

# Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Trinity 15

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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 Facebook and Zoom 6 pm Compline at St Mark'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:**

Advance notice of our '**Evening of Entertainment'** in aid of ABCD, a charity supporting primarily 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 28<sup>th</sup> September. Please get in touch with Valerie Baxter 02083988229 if you are interested in offering an item. There will be 2025 ABCD calendars available for £10 each.

**Parish Lunch** at Glenmore House on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 12.45, cost £27 plus £2 service charge. Please book with Olga Wickenden

# 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

Jay Turland Operations Manager Janene Olivier Parish Administrator

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: <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: https://surbitonchurch.org.uk/about-us/giving/

**Opening Hymn** 

334 All people that on earth do

## Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Isaiah 35:4-7a Reader: Moira Greenfield

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

## Psalm 146

Reading: James 2:1-10,14-17 Reader: Emma Rush

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## Gospel Mark 7:24-end

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there.

Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go-the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released. and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

**Sermon** Rev'd Robert Stanier

Intercessions Andrew Horn

**Offertory hymn** 378 Immortal love for ever full

Anthem: Oculi Omnium - WOOD

**Communion Hymn** 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

**Notices** 

**Final Hymn** 466 Thou whose almighty word

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:

Holy Cross Day, confirmation classes, baptism families, Sunday Club leaders, those going to college or university, users of our church spaces, ABCD, volunteers at food banks and their users, for food producers committed to working with nature

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

Isaiah 50:4-9a; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-end