

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SUTTON

25 APRIL 2021 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to all who gather here today. Please ask one of the welcomers if you would like any assistance.

Worship

Please check the website and mailings for the most up to date information about our services.

In church

Today: 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 2 May, 5th Sunday of Easter: 10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 6 May: 10.00am Holy Communion (followed by private prayer until 12.30pm)

Lectionary Readings

Today: Acts 4.5-12, 1 John 3.16-end, John 10.11-18

Next week: Acts 8.26-end, 1 John 4.7-end, John 15.1-8

Online

Sunday 25 April, 4th Sunday of Easter:

2pm JAM/Spectrum (Zoom)

5pm (Zoom) (details will be emailed to you and can be found on the website)

Worship material provided

Bible readings for Morning and Evening Prayer and

A Way of Daily Prayer (can be found on website under *Useful Information-Service Sheets*)

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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

Archdeacons' Services

After Easter, the Southwark Diocese Archdeacons are offering a series of online services. The services, for the six Sundays from 11 April to 16 May, will be streamed in full each Sunday on our Diocesan YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/southwarkdiocese) and Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/SouthwarkCofE) platforms and available to re-watch

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 –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 April is **Bishop's Lent Appeal**

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: 1815188**

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 **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** (APCM), Sunday 23 May 2021

REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2021 The revision will begin on Sunday 25 April and continue **until Thursday 6 May 2021**.
If you are not already on the roll, then this is your opportunity to be included. Please collect an application form from the back of church and place the completed form in the maroon box as you exit by the south porch. Please contact the Parish Administrator **administrator@suttonteamministry.org** if you have any questions.
Being on the electoral roll gives you a vote at the APCM as well as allowing you to be a sidesperson. *Maureen Elsey*

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