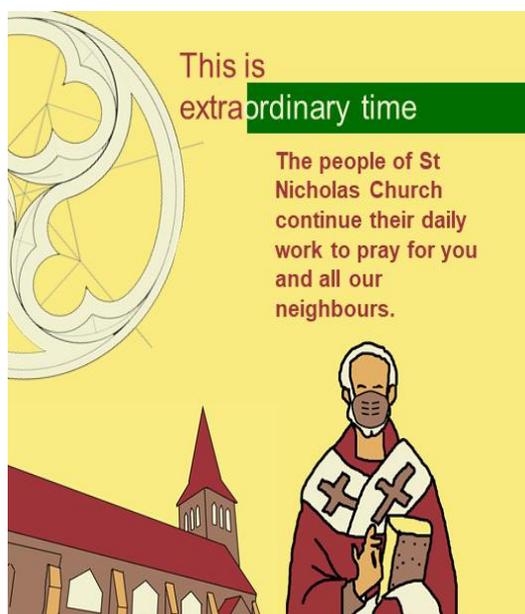


**All Age Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton
for Trinity 8 on 2 August 2020
Collect, hymns, readings, talk & intercessions**



Please join me for our service at 10.30am today (or at another convenient time) by following the Order of Service and singing in your own home.
I will be thinking of you all and praying for you at The Rectory at the same time and longing for our future reunion in Church.

Frances

Revd Frances Arnold, Priest-in-Charge

Duty Warden: John Kerr

Server: Henry Sawyerr

Musician: Isabella Harris

Sound desk: Jules Kieswich

New Testament: Vincent Cole

Gospel: Neenah Cole

Sidespersons: Jean Chappell, Pamela Kerr

Refreshments: Liz Cann, Chris Cann

Welcomers: Pam Affleck, Glynis Osborne

Collect (prayer of the week)

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns

Opening *Morning has broken, like the first morning*

Gradual *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*

Readings

Isaiah 55.1-5

An Invitation to Abundant Life

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Matthew 14.13-21

Feeding the Five Thousand

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

All Age Talk

What's your favourite packed lunch?

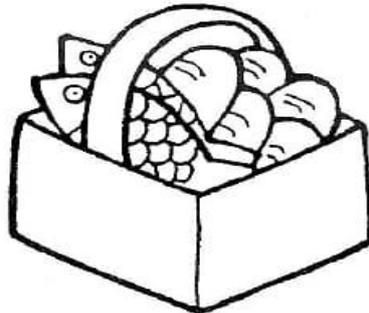
Have you ever shared some of it with someone else? When did you share it and why?

Has anyone ever shared theirs with you? When? and why did they do so?

Sometimes when we all share, we find that we have more than enough.

Do you ever take home part of your packed lunch?

In today's Gospel reading we heard how Jesus helped his friends to share their food. They all had enough to eat and there was lots left over.



If any one of the friends had eaten all the loaves and fish, what would have happened?

If we are greedy (and keep things to ourselves) then other people go without.

We all have brothers and sisters (because we all have one Father-God) in other countries who are dying because they have no food.

What could we share?

How could we be more generous with what we have and think of others more?

What could each of us do today that is a special act of sharing?

Dear God,

We thank you for everything we have.

Please help us to think of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Please help us to remember that nothing is too small to be shared with others. **Amen.**

Praying for ourselves and others

The priest says

Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

Please kneel or sit as Revd Beverly prays:

Prayers for ourselves and others

We meet with you, amazing God, thankful for all you have done in our lives this day-

Giving us human families who have loved and nurtured us,

Giving us Church families who have loved and nurtured us in your ways and who continue to support us in prayer, especially at this time as we learn to adapt to new and different ways of living.

Think of some specific ways you are being blessed at this time and give thanks.

Father God,

your creation continues to change around us – trees are coming into full leaf,

we hear birdsong and the whisper of the wind; we smell the rain;

all signs of your continuing love and care.

Give thanks for something in nature that you have particularly enjoyed this week.

Lord Jesus Christ, your life, death and resurrection are the reason for the way we live our lives today, and yet we don't always manage to live up to our calling, finding it easier to grumble about any restrictions we are experiencing.

Allow yourself to express your whinges!

Lord Jesus, we give all these things into your hands

See yourself literally giving your whinges like a parcel into Jesus hands and ask to be forgiven.

Jesus accepts these, freeing us from the burden of carrying them.

He gives us his forgiveness. Thank you, Lord.

Heavenly Father we thank you for joining us in one body, Your Church no matter how far apart we are. We thank you for the fellowship of all believers that continues from the very first disciples and will go on to the end of the age.

Give thanks for those who brought you to faith, for those who support you now and for those you support.

Amazing God, we pray for your whole creation; that your love may be made known in each one of us. We pray for the opportunity to share that love with all, but especially those we come in contact with.

As you sit in isolation think of a person that you can share Gods' love with

Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, willing to sharing.

Imagine the Spirit of God filling your life with his love!

At the end we say

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers,

for the sake of your son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.