mercy, God of

grace

**Notices and Banns** 

**Final Hymn** 307 Lo, he comes with clouds

#### 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

**RIP** Harry Gilmore – Funeral 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30 pm

#### This week please pray for:

Advent Sunday, ministry team, arrangements for Christmas services, parish office staff, donations to foodbanks, for an awareness of the impact on the environment of gifts we buy

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

Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8