



# St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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**8 am** BCP Holy Communion at St Andrew'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** Evening Prayer with Silence 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:

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

The next meeting of the **Parish Mothers' Union Branch is on Wednesday 18th December 2024 in St Mark's Church.** They are linking with Janice's Monthly Wednesday Charity Lunch at 12.30pm. The lunch is soup, bread, cheese and tomatoes and mince pies for a suggested donation of £3.

This will be followed by their annual Christmas Eucharist sometime after 2.00pm. There will be a collection at the service for Mothers' Union Funds. Please join us and invite family and friends. All are welcome.

**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 be most gratefully accepted; please contact Anne Barker, Clare Mannall or the parish office if you want to make a contribution.

**Christmas Day lunch 2024** Please bring in wrapped and labelled gifts/presents for our visitors (marked female, male or neutral); gifts should be delivered to the back of St Andrew's or St Mark's by 22nd December. More drivers are welcome to volunteer with Janice and more volunteers are needed for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

## 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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or 07507231192

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**The Rev'd Janice Price** 07908852474  
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### Parish Office

**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](mailto: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](http://www.surbitonchurch.org.uk)

**Parish Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/SurbitonChurch](https://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**

7 Hills of the north, rejoice

**Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who at your first coming sent your messenger  
 to prepare your way before you:  
 grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
 may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
 by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of  
 the just, that at your second coming to judge the world  
 we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
 for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the  
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Reading:****Zephaniah 3:14-end****Reader:****Clare Mannall**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
 shout, O Israel!  
 Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
 O daughter Jerusalem!  
 The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,  
 he has turned away your enemies.  
 The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
 you shall fear disaster no more.  
 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
 Do not fear, O Zion;  
 do not let your hands grow weak.  
 The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
 a warrior who gives victory;  
 he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
 he will renew you in his love;  
 he will exult over you with loud singing  
 as on a day of festival.  
 I will remove disaster from you,  
 so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
 I will deal with all your oppressors  
 at that time.  
 And I will save the lame  
 and gather the outcast,  
 and I will change their shame into praise  
 and renown in all the earth.  
 At that time I will bring you home,  
 at the time when I gather you;  
 for I will make you renowned and praised  
 among all the peoples of the earth,  
 when I restore your fortunes  
 before your eyes, says the Lord.

**Psalm 146 vv 4-10****Reading:****Philippians 4:4-7****Reader:****Ann Mannall**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.  
 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is  
 near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by  
 prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests  
 be made known to God. And the peace of God, which  
 surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and  
 your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel****Luke 3:7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by  
 him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the  
 wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance.

Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as  
 our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones  
 to raise up children to Abraham.

Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every  
 tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and  
 thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In  
 reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share  
 with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do  
 likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they  
 asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them,  
 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for  
 you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?'  
 He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by  
 threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your  
 wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were  
 questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he  
 might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying,  
 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful  
 than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his  
 sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and  
 fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his  
 threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary;  
 but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'  
 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good  
 news to the people.

**Sermon**

Rev'd Janice Price

**Intercessions**

Celia O'Neill

**Offertory hymn**362 Glorious things of thee are  
spoken**Anthem:**

Rejoice in the Lord alway - ANON

**Communion Hymn**

14 The advent of our God

**Notices****Final Hymn**

345 Christ is the King

**Prayer requests can now be placed in the box  
 on the table just inside the entrance to St  
 Mark's church. 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:**

Not So Merry Christmas service, choirs and organist,  
 sacristans, servers, lesson readers, flower arrangers,  
 parish office staff, users of our church spaces, for a  
 determination to curb impulse buying

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**

Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55