

Sunday 1st December 2024

Advent Sunday

Sunday 1st December 2024

8 am BCP Holy Communion 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 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.

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 this morning's 9.15 service. Please stay and join us

Christmas flowers - We are looking for flower arranging volunteers to help prepare for Christmas Day flowers - we will be meeting on Monday 23 December at 10 am at St Andrew's Any **donations** for Christmas flowers will most gratefully be accepted, please contact Anne, Clare or the parish office if you want to make a contribution.

Preparations for the **Christmas Day lunch 2024** have begun and we are looking forward to a great party. If you want to volunteer contact Janice on sasmsdeacon3@gmail.com.

Parish Library in Meeting Room 1 Arrangements for our Parish Library are being reviewed while the Korean church uses Meeting Room 1. Any books to be returned should be left on the table at the entrance to St Mark's or taken to the Parish Office.

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.

The Rev'd Robert Sta	anier 020 8399 0639
	or 07507231192
Vicar	robertstanier@btinternet.com

The Rev'd Janice PriceCuratesasm

07908852474 sasmsdeacon3@gmail.com

<u>Parish Office</u> Jay Turland Janene Olivier

Operations Manager 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: 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

196 Hark, a herald voice is calling

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Reading:1 Thessalonians 3:9-endReader:Shannon Delwiche

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Sermon	Rev'd Robert Stanier
Intercessions	Rev'd Robert Stanier
Offertory hymn	226 I cannot tell
Anthem	Creator of the Stars of Night – arr J SCOTT
Communion Hymn	175 God of mercy, God of grace
Notices	
Final Hymn	307 Lo, he comes with clouds ascending

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:

Advent Sunday, ministry team, arrangements for Christmas services, parish lunch, for a generation of leaders with the courage to take responsibility and to act justly for our changing climate

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

Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6