



# St Matthew's Church

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## *The Fourth Sunday of Easter* Sunday 22nd April 2018

Welcome to St Matthew's, which is part of the Wimbledon Team Ministry in the Diocese of Southwark, Church of England. Our services today are:

8am Said Mass and 9.30am Sung Mass

At the 9.30 service, children are welcome to use the crèche, or join a group. Pebbles (3-5 yrs) meets in the hall; Godly Play (5-11 yrs) in the Lady Chapel.

### **Opening Voluntary**

*I know that my Redeemer liveth (from Messiah, Part III)*  
*G F Handel (1685 - 1759)*

### **Processional Hymn**

*NEH 121 This joyful Eastertide*

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## First Reading

*Acts 4.5-12*

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 23*

### **R. The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing.**

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul  
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **R.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff comfort me. **R.**  
You spread a table before me  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil  
and my cup shall be full. **R.**

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R.**

## **Second Reading**

*1 John 3.16-end*

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord:  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

## **The Gospel**

*John 10.11-18*

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I

have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

### **Offertory Hymn**

*NEH 457 The King of love my Shepherd is*

### **Communion Antiphon**

The good shepherd is risen!  
He who laid down his life for his sheep, who died for his flock:  
he is risen, Alleluia.

### **Communion Motet**

*Come ye faithful, rise the strain of triumphant gladness*  
*R S Thatcher (1888 - 1957)*

The words (St John of Damascus (c. 750) Tr J M Neale (1816-66)) are in the hymn book, NEH 106, vv 1 & 2 (1st four lines) vv 3 and 4

### **Communion Hymn**

*NEH 282 Faithful shepherd feed me*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Final Hymn**

NEP 636 *Great is thy faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,  
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## **Closing Voluntary**

*Toccata in G*

*Théodore Dubois (1837 – 1924)*

## News and Notices

We welcome **Fr John Carruthers** and his family, joining us today for worship, and look forward to hearing John preach!

**MAY FAIR** Let's get busy preparing for the May Fair, which is on **Saturday 12 May!** We need BOTTLES, TEDDIES, BOTTLES, TOYS, BOTTLES, GIFTS, BOTTLES, CAKES and BOTTLES. And people to sign up to help. And your presence and money on the day. Muchas gracias!

**HARRY AND MEGHAN** are taking time out from their busy pre-wedding schedule to be present with us at the May Fair. They will be joining in the Children's Royal Wedding Parade. Yes, children (and adults) are all welcome to come dressed as their favourite prince and princess. The Vicar is coming as Princess Elsa.

**POSTERS/LEAFLETS** Please take some May Fair literature and display it liberally around your home, school, place of work, car, GP surgery, supermarket, local cafe, wine bar etc.

**BAPTISMS** Baptisms in the summer are planned for 22 July and 2 September. Please contact Mthr Helen if you would like to find out more about getting baptized yourself, or having your children christened.

**CAN YOU READ?** Would you like to read the lesson in church? What could be nicer than an opportunity to read the Bible to God's people?

**CAN YOU SMILE?** Would you like to become a Welcomer at the 9.30am service? What could be more fun than an opportunity to welcome the faithful to worship?

**CAN YOU WALK?** Would you like to become a Server at the 8am service? What could be more uplifting than an opportunity to assist the priest at the altar?

For all these exciting activities the age range is c.7-100yrs old. Please speak to Mthr Helen.

**BACH TO BABY** We now have this great activity in church - classical concerts for babies and young children. The next concerts are May 24 and June 21 at 10.30am. All welcome.

## Wimbledon Team Ministry



### WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE TEAM

<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	St Mary's 8.45am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning Prayer Eucharist	St Matthew's 8.30am St Matthew's 10am	St Mary's 8.45am St Mark's 1.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Morning Prayer Eucharist	St Matthew's 8.30am St Mary's 10.30am	St Mary's 8.45am
<b>Friday</b>	Morning Prayer	St Matthew's 8.30am	St Mary's 8.45am

### PARISH NEWS

**TEAM PRAYERS at St Matthews on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm.**

**JUSTICE IN PRISONS – IS IT WORKING** is the title of a talk to be given at **7.30pm on 27<sup>th</sup> April**, in Garden Hall, St Mary's Church, by **Prof. Ian Loader, Professor of Criminology** and Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford in support of the Prisoners' Education Trust. Tickets £20 (students: concessions). Contact Roger Chadder (8946 8953) [roger@chadder.co.uk](mailto:roger@chadder.co.uk) or buy tickets at the door.

**FRIDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS** at St John's, Spencer Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4NZ. 27<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm, Dominic Edwards, tenor and Max Barley, piano – *The Songs of Britten and Schubert*. Coffee and cake available before the recital from 12.30pm. There will be a retiring collection. Further information from [www.stjohnswimbledon.co.uk](http://www.stjohnswimbledon.co.uk)

**ST JOHN'S CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April** at St John's, Spencer Hill, Wimbledon, SW19 4NZ, **7 for 7.30pm start**. Tables of 6. Cost £15 which includes supper by Kelly's Kitchen. This is the first event in the NEW St John's Community Hall and all profits will go to International China Concern for abandoned disabled Chinese children and the Leprosy Mission. Enquiries Sally at [carter.esdale@googlemail.com](mailto:carter.esdale@googlemail.com) or 0208 542 5870. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday at the back of the Church.

**PRAY AND FAST FOR THE CLIMATE:** half an hour on Tuesday 1st May, 12.30pm – 1pm in St Mark's Church. Enquiries: [julietboyd@doctors.org.uk](mailto:julietboyd@doctors.org.uk)

**CHRISTIAN AID CAR BOOT SALE:** on Saturday morning 12<sup>th</sup> May, St Mary's Field. Enquiries: [julietboyd@doctors.org.uk](mailto:julietboyd@doctors.org.uk)

**GREEN WALK on Bank Holiday Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>:** Travel by train and walk 5 miles along the river Thames from Richmond to Kingston. Bring a picnic. Enquiries: [julietboyd@doctors.org.uk](mailto:julietboyd@doctors.org.uk)

**CLERKING ROLE FOR BISHOP GILPIN GOVERNORS** will become vacant in September. If you are interested in taking on this important and interesting role, and would like further information about what it entails, please email Jane Long on [governor.j.long@bishop.org](mailto:governor.j.long@bishop.org) by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Ideally the new clerk would shadow Jane over the summer term and then take over in September. All the work, apart from attending the governor meetings, can be done flexibly in your own time and there is a token remuneration for the role of £70/meeting (6 meetings per year).

**WOC, the friendly un-auditioned choir for anyone aged 70+ who enjoys singing meets today in St Mary's at the new time of 3pm.**

Please email news items by Wednesday each week to [parish.office@stmaryswimbledon.org](mailto:parish.office@stmaryswimbledon.org)  
The Parish Office, Fellowship House, 30 St Mary's Road, SW19 7BP. Tel: 0208 946 2605

## Services and Events during the Week

Monday

Tuesday

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.30-11am All Join in Toddler Group (Hall)

Wednesday

8.30am Morning Prayer

10am Said Mass, followed by coffee club

Thursday

8.30am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Team Prayers, St Matthew's

Friday

8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday

**Next Sunday**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Readings: Acts 8.26-end, 1 John 4.7-end, John 15.1-8