

St Nicholas Church Sutton

21 February 2021 the first Sunday of 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 21 February at 10.30am 1st Sunday of Lent service
Lectionary Readings: Genesis 9.8-17, 1 Peter 3.18-end, Mark 1.9-15
Thursday 25 February at 10am service
Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 55.6-9, Matthew 7.7-12

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, Eddie Moss, John
Departed – Steve Evans, Patricia Trower, Dennis Coomber, 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**

The Bishop's Lent Call: the theme for this year's Bishop's Lent Call is food insecurity.
Bishop Christopher writes: my Lent Call for 2021 focuses on the work of food banks in our Diocese and food insecurity in places where we, as a Diocese, have strong links: Zimbabwe and the Holy Land. Our Diocesan Links with four of the five Dioceses in Zimbabwe is well known (and as you will also know, we have strong ties too to the Diocese of Harare which is linked with the Diocese of Rochester)…from 20 January this year we will have a formal Link with the Diocese of Jerusalem, just as we do with the Dioceses in Zimbabwe. That is why this year we are focusing a week each on food insecurity in these troubled places where many of our brothers and sisters find it hard to ensure that their families are fed… For many in our own communities and Link Dioceses, not having enough to eat is sadly and appallingly now a regular occurrence. I urge you all to pray for those in these situations and to consider prayerfully what you can give to help to support them.
Please look at the materials and give what you can.
Thank you for your continued generosity.
Lent Call Materials: https://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall
Bishop Christopher's Lent Call letter: https://southwark.anglican.org/downloads/lentcall/LentCall2021_BishopsLetter.pdf