

St Nicholas Church Sutton

14 February 2021 sunday next before lent

Worship

We have not held services in church since Sutton has been under Tier 4 government restrictions.
We are sad to have come to this decision, but have taken into account local circumstances and the need to keep each other and the local community safe. We are currently worshipping online only.
Please check the website and mailings for the most up-to-date information about our services.

SERVICES AT HOME (by Zoom) details will be emailed to you and can be found on the website
Sunday 14 February at 10.30am Sunday next before Lent service
Lectionary Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12, 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9
Thursday 18 February at 10am service
Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 30.15-end, Luke 9.22-25

LOOKING AHEAD
Wednesday 17 February at 7.30pm Ash Wednesday service readings, sermon and prayers (the Order of Service will be available in advance)
The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call materials can be found at https://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall

Church of England worship
You can find national online resources including weekly streamed services and daily audio at https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online
as well as additional worship provision on the BBC, e.g. Radio 4 Sunday morning worship at 8.10am (or later using BBC Sounds), the service on BBC1 later in the morning and Radio 3 Choral Evensong on Wednesdays at 3.30pm

Services streamed from Southwark Cathedral
can be found at
https://cathedral.southwark.anglican.org/worship-and-music/worship/live-service-stream/

The Bishop of Southwark will be livestreaming a Eucharist with sermon from his chapel at Bishop's House on Sundays at 9.30am, starting on Sunday 7 February.
This will be available via Bishop Christopher's twitter account (twitter.com/bishopsouthwark), and on the Diocesan Facebook page (facebook.com/southwarkcofe) and YouTube channel (youtube.com/southwarkdiocese).

For those feeling lonely, the **Daily Hope helpline** is on hand to offer support
We have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring
to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections
0800 804 8044
https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/dailyhope-phone-line

Prayer List – Stan, the David family, Mark, Denise, Sammie Abrokwah, John
Departed – Steve Evans, Patricia Thrower, Father Paul Sanders – Holy Cross, Carshalton

To include someone on the prayer list please ask their permission first. Then send the request to:
PCCSecretary.StNicholas@suttonteamministry.org by Wednesday.
Please note that Clergy/SPAs/Staff will not be able to answer questions about people on the prayer list.

Charity of the Month for February is **Sutton Community Works Night Shelter**

NOTICES AND WHAT'S ON

Message from the Diocesan Coronavirus Task Group about the Vaccination Drive: We are thankful that the vaccination roll-out continues and hope and pray that all those that need it will receive it soon.
Recent research carried out by the UK Household Longitudinal Study found that up to 72% of UK Minority Ethnic (UKME) people were unlikely to take the vaccine. In another recent study carried out by the Royal Society of Public Health, the figure is 57%.
We have issued a video presented by Bishop Karowei Dorgu and Archdeacon Rosemarie Mallett urging those in the UKME community to take the vaccine. Please watch it here and share. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wtcvdDbIWg Attached too is the press release that was sent out with it.
Here is a link to the press release on our website https://southwark.anglican.org/news/press-releases/2021/diocese-of-southwark-leading-black-clergy-urge-uk-minority-ethnic-community-to-take-vaccine

Staying in touch

Stay in touch about ways that we can care for you and pray for you. I'd be glad to hear from you.

In particular can I make a plea to those who find themselves in pressing need (or who know of others of our number in difficulties)? Please don't feel that you have nowhere to turn. I really want you to contact me or the churchwardens in the first instance. When you do, we will either be able to help you ourselves or point you in the right direction for access to food or emotional support for people who are struggling during the pandemic.

My contact details are: rector.stnicholassutton@gmail.com 020 8642 3499

Revd Frances

GIVING DURING DIFFICULT TIMES. THANK YOU to those of you who are able to continue supporting the church by your regular giving during these unprecedented times. This is greatly appreciated.
The church is still functioning at local, national and international level; and it continues to need the financial, as well as the spiritual, support of its members, not least to maintain its support of local parishes and communities.
St Paul's letters are full of useful advice about Christian giving, especially 2 Corinthians, chapters 8 and 9; he even gives specific directions in I Corinthians 16.2. It is almost as if he had foreseen our needs nearly 2,000 ago.
With renewed thanks for all your support in word, deed and prayer.
The Finance Team has asked that anyone who usually uses giving envelopes or gives cash and has been saving up during lockdown could now let the church have cheques for any monies they wish to give.
The Finance Team obviously wishes to avoid having to handle/count/bank any cash so please do not give notes or coins.
Cheques should be made payable to "**St Nicholas PCC**" and can be taken to church when it opens or sent to Mr Alistair Cruickshank, 3 Park Ave, Carshalton SM5 3ES.
Or, if you can, please make a bank transfer to:
St Nicholas PCC, Metro Bank Sort Code: 23-05-80 Account Number: 18151887

CUCS LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS 2021 Final Chance to be part of the Lent Study Course
Forty five people are now involved in the Lent study course but it is still possible to be involved!
1. You might like a copy of the booklet "Woven" delivered to your home so that you can study it by yourself. It includes Biblical and non Biblical readings, prayers, points to stimulate thought and suggestions for hymns to read or listen to.
2. Or you might like to join a meeting on Zoom. We can still include a few more people, adding one or two to each of the groups meeting on: Monday at 7.30pm, Tuesday at 2.30pm, Thursday at 10.30am and Thursday at 7.30pm.
Please contact Olwen Edwards as soon as possible if you want to be part of this:
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