

## This Month's Worship in Churches Uniting in Central Sutton

### Sunday 4 March

9.00am	<b>St N</b>	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<b>SBC</b>	Morning Worship <i>Revd Jonathan Edwards</i>
	<b>Trinity</b>	Morning Worship Communion <i>Revd Dr David Dickinson</i>
	<b>St N</b>	Holy Communion <i>Revd Charles Cotton</i>
6.30pm	<b>SBC</b>	<b>CUCS United Service</b>

### Sunday 11 March Mothering Sunday

9.00am	<b>St N</b>	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<b>SBC</b>	Morning Worship Communion <i>Revd Graham Woolgar</i>
	<b>Trinity</b>	Morning Worship <i>Revd Dr David Dickinson</i>
	<b>St N</b>	All Age Morning Worship <i>Jeff Richard</i>
6.30pm	<b>SBC</b>	<b>CUCS United Service</b>

### Sunday 18 March

9.00am	<b>St N</b>	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<b>SBC</b>	Morning Worship <i>John Perry</i>
	<b>Trinity</b>	Morning Worship <i>Revd Dr David Dickinson</i>
	<b>St N</b>	Holy Communion <i>Revd David Butlin</i>
6.30pm	<b>SBC</b>	<b>CUCS United Service</b>

### Sunday 25 March Palm Sunday

9.00am	<b>St N</b>	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	<b>SBC</b>	Morning Worship Communion <i>Sally Fox</i>
	<b>Trinity</b>	Morning Worship <i>Revd Dr David Dickinson</i>
	<b>St N</b>	Sutton Team Ministry United at Christ Church
6.30pm	<b>Trinity</b>	<b>United Choral Service</b> <b>Trinity Festival Choir</b> including Schubert's <i>Mass in G</i> , Mozart's <i>Ave Verum Corpus</i> and <i>Laudamus Dominum</i>

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Dear Reader,

Last month saw the centenary of women's partial suffrage in Britain, awarded to those over the age of thirty with property of a certain value. Full enfranchisement came ten years later. My history teacher taught me that what won the vote for women in 1918 was their service during the First World War, which earned them the nation's admiration. But the story of the suffragettes' civil disobedience and heroism is what wins the headlines when the story of 'Votes for Women' is told.

The biggest and most successful demonstration in British history was part of this story. That was the Great Suffrage Pilgrimage which took place in the summer of 1913. It is almost forgotten now. Women and men marched from six directions to converge on London, covering twenty miles each day and holding meetings each morning and evening to explain their mission, stressing that they were campaigning "By faith not force." Some walked three hundred miles. The Pilgrimage culminated in a rally attended by thousands of women and men. These were suffragists, not suffragettes, and their Pilgrimage formed the highlight of a fifty year campaign which eschewed violence and disobedience.

Christians, taking up the example of the Old Testament prophets and following the teaching of Jesus, have a concern for social justice. This moves us at times to protest and campaign on all manner of concerns at home and abroad. In our three churches, this is mainly expressed through our involvement with Christian Aid, our engagement with Churches Together in South London's social awareness programme, conversing about issues in our preaching and our prayer, and getting involved when issues raise their heads. 1918 was only the first step in winning equality of opportunity and representation for women. One hundred years later, when women in Parliament face harassment and when women in public service are still paid less than male colleagues, further steps are needed to complete the journey.

Perhaps the story of suffragists and suffragettes teaches Christians how best to continue their campaign: through persistent faithfulness, sound argument and impassioned appeals to the hearts and minds of good people.

*David*

Revd Dr David Dickinson



# Devotions

## *You are there*

Guide us in this season of Lent as we try to follow Jesus through the wilderness.

Whenever the darkness of ignorance and prejudice is replaced by the light of understanding and solidarity,  
You are there.

Whenever your love for us empowers us to love one another,  
You are there.

Whenever we recognise something sacred, something of you in every human being,  
You are there.

Whenever we act with generosity and compassion, seeking peace and justice in a world created for all of us,  
You are there.

Joan L Kavanaugh  
from *For the Living of these Days*.



## Sutton Methodist Circuit London District

### Part-time Circuit Administrator

Main duties:

- To undertake the work of the secretary to the Circuit Meeting and the Circuit committees
- To serve as Circuit safeguarding Officer
- To assist the Superintendent Minister in his Circuit related duties

Applicants with relevant experience, computer literacy and sympathy with the aims of the Church are sought.

The post is for 20 hours a week  
Proposed start date May 2018  
Starting salary of £12 per hour

For an application form or more information please contact:

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Closing date for applications:  
Noon on Friday 23 March 2018

# Regular Events

CUCS is Sutton Baptist Church, St Nicholas and Trinity URC/Methodist who are Churches Uniting in Central Sutton, and who regularly meet together for prayer, worship and shared activities. All members of CUCS are warmly welcomed at these activities

**Saturday Prayer Meeting** (1st and 3rd Saturdays)  
10.00am - 11.00am at Sutton Baptist Church.

**Sunday Prayer Meeting** after the morning service in the Terrace Room at Trinity.

**St Nicholas' Mothers' Union** All are welcome  
Contact: Emma Cann 020 8641 6530

**Women in Touch (WIT)** meets fortnightly on a Monday at 10.30am at different venues, to enjoy a variety of activities including coffee, films and outings. It is open to women of any age. For further details of the programme contact: Carole Adams 07711879645 or see: [www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk](http://www.trinitychurchsutton.org.uk)

**Trinity Toddler Group** meets on Tuesdays in term time in Trinity Hall, 9.00-11.00am.  
Contact: Sheila Booth 8715 0514

**Bunker**, the youth club for CUCS, meets in Trinity Hall on Sunday evenings in term time from 6.30-8.00pm for young people at senior school. A chance to get to know other young people in CUCS and have fun together.  
Contact Jane Oliver: 01883 346261.

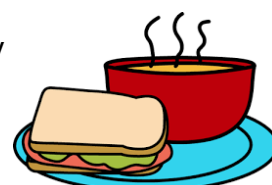
**Badminton Club** meets 7.45-10.00pm every Monday in Trinity Hall.

**Sutton Churches Tennis Club** can be found between 99 and 101 Gander Green Lane, Sutton. All ages and abilities are welcome. See our website at [www.clubtennis.co.uk](http://www.clubtennis.co.uk)

**Coffee and Craft** meets in the Oasis at Trinity, 10.00-11.30am usually on the third Friday of the month. Meet with others and work on your knitting, sewing, paper craft or other project. Beginners welcomed!  
Contact: Deborah Wroe: 8642 9064,

**Art and Fellowship Group** meets most weeks on Tuesday at 2.30pm in the Minor Hall at Trinity. Painting, drawing and other media with fellowship and mutual support.  
Contact: David Ovenden (07874 643 659)

**Oasis** at Trinity  
Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 2pm for refreshments, light lunches and a chance to chat.



# News from the Churches

## Lent and Holy Week in CUCS

Lent is a season of self-examination. Our CUCS Lent programme this year, which began on Ash Wednesday, includes a series of talks given by Revd Dr David Dickinson.

**What are human beings that God is mindful of them? (Psalm 8: 4) :**

Tuesday 6 March 7.30pm Sutton Baptist Church  
**People living with imperfection**

Tuesday 20 March 7.30pm St Nicholas-  
**Proper selfishness**

### Daytime Discussion Group

The final two meetings of the Lent discussion group led by Sylvia Robinson will meet, at 2.30pm in the Terrace Room at Trinity on

Tuesday 13 March

Tuesday 27 March

The group will be following the ecumenical York Course **On the Third Day** which includes an audio presentation.



**25 March 6.30pm at Trinity Church**  
**Trinity Festival Choir**

Schubert's *Mass in G*

Mozart's *Laudate Dominum* and *Ave Verum Corpus*

Conductor: Stephen Haylett

Organist: Ian LeGrice

Guest Soloists

This is a choral service and admission is free



**8.00pm** The CUCS United Service for Maundy Thursday will take place at Trinity.



**9.30am: Walk of Witness** organised by Churches Together in Sutton and Cheam. Meet outside ASDA at 9.30am ending with a short act of worship in Trinity Square.

**10.30am: Worship by the Cross** at Trinity

**11.30am** onwards: St Nicholas will be open for **quiet contemplation and reflection**.

## In memoriam

### Jeanette Davidson Malcouronne

Jeanette, who died on 13 January 2018, was married in Trinity Church in 1955, and had worshipped there ever since. A woman of quiet faith, Jeanette had lived in Roselands, Banstead since soon after her husband, Roy, died in 2015. Trinity Church is grateful that donations in memory of Jeanette were given to the church.

## Women's World Day of Prayer



The service for the 2018 Women's World Day of Prayer has the theme **All God's Creation is Very Good!** It is written by the Christian women of Suriname who focus on creation and our responsibility to care and look after it.

This year's local service which is open to everyone, will be held on **Friday 2 March** at **10.30am** at the **Salvation Army**, Benhill Avenue, Sutton with similar services taking place in Carshalton and Wallington in the evening. All are welcome – men and women!

## St Nicholas Supper Club Talk

**Friday 23 March Across Europe on Plates**



The first Supper Talk for 2018 will be on Friday, 23 March at 7pm in St Nicholas Community Hall when Clive Orton will go 'Across Europe on Plates'. Clive will show us slides of his collection of ceramic plates, telling us where they came from and what they mean to him. He may bring some for you to examine.

Tickets at £8 each are available from Richard West at St Nicholas:

020 8644 7834

richjwest@btinternet.com

## The Strangers in your midst.....by Revd Philip Brooks

(not to be confused with Revd Phil Brooks at Christ Church!)

Olwen asked me to write a short introduction for the latest newsletter. You perhaps have been wondering who the occasional strangers in your midst were. My wife, Debs and I moved down from Bolton, Lancashire last June. We were given dire warnings of how 'the folk in the South of England are not as friendly as us Northerners', but I am pleased to report that we have received a very warm welcome indeed. That's been very much our experience at Trinity Sutton, where we instantly felt completely at home.

The reason for the move is that I took up the role of the URC's National Secretary for Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations (the URC seems to like longwinded titles!) at Church House in Tavistock Place. This was following the retirement of Revd David Tatem. My previous appointment was as minister of two Methodist/URC LEPs. One of these was very similar in size to Trinity with a busy children's ministry linked to the adjacent primary school, whilst the other one was smaller but with a thriving community project reaching out to an extremely impoverished community in Salford. It had a Foodbank which cared for a depressingly large number of local residents.

The nature of my new role means that we can only attend at Sutton intermittently. Two weeks ago I was invited to take the service at Wallington URC, whilst just a couple of weeks earlier I was at Purley URC for their Exchange Sunday. This related to another part of my Church House brief, our links with partner churches in Europe. In this case it was for the partnership we have with churches in the Palatinate region of Germany. At the end of last year, this meant addressing their local Synod deploying my best schoolboy German!

Please feel free to ask me or Debs about any aspect of our new life in London and thank you to everyone in Sutton and especially to Trinity for your warm welcome.



## Sutton Team Ministry shares a statement from the Bishop of Croydon

In response to a review that was undertaken of Sutton Team Ministry, the Bishop of Croydon has proposed a pastoral reorganisation in Sutton. It is as follows:

- ♦ that the Team Ministry is dissolved, with each church becoming a separate Parish Church. Each Parish would have a Priest assigned to them - a stipendiary Rector at St Nicholas, a stipendiary Vicar at Christ Church, and a house-for-duty (non stipendiary) Vicar at St Barnabas. Each would have incumbent status and cure of souls of their Parish.
- ♦ that the three churches continue to work closely together in a Group Ministry, with emphasis on our outward mission across Sutton. The group would be united around this principle and a much lighter touch Group Ministry arrangement would be drawn up. The ministry team would continue to meet for support, encouragement and fostering collaboration. This would build on some of the good work that has been done between the churches since 2006.

The proposal will be considered by the three Parochial Church Councils at their next meetings.

It is emphasised that St Nicholas will continue to be part of Churches Uniting in Central Sutton.



**Christ Church**



**St Barnabas**



**St Nicholas**

**From the Editor** I would be delighted to receive comments and suggestions on the future of *Unite!* Contact me by my new email: [olwenmedwards@gmail.com](mailto:olwenmedwards@gmail.com) or by phone: **020 8643 2525**. Copy date for the April issue is 14 March. Links to the electronic version of *Unite!* can be found on each church's website.