



St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 25th August 2024
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8 am BCP Holy Communion at St Mark
Also livestreamed on Facebook
9.15 am Family Worship at St Mark's
11.00 am Parish Eucharist at St Andrew's
Also livestreamed on Facebook and Zoom

Mid-week services

Thursday 10:30 am BCP Communion at St Mark's

Notices:

During the month of August, there will be no Sunday evening service at St Mark's. In August we don't do public Morning Prayer or the Friday morning Eucharists. We do, however, keep going with the 10.30 am communion service on Thursdays

Soup Lunch

Please join us on Wednesday 28th August for our regular soup and cheese lunch at St Mark's church from 12.30pm.

Visitors' Coffee Morning

Calling all those who give their time and energy to visiting others in the parish, whether providing pastoral care, a listening ear or a lift to church. The Ministry Team would like to invite you to a *Coffee and Cake morning* to say thank you for all your unstinting generosity.

Date: Saturday 31 August 2024 –

Time: 10.00 to 12.00 –

Place: Gaymead, 20A Upper Brighton Road KT6 6LS

Please RSVP to surbitonchurchoffice@gmail.com

Advance notice of our '**Evening of Entertainment**' in aid of ABCD, a charity primarily supporting a children's hospital near Bethlehem. Time to dust off your tap dancing shoes, rediscover your Grade 2 piano pieces or get practising juggling burning torches. Any talent is welcome. This will be at **St Andrew's Church** on the evening of **Saturday 28th September**.

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 from Tuesday to Friday, 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: <https://surbitonchurch.org.uk/about-us/giving/>

Opening Hymn

475 Ye holy angels bright

Collect

Almighty God,
 who called your Church to bear witness
 that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
 help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
 that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
 through him who was lifted up on the cross,
 and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

Reading:**Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18****Reader:****Andrew Horn**

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

Reading:**Ephesians 6:10-20****Reader:****Toni Mitchell**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel**John 6:56-69**

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Sermon

Jackie Robbs

Intercessions

Mavis Cracknell

Offertory hymn

296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Communion Hymn

341 Blest are the pure in heart

Notices**Final Hymn**

272 All for Jesus

Prayer requests can now be placed in the box at St Mark's church, to the left of the entrance. Prayers will be offered at weekday morning services. All requests will be treated in confidence.

*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 Sue Paine Margaret Parker David Gerrard

This week please pray for:

Parish website and Facebook page, chalice assistants, audio-visual teams, refugees and the displaced, the unemployed, charity shops, for the ability to shop carefully and eat out wisely to cut down on food waste

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

Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9 & Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23