St Nicholas Church Sutton

28 March 2021 Palm Sunday

Please don't forget that the clocks go forward an hour on Saturday night

Worship

We are delighted to be re-opening St Nicholas Church this Sunday 28 March, Palm Sunday.
There will be Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sundays and at 10am on Thursdays.
On Thursday, the church will remain open for Private Prayer.
Please check the website and mailings for the most up-to-date information about our services.

HOLY WEEK
In church
Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday 10.30am
Thursday 1 April Maundy Thursday 10am (followed by private prayer until 12.30pm)
Sunday 4 April Easter Day 10.30am

Online (details will be emailed to you and can be found on the website)
Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday 6.30pm CUCS United Worship
(final session of Lent Course 'Woven Together')
Thursday 1 April Maundy Thursday 7pm (Zoom)

Worship material provided
Holy Monday – Holy Wednesday Compline
Friday 2 April Good Friday

Sunday Lectionary Readings: John 12.12-16 (Palms); Isaiah 50.4-9*a*, Philippians 2.5-11, Mark 15.1-39 (Passion)
Thursday Lectionary Readings: Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14, 1 Corinthians 11.23-26, John 13.1-17, 31*b*-35

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/

Holy Week and Easter Liturgy
The Bishop's Advisory Group for Liturgy has compiled a range of resources that parishes can use to pray through the Stations of the Cross together online. They come in different formats and styles, so most parishes will find something that suits their needs. The resources can be explored here. As well as some more traditional sets in PowerPoint, and some YouTube videos, they include a virtual journey through the streets of Jerusalem in Prezi format, and a set of "Creation Stations" prompting reflection on environmental issues. There are also resources designed especially for children.

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, Eddie Moss, Pam, John
Departed –Sammie Abrokwah, Rhoda Ejims, Imani Sawyerr, Rita

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 March is **Bishop's Lent Appeal**

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

Upcoming events APCM, Sunday 23 May 2021

Re-opening the church
You will find information about *What to Expect* on the website
Here's the link to the video *Welcome to St Nicholas* (what to expect when you visit), which you will also find on our website (Latest News) and on Facebook https://youtu.be/O-3a5IpXDAo

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