



St Andrew & St Mark Surbiton

Sunday 8th December 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent

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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

11.00 am Choral Eucharist with Baptism at St Andrew's

Also livestreamed on Zoom

6 pm Compline at St Andrew'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 17th 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

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 Barker, Clare Mannall 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.

Christmas Services:

17th December - **Not so Merry Christmas** 7.30pm at St Andrews

22nd December – **Lessons & Carols** 6pm- St Marks

24th December – **Christingles** at 3:30pm & 5pm at St Andrew's

24th December –**Midnight Mass with Organ music** 11pm for 11:30pm start at St Andrew's

25th December – **BCP Holy Communion**

8am at St Mark's

25th December –**All Ages Christmas Eucharist**

10am at St Mark's

29th December – **BCP Holy Communion**

8am at St Andrew's

29th December – **Sung Eucharist**

11am at St Andrew's

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 Stanier 020 8399 0639
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

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 10 Long ago, prophets knew

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
Reader: Fiona Caldwell

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Benedictus

Reading: Philippians 1:3-11
Reader: Christine Waller

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' '

Sermon Rev'd Robert Stanier

Intercessions Mavis Cracknell

Offertory hymn 16 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling

Anthem: How beautiful upon the mountains - STAINER

Communion Hymn 500 Thy kingdom come on bended knee

Notices

Final Hymn 12 On Jordan's bank

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

Baptism Candidate: Oliver Thomas Goncalves

This week please pray for:
Carol services, churchwardens, PCC members, audio-visual teams, sidespeople and welcomers, people who work in Surbiton, for the strength of youth who raise awareness of climate change in their community

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
Zephaniah 3:14-end; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18