

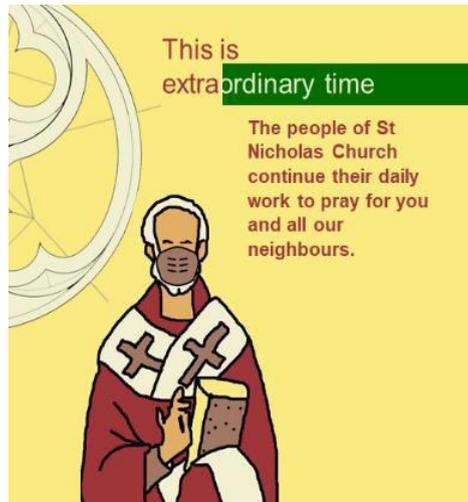


The Parish of  
**ST NICHOLAS,  
SUTTON**  
*Priest-in-Charge:  
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8 November 2020

**St Nicholas Church and Coronavirus (20)**



Dear Sisters & Brothers,

Although not unexpected, it is a blow that we need to go into lockdown again for at least a few weeks. As part of the new arrangements that began on Thursday, church services have once again been suspended until further notice.

This time we are allowed to keep the church open for individual prayer, so we will stick to our current opening hours:  
Thursday 10.30am – 12.30pm

Do call in if your exercise route takes you past St Nicholas. It will be lovely to see you and it will give you the opportunity to offer a prayer for the nation as the Archbishops have asked us to. Whether at church or at home, please pray that people will find strength and hope in these difficult times: pray for those who are vulnerable or afraid, for themselves or the people they love. Give thanks for those who work in our medical and support services and pray that those who are researching prevention and cure will soon succeed.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do to support you during lockdown and continue to pray for and keep in touch with each other.

The Dean of Southwark, The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, has written a prayer for the second lockdown which you might wish to use:

Lord Jesus,  
who entered the locked room  
and made yourself known to  
your friends; be with us in this  
lockdown  
that we may be aware of your  
presence and know your  
blessing upon us. **Amen.**

Do be assured of my prayers for you.  
May almighty God keep us safe in body, mind and spirit as we ask him in Jesus' name.  
With warmest good wishes to you all,

*Frances*